



# Prairie Lutheran Parish

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## *the Scroll*

January 2019

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## *Words from Intern Pastor Sarah*

In Luke 10:25-28, Jesus is asked the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answers, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." To which Jesus was then asked, "Who is my neighbor?" A question that has been running through my mind the past few weeks. According to Webster dictionary, when used as an adjective, neighbor means: being immediately adjoining or relatively near. And when used as a verb, neighbor means: to associate in a neighborly way. Growing up as a "town kid," my neighbors were all of the people within about a two block radius. My friends who would play games until dark, the widow who lived right next door, and the lady down the street who would welcome my friend and I in for cookies, juice and games. Clay grew up as a "farm kid." When I asked him what his description of a neighbor was, it was much different than mine. He described his neighbors as anyone living one mile to 20 miles away. He ended with, "Actually, my neighbors were anyone living on a farm!" His neighbors would give out full-sized candy bars at Halloween! Something that was unheard of for a "town kid!"

When you think about your neighbor, who comes to mind? A person living directly next to you? A person who lives within your community? Or do you think even further? Would you say that the term neighbor can be extended to the people of Powers Lake, New Town, Parshall, Berthold, Kenmare and Tioga? Could we go even farther and say that Minnesotans, South Dakotans, and Montanans are our neighbors? Or does the meaning of neighbor cross over borders into Canada, Mexico or maybe even further to neighboring continents?

As all of this is running through my mind, a second question was added to this question as I passed by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bismarck last week. The sign asked the question, "Have you blessed your neighbor today?" And I immediately thought, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answers this question in Luke 10:30-37 with the parable of the good samaritan. A story where both a priest and Levite returning from Jerusalem had ignored a wounded Jew on the treacherous Jericho Road, thus preventing defilement and avoiding responsibility for a fellow Jew. A hated Samaritan put his life at risk by stopping, treating the Jew's wounds, placing him on the Samaritan's own animal, and taking him to a nearby inn. There he negotiated with the innkeeper for the man's care, giving him two denarii (two days' wages) and promised to pay more, if needed. Then Jesus asked the scribe, "Which ... proved to be a neighbor?" the scribe avoided the hated word "Samaritan" and replied, "The one who showed mercy to him." Jesus responded, "Go and do the same"

As we begin a new year as church together, let us have eyes to see neighbors near and far who are in need. Let us share our blessings with neighbors near and far so that we may be showing mercy onto them. Let us listen to our hearts and serve You by serving others and sharing our gifts with all neighbors, near and far, so that we are pointing all to Jesus. I invite us all to reflect on the question, "Have you blessed your neighbor today?" as we make decisions as a church and as a Parish this coming year. And hear the words of Paul in Philippians 2:3-4, "Don't be selfish; Don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." Prairie Lutheran Parish, as we begin New Year together, Let us go in Peace and serve all of our neighbors. Thanks be to God.

*-Pastor Sarah*



# *Knife River*

**JANITORS** for the month of January are Jed and Jodi Bohmbach.

**THANK YOU** – to Nikki and the Sunday School for the nice program they presented for the congregation on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December and also to Camie and Jana for once again being our wonderful “cooks”. The congregation passed out apples to all the kiddies and many in the congregation participated in buying Christmas Gifts for those in need through the Social Services. Sunday School children and adults wrapped all the gifts and the Sunday School also decorated Christmas Cookies. It was a fun evening! Thanks again!!

**ANNUAL MEETING OF KNIFE RIVER CONGREGATION** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.** All members are encouraged to attend and participate in the business of our congregation. A light supper will follow the meeting which is being provided.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

I want to thank all the kids for doing such a great job for the Christmas program! Its always fun to see them dressed up in costume telling the story of Christmas! I also want to thank everyone that helped either purchase or wrap the gifts for our giving tree. We were able to provide gifts for 15 kids!! The smiles these kids will have on Christmas is what it's all about!

We will continue with Sunday school staring Jan 6th. We will plan to meet every Sunday this month except the night of Family League. We will continue with our current curriculum and also start working on the Apostles Creed.

- Nikki

**GOD'S BLESSINGS S TO ALL OF YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!**

# Faith Lutheran

**Annual Meeting:** January 20th during church.

A potluck dinner will follow.

***Our deepest sympathy*** goes out to Craig Weinbar's family for the passing of Craig. May his memories last in our hearts forever. May the Lord be with Novalyn, Zeke, and Alice at this time!

