

# Prairie Lutheran Parish

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## *the Scroll*

November 2018

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## *Words from Intern Pastor Sarah*

Yesterday as I was driving from school to church, I was going through my checklist of the things I needed to prepare for the upcoming week. My mind went from thinking about what I needed for confirmation the next day to worrying about the things that needed to be done for Red Ribbon Week at school to what I was going to feed my family for supper. I felt myself beginning to panic and to wonder out loud, "How am I going to get it all done?" In the middle of my thoughts, the words, "I just have to pray it up. Give it all to you cause you're enough. I don't have to make my own way" came out of my radio. Those words stopped my thoughts and they grabbed my attention. It was in that moment that the words from Joel Vaughn's song "Pray it Up," spoke to me. I look around and I see how busy we all are. There are so many things in our lives that demand our attention, our time, and our worry. These things leave us little to no time to spend on things that will allow us to focus our attention and time on prayer and scripture.

I am reminded of St. Teresa of Avila; Teacher and Renewer of the Church, who we commemorate on October 15. Teresa chose to live a religious life as a nun at the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation just outside Avila. This covenant was large and very busy. Because of the luxuries and the distractions at the covenant, she found it extremely hard to meditate and pray. Can you relate to Teresa? Do you find it difficult to immerse yourself in meditation and prayer? Teresa, called by a vision, decided to leave the covenant and found a small

covenant. She went on to found many more similar covenants around Spain. Teresa and the nuns that lived in the houses, were known to go without shoes so that they could identify with the poor. Teresa found her life of faith and prayer deepening during this time.

I wonder what changes we can make in our life? Maybe it's setting aside time in the morning to meditate and pray. Maybe it's finding a quiet place away from the noise of life, even if that means the floor of your closet. I wonder what would happen in our lives and the world around us if we not only did as Joel Vaughn sang and pray it up but also live like Teresa lived by spending time without shoes and in prayer and meditation. It is then that our eyes and our hearts are lifted to Our Lord.

*-Intern Pastor Sarah*

## 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](http://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 River*

**JANITORS** for November are Jacob and Jessica Nemitalo.

**COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY** - We are once again doing our annual food pantry drive of nonperishable items and will have a box in the entrance of the church for you to leave your items. Please leave your donation by Sunday, **November 18<sup>th</sup>**, so that they can be delivered to the Food Pantry before Thanksgiving.

**FAMILY NIGHT - INGATHERING & WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING SERVICE** is planned for **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** In the past we have had Ingathering Service on the second Sunday of the month, but this year we are combining it with the Women's Thankoffering. Lunch will be provided following the service. Women are reminded to bring their annual "thankoffering" to this service. (Ingathering is when we have our annual "Stewardship" reminder for the congregation and "Thankoffering" is our women's annual offering for Women of the ELCA") Women of the church will be involved in the worship service.

**THIRD GRADERS** are reminded of the classes to be held at ALC beginning at 3:40 p.m on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be presented with Bibles in their respective congregations on **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**, will be a special Sunday in our congregation with the combination of Ingathering, Women's Thankoffering and the Third Graders being presented with Bibles from the Women of the Church.

**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

With Sunday school started and things rolling along, we have a couple different projects ahead of us. The first one is to start collecting monetary donations for the SACK program. Nov 11 right after church we will be taking the kids to the grocery store to purchase the food items that is needed at that time. They will be in charge of making their list, figuring out costs, and buying the items. This is a great opportunity to give back to our community and our children. Any donations can be given to Nikki L.

The second project, which is just in the beginning stages, will be for the family league night in December. With our numbers way down this year, instead of doing a regular Christmas program we will have a fun night with a few different things happening. We will be getting names from our community that would benefit from a Giving Tree. This will be set up downstairs. Please help us out by taking a name and buying an item/s from that child's list. If you would rather donate money, I can do the shopping. All items can be brought back to the church and on Dec 16th, we will wrap all the gifts together with the Sunday school kids singing. We may also have a cute Christmas movie playing in the background. There will be cookies to decorate and other fun activities. More on this will come in a couple weeks.