## **Serving us this month:**

**Altar and Greeter:** Darlene B, Monica, & Tammy

**Work:** Kathy Ch & Claranne

**Readers:** 6—Barb, 13—Phyllis, 20—Annual Meeting, 27—Debbie

**Coffee:** 6—Janice K., 13—Sarah B., 20—Annual Meeting, 27—Barb J.

**Evening Bible Study** will meet on January 7 at 3:00pm at Geraine's along with a Bible Study.

**Afternoon Bible Study** will meet on January 8 at 2:00 at Phyllis's along with a Bible study.

**Table Decorations** for January –April are the responsibility of the Hope Circle.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:**

Thanks to everyone that came to our Chrstmas Program. The kids did an awesome jog. Thanks to Eileen for playing for us, City of Paleramo for the bags of goodies, and Carol for helping out also. A special thanks for Moinca for getting the program together for another year. The cookie exchange even went over well. Everoyne took home some cookies. The snack trays were a hit! Our next sessions are January 6, 13, 20 at 9:30am. - Kathryn

*Insect of the Month: Japanese Beetle*

***Have a Safe New Year's Eve!***



# Bethlehem

Bethlehem annual meeting will be held Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup> during our normal worship time. Please come, be a voice for our church, and hear how our church is at work in the world! A potluck meal will follow the meeting and short worship.

Bethlehem council meeting will be Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.

## **WELCA**

*"Our mission is to mobilize women to boldly act upon their faith in Jesus Christ."*

WELCA served a light supper after the Sunday School program on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> Of December.

**Good job** Sunday school students and teachers. Bethlehem is so blessed with talented youth and adults willing to work together in spreading the Love of Jesus. God Bless!

WELCA will meet after worship on Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup>. We need to pick a new mission project to be working on. Be thinking of any business you would like brought up at this meeting.

I wish all of you a grace filled New Year!! -Diana

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The kids from Ross put on a great Christmas program in December! They told the audience about the birth of our Savior in a very fun way. Thank you to Kim Sorenson for finding a script that the kids loved. Thank you to the kids for working so hard and to the parents who got them to practices and helped with the program. Thank you to the ladies that helped prepare the meal following the program. Sunday school classes will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup> and the kids will sing in worship January 27<sup>th</sup>. Wishing everyone many blessings in the new year!

- Breann and Pam

## **Serving Us This Month**

### ***January 6th***

**Ushers:** W & D Evans with J & D Jarmin

### ***January 13th***

**Ushers:** Matt Evans Family

**Reading:** Jozey

**Music:** Jake

**Communion:** Katy & Henry

**Acolyte:** Annie & Levi

**Offering:** Jessey & Kailey

**Coffee:** Jack

**Bell Ringer:** Briggs & Owen

**Greeter:** Sadee, Omni, & Cade

### ***January 20th***

**Ushers:** G & V Evans with A & D Lund

### ***January 27th***

**Ushers:** Vachal Family

Blessings to you all as you ponder and explore the new callings God has for you in 2019! “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

2 Corinthians 5:17



# American Lutheran

## Gold Group

### January 2019

Gold Group

### February 2019

Green Group

### March 2019

Purple Group

### April 2019

Red Group

### May 2019

White 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

Andie Vroman

## Green Group

Gordon & Sharon Aas \*

Bryan & Karen Davies

Robin Enget

Gary & Sue Evenson

Elsie Ganskop

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

John & Devra Mogren

Greg & Stacey Mortensen

Bev Neset \*

Jerry & Jennifer Neset

Lance & Teri Ostdahl

Evonne Piepkorn

Stacy Ramberg

Ken & Donna Ranum

Bill & LaRae Rudolph

Amy Strasser

Robert Western

Bernard & Joanne Wirtz

## Power Point Asst.

Katie 1st

Kelly/Dawn 2nd

Gary/Kay 3rd

Jeff/Karen 4th

Jake Hellman 5th

## Sound System

Jake Hellman 1st

Don Longmuir 2nd

Gary Nordloef 3rd

Jeff Colbenson 4th

Jake Hellman 5th



WELCA NEWS

The WELCA in the new year is open for new officers for the March meeting. Please talk to outgoing officers with questions. Our World Relief project will be health kits. We are asking for any input about taking care of our church and fellowship hall decorations, with WELCA attendance way down we would like to suggest that this duty be added to the work groups. Wishing everyone a wonderful and Blessed New Year.  
Marilyn Evenson, Pres.

COMMUNION KITS

If you have borrowed a home communion set from A.L.C. to give the sacraments to a homebound or ill person, we ask that you return the communion set. We have gone from eight communion sets to three. So we are trying to recover the missing ones. If there are no home communion sets in the sacristy refrigerator when you need one, please contact John in the parish office.