We will be meeting for Sunday school Nov 11, 18 and 25.  
Any questions, feel free to ask!  
Nikki





# *Bethlehem*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**November 4th** Pancake Breakfast from 10-1. Proceeds going to assist with medical costs for Mike Honeyman, Stanley wrestling coach.

**November 11th** Women's Thankoffering Service.

**November 18th** Fall Festival.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TASKS FOR NOVEMBER 11 WORSHIP**

Reading: Katy

Music: Jack

Communion Ushers: Henry and Jozey

Acolyte: Levi and Annie

Offering: Kaley and Sadee

Coffee: Owen and Briggs

Bell Ringer: Jessy

Greeter: Jake and Omni

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:**

We have dove into our Sunday school year and are rolling along with a great start. Our older kids are really enjoying our new book study format. Our new bean bag chairs have arrived and a great book nook has been created in the library space for them to enjoy their own space in the church.

Our younger group has been learning about the story of Christmas since we are always busy with our Christmas program at Christmas time and don't always get to learn all about it. We've had some silly videos and lots of crafty project.

There is no class on November 4th so that everyone can help with the pancake breakfast and no class on November 25th for Thanksgiving break.

# Faith Lutheran

**Thanks** to everyone who helped, served, and brought for Gordon Rugland's funeral and a special thanks to Barb for organizing it.

**Operation Christmas Child** boxes are due in church by November 11 in order to get them packed and sent off.

**Bethel Home Delegates** from faith are Craig and Mike for November 15 at ALC with supper and a meeting to follow.

**Thankoffering Service** is Nov. 18 at 10:30 with potluck to follow.

**Sympathy** to the families of Gordon Rugland and Carl Freehoff (Kathy's brother in law). May their memories be in our hearts always.

Keep up our "I Care" prayers for anyone that needs it.

**Evening Bible Study** will meet on November 15 at 1:00pm at the home of Iva Fox along with a group study.

**Afternoon Bible Study** will meet on November 13 at 2:00pm at the home of Velma Enger with a group study.

**Sunday School:** it won't be too long before we start our Christmas program practice. It's hard to believe it's that time of year! I'll let everyone know when practices begin. We will meet Nov. 4, 11, 18 at 9:30am. The kids will be singing in church on Nov. 18. - Kathryn

## SERVING US THIS MONTH

**Work** = Barb Jones and Tammy Hamers

**Altar and Greeter** = Kathryn Meckle and Constance Parkinson

**Readers** = 4—Mike, 11—Monica, 18—Thankoffering, 25—Debbie

**Coffee** = Charity Circle Serves, 18—Thankoffering Service

*Insect of the Month — Native Bush Cockroach*

# American Lutheran

## Red Group

## White Group

### November 2018

Red Group

### December 2018

White Group

### January 2019

Gold Group

### February 2019

Green Group

### March 2019

Purple Group

### April 2019

Red Group

### May 2019

White 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

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

Nancy Brown

Ken & Cleo Bykonen

Yanci Crider

Rod & Connie Essler \*

Zach & Erin Essler

Brad & Amy Farhart

Maren Feiring

Heather Greenlee

Gene & Carol Hanson \*

Kyle & Marianne Hanson

Nichole Janz Hoffert

Dale & Mary Kilen

Don & Verlee Kjosén

Quintin & Heather Lee

Wally Lee

Don & Connie Longmuir

Marichel Mariscal

David & Renae Minton

Mark & Sheila Morgan

Dave & Barb Nesheim

Deloris Oja

Gordon & Connie Patten

Tom & Akela Raile

Chad & Sarah Rismon

Jane Rismon

Brent Rodenhizer

Bruce Rodenhizer

Alex & Katie Sandeen

Tom & Betty Simmers

Cliff & Judy Skaar

Tanya Skaar

Korey & Valerie Stammen

Jim & Tara Swegarden

Arden & Janis Thompson

Cristi Trulson



## American Lutheran Church—WELCA News

Three women attended the Fall Cluster Meeting in Powers Lake on October 6th. It was a great day. Thank you to Pastor Kayla for the Bible Study and to the Powers Lake women for hosting. The spring meeting will be at American Lutheran as it has been 4 years since we last hosted it.

The Thankoffering Service at American will be November 18th. The women will gather on November 5th after quilting (2:30pm) to plan the event. Please come and join us.

Thanks for the donations to the “bakeless bake sale”! -Marilyn

## American Lutheran Church—Lutheran Brotherhood

*Please volunteer to help with the Lutefisk and Meatball Supper*

November 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00-4:00 Lefse making day

November 2<sup>rd</sup> 8:00-4:00 Lefse baking day with potluck dinner at noon

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00-noon Potato peeling day

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00-7:00 Meatball making

November 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Supper

We are requesting pies to serve at the supper from our members.

## Wee Care

October has been a fun month at Wee Care. The kids got to take a field trip to the Fire Station! They learned safety tips on how to keep safe if there is a fire and how to prevent them from happening. And of course it's fun to see the fire trucks! Thanks to the volunteer fire fighters for donating their time to the kids. Our themes for October have been community helpers and fall. We even got to make “fizzing pumpkins” for a science experiment. The kids' excitement for school and life is a wonderful thing. They're a fun group of people to get to hang out with each week.

- Mrs. Lund

# November

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

**Worship Schedule**

**9a Bethlehem**

**9a Knife River**

**10:30a American**

**10:30a Faith**

4

Sunday Worship!

10a-1p Pancake Breakfast  
4-7p Lutefisk Supper

5

10a ALC Quilting

6

10a Centennial Court  
Bible Study  
10a Pastor's Text Study

7

4 - 5:15p We  
School and C  
5:15p Family  
6p The Bridg  
6:45p LYO

11

Sunday Worship!

12

*Church Office Closed for  
Veterans Day*

13

10a Pastor's Text Study  
10a Ross Bible Study  
2p Faith Aft. Bible Study

14

10a Pa  
4 - 5:15p We  
School and C  
5:15p Family  
6p The Bridg  
6:45p LYO

18

Sunday Worship!

Thankoffering Sunday

19

10a ALC Quilting

20

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

21

No Wednes  
Scroll Dead

*John out of Office until November 21*

25

Sunday Worship!

White Serving Group Meets

26

10a ALC Quilting

6p PLP Council

27

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

28

4 - 5:15p We  
School and C  
5:15p Family  
6p The Bridg  
6:45p LYO

**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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| Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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| <b>1</b><br>8a Men's Bible Study<br>9:30a Together 4 Prayers<br>4-8p ALC Lefsa Mixing<br>3:40p 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grd Bible Class | <b>2</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i><br>8a-5p ALC Lefsa Baking               | <b>3</b><br>8a-12p ALC Potato Prep<br>4-7p Meatball Mixing |
| Wednesday<br>Confirmation<br>Meal<br>e Worship   | <b>9</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i><br>8a Bethlehem fixes hair at<br>Bethel | <b>10</b>  |
| rish Bible Study<br>Wednesday<br>Confirmation<br>Meal<br>e Worship   | <b>16</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>  | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>15</b><br>8a Men's Bible Study<br>1p Faith Evn Bible Study<br>3:40p 3rd Grd Bible Class                                     | <div>John out of Office until November 21</div>                          |  |
| <b>22</b><br><b>THANKSGIVING</b>   | <b>23</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i><br>8a ALC fixes hair at<br>Bethel Home | <b>24</b>  |
| day Events<br>line   |  |  |
| <b>29</b><br>1p Knife River Assembles<br>Scroll  | <b>30</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>  |  |
| Wednesday<br>Confirmation<br>Meal<br>e Worship   |  |  |

# Youth News

## Follow, Share, Be...the Light!

Our spent time envisioning and discussing what this theme looks like at the Western North Dakota Synod Youth Gathering. During our time in Bismarck on October 18-20, the youth along with Pastor Carter, Pastor Sarah, and Eden spent time talking about how we share the light of Christ with everyone around us, and that they are cared for and loved in our parish. The music, dancing, action track activities, discussions about tough and emotional topics, and nightlife kept all of us busy during the weekend. The highlight that stuck out to me was seeing our youth be so supportive to everyone else, especially with cheering each other on at talent night, especially when nerves can get the best of us.

We are definitely looking forward to taking another large group to the next youth event!



# Third Grade Bibles

What an exciting time it is in the lives of our third graders! It is time for them to take the big step into receiving God's word for them through the gift of a new Bible!

The third graders and Pastor Sarah will gather together four times on Thursday afternoons starting in October with the 3rd graders. We will enjoy a short introduction into their new Bibles, and we will find ways to discover what the word of God means to the world and to them in their own lives each and every day! I look forward to gathering with them to better understand Bible stories, to act out those stories, to create Biblical drawings and crafts together, and of course share a few snacks. This is an exciting time!

We will gather at American Lutheran on the following days until 5PM (Kids will be picked up at the elementary library after school) :

October 25th

November 1st

November 8th

November 15th

***Bible Sunday will be on November 18th in all churches.***

# Food and Fellowship

*Join us for our annual parish meals!*



## Pancake Breakfast

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**November 4th, 10:00am—1:00pm**

Free Will Offering

*All proceeds will go to help defray medical expenses  
for Mike Honeyman, Stanley's Assistant Wrestling Coach.*

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## Lutefisk and Meatball Supper

**American Lutheran Church**  
**November 4th, 4:00-7:00pm**

Supper includes: lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes with  
gravy, cranberries, corn, lefsa, and pie.

### **Tickets:**

\$15.00 for ages 12 and up. \$5.00 for 6-12

Take out orders are available

There will be entertainment before, during,  
and after supper.



# Food Pantry

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry served 36 families in September, providing 4874 pounds of food. 115 people were served, of which 50 were children and 12 were seniors. We had 467 pounds of fresh garden produce donated for our client's to enjoy!! Thank you to the good hearted gardeners who worked hard to grow this deliciousness, and then share it with others. What a treat! 😊 We were delighted and thankful to have been selected to receive gaming funds from the Veterans Club!! We are gearing up for the holidays, and going to do our best to have holiday foods for our clients to choose from in November and December. There is a scattered snow cover as I write this and while I don't mind winter at all...it would be nice if it could hold off a while longer. 😊 Enjoy the fall colors, and each other. 😊


- Mary





- 1 - Ruth Hysjulien, Jesse Nelson, Ron Paetz, Leevi Meyer
- 3 - Rodney Essler, Arden Thompson, Lance Hamers
- 4 - Don Craft, Wayne Johnson
- 5 – Wrigley Hysjulien, Shane Pappa
- 6 - Brittany Nelson, Megan Ploium, Marvin Johnson, Ryan Rolfe
- 7 - Derek Lidstrom, Masen Hysjulien, Shayna Dazell
- 8 - Dusty Nelson, Blaine Edwards, Gary Nordloef, Landon Nichols, Tyler Olson
- 9 - Jeff Colbenson, Robert Liebl, Lexi Evenson, Jodi Bohmbach, Brandon Roehrich, Lindsey Meiers
- 10 – Tyler Gjellstad, Elsie Ganskop, Maverick Lidstrom, Carson Enger, Kevin Harstad, Oliver Goodall, Jennifer Wilson
- 11 - Kali Gandrud, Gerald Neset, Amy Littlefield, Jayden Aadnes, Keylie Sem,
- 13 - Aaron Kilen, Dyllon Craft, Darlene Bruhn, Mike Hollekim
- 14 - Darrie Lindberg, Trapper Simmers, Sarah Evans
- 15 - Jackson Bristol, Zachary Bristol, Grayson Lindberg
- 16 - Brody Ryan Gjellstad, Cayne Rudolph, Gladys Grinolds
- 17 - Kyli Drosdal, Kori Taylor
- 18 - Kaedyn Hanson, Gannon Ostdahl, Jesse Locken
- 19 - Lindsay Westlake, Scott Halvorson, Jacob Carpenter
- 20 - Aaron Skarsgard, Jaxson Vachal, Larry Goodall, Novelyn Wienbar
- 22 - Rhonda Peterson, Rocky Skarsgard, Graci Parmeter, CeeJay Bohmbach
- 23 - Duane Lindberg, Alex Nielsen, Amy Fladeland
- 24 - Brooke Nelson
- 25 - Keyton Meiers, Janet Jensen, Mike Brewer





26 - Lucas Colbenson, Dakota Dunham  
27 - Emily Peterson, Lyndsey Vachal, Dezrai Dunham  
28 - Tibbs Moore, Kamri Niemitalo, Camri Pappa  
29 - Cassidy Dupay, Eli Johnson, Patrick Jones  
30 - Alan Reep, McKenley Fladeland

# Happy Anniversary

1 - Scott & Jackie Rudolph  
9 - Duane & Bev Fretheim  
10 - Kyle & Marianne Hanson  
12 - Diann & Walt Dunham  
17 - Allen & Debbie Lund

25 - Les & Debbie Alvstad  
25 - Wayne & Carol Johnson  
26 - Joann & Arlan Ostdahl  
30 - Casey & Franna Fladeland

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# Synod News

## Joy...

Where do you find joy? I invite you to grab a cup of coffee, sit back and ponder that question. What in your life brings you such peace, comfort or hope that you are willing to let someone else know?

Do you find this in your relationship with Jesus, the risen savior? A joy that comes from knowing you are a beloved child of God, no matter what! How does your connection to the life of your congregation help you live into your identity as God's beloved? How might you help those around you discover the same joy you have found through this relationship?

I invite you to ponder these questions. I want to push a little further though – how about if you gather with others from your congregation to think about these questions. I want us to realize that “church” is not an event – instead, worship is a relationship, a place where we can be honest before God about our failings, hear a word of forgiveness and be reminded that we are claimed as God's very own. It is in this that joy, peace and hope reside.

You are beloved! I encourage you to live out of that identity, inviting others to the joy you have found. We have been given gifts too precious to keep to ourselves.

## ***Learnings from the Conference of Bishops...***

As a conference we spent significant time talking about our priorities as a church together. We acknowledged that there is much this church does for the sake of the proclamation of the Gospel. At the same time we wrestled with where we can best invest our resources of time, talent and treasure.

One unexpected learning has to do with property insurance. Parishes may want to discuss whether it might be wise to have the same insurance carriers. A three-point parish, which has different insurance carriers can run into difficulties of which carrier is responsible for a covered loss. One example given was the embezzlement of parish funds.

The Conference also sent a letter to President Trump asking that budgeted funds be released to help support Augusta Victoria Hospital

in Jerusalem. The hospital is owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation. It is a life line for cancer care and kidney dialysis.

### **End of Year Giving...**

We are thankful for the faithful donations which through the years have helped build your Synod Endowment Fund. These funds help you do ministry in Christ's name. Whether it is through the Ministry Endowment which provides seminary scholarships, the Mission Endowment which helps provide seed money for creative Christ-centered ministries or the Accompaniment Endowment Fund which ensures there are people to walk with seminary candidates or those dreaming of new mission possibilities – Gospel proclamation is happening because of these funds.

As you approach the end of the year, a reminder, gifts of \$5,000 or more maybe eligible for a North Dakota State Tax Credit and may also provide a deduction on federal taxes – please check with your tax preparer for details.

I am ever so thankful for the generosity of people within this synod. Thanks be to God.

### **Changes in Call Status...**

- Rev. Julie Anderson has accepted a call to serve at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Bismarck
- Rev. Mike Pretzer has accepted a call to serve the Western Edge Parish of Peace, Dickinson and St. John, Richardton.
- Rev. Sandy Anderson has resigned her call at First and Trinity of Tioga.
- Rev. Steve Sathre retired November 4 from Trinity, Bismarck.
- Rev. Gary Erdmann has accepted an invitation to serve as Interim at Trinity, Bismarck.

**- Rev. Mark Narum**

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