Memorials

In Memory of

Donations  
Dale Dinger  
Dale Dinger

Pam Uran  
Pam Uran  
Pam Uran  
Pam Uran  
Sandy Baade  
Steve Strasser  
Steve Strasser  
Pam Uran

Wee Care

Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger  
Steve & Cathy Springan  
Marichel Mariscal

Quilting

Jan Johnson  
Carol & Gene Hanson  
Gordon & Sharon Aas  
Lane & Ardis Evans  
Lane & Ardis Evans  
Amy Strasser  
Cleo & Kenny Bykonen  
June & Bill Stevens




# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<b>Worship Schedule</b> <b>9a Bethlehem</b> <b>9a Knife River</b> <b>10:30a American</b> <b>10:30a Faith</b>		1  <i>Office Closed</i>	2  ALC annual deadline
6 Sunday Worship!	7 10a ALC Quilting  3p Faith Evening Bible Study	8  10a Centennial Court Bible Study 10a Pastor's Text Study 2p Afternoon Bible Study	9 parish b  4 - 5:15p We School and C 5:15p Family 6p The Bridg 6:45p LYO &
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<div><div><b>Regular Weekly Activities:</b> 8p A.A. on Mondays &amp; Fridays at ALC 10a AIAnon on Saturdays at ALC Mondays: Boyscouts in Fellowship Hall ALC</div><div><b>Pastor Carter is on parental leave through the month of January. Please contact Pastor Sarah or John for any thing you may need.</b></div></div>			

# July 2018

	Thu	Fri	Sat
al report	<b>3</b> 8a Men's Bible Study 9:30a Together 4 Prayers 7p Bethlehem council	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
ble study Wednesday Confirmation Meal Worship & Bible Study	<b>10</b> 8a Men's Bible Study	<b>11</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel Home	<b>12</b>
ish Bible Study Wednesday Confirmation Meal Worship & Bible Study	<b>17</b> 8a Men's Bible Study	<b>18</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	<b>19</b>
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Wednesday Confirmation Meal Worship	<b>31</b> 8a Men's Bible Study <i>1pm Scroll Assembly by            Bethlehem</i>		

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# *The Meaning of the Snowflake*

*Every new snowflake comes to the earth  
as a picture of our Savior's birth  
because they are sent from up above  
and remind us of God's care and love.*

*Each one is so intricate and small  
because Christ seeds the details of us all,  
and just as two are never the same.*

*The Lord knows and calls us each by name.  
Snowflakes gently cover the world in white  
and hides what's unlovely from our sight,  
showing us how He covers our sin  
and gives us His grace when we come to Him.  
So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind  
and in every bit of white may you find  
a reason to celebrate anew  
and a reminder of His love for you.*



# Food Pantry

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry provided 8154 pounds of food to 56 families in November, for a total of 194 people served, of which 76 were children and 21 were seniors.

We were thankful for the donations that we received, and put them to good use purchasing turkeys for Thanksgiving, as well as the fun festive foods that go with a Thanksgiving meal. ☺

The Stanley Lions and the Knights of Columbus each gave us 500.00, and there has been a steady flow of gifts this November. ☺ Memorials came in for folks that have gone ahead of us, and we appreciate the thoughts that go with those memorials, and offer prayers of comfort to the families that those memorials are honoring.

We are being treated to some very special help from the employees of Whiting Oil & Gas. They volunteer each Monday and help folks carry their food to the car in the snow and the ice. Our clients are commenting on how wonderful it is to have the help...and we thoroughly agree!!! ☺

Aux Sable held a food drive for us, as well as gave us some children's winter jackets. The Stanley Bloomery held a food drive, trading a dozen roses for two cans of food and 10.00. We received a lot of food from their efforts, and apparently, a lot of folks had some fresh beautiful flowers in this not so springy time of year. ☺

Christmas blessings to you all,  
- Mary



# Youth News

We finished up 2018 with an LYO Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 19th. Eighteen 7th-12th graders came to watch “Elf,” play cards and board games, have plenty of snacks and caffeine, and participate in a gift exchange. We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas season!

Pastor Carter, Pastor Sarah, and Eden will be planning some of these larger events for all the 7th-12th graders coming in the spring such as a day in Minot and a lock-in at the church. Be on the lookout for dates and details in the coming weeks/months.

Parents/Guardians: If you haven’t had the chance to add yourself or your child/children, feel free to join our Remind group for any announcements or reminders for youth activities or quick questions.

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*Text this message: @plply*

Here’s what our months of January/February will look like  
for any youth in grades 7-12:

January 9th -- 7th/8th grade

January 16th -- 9th-12th grade

January 23rd -- 7th/8th grade

January 30th -- ALL 7TH-12TH GRADE!

February 6th -- 9th-12th grade

February 13th -- 7th/8th grade

February 20th -- 9th-12th grade

February 27th -- 7th/8th grade

Thank you to all the churches for all of the love and support that you show our youth! I hope you have a wonderful start to the new year!

- Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader

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# Wee Care

December is always a busy, but fun month in preschool! On Tuesday, December 18th, we had our Christmas program. The kids worked so hard and did a wonderful job! Thank you to the Wee Care families for bringing in treats to share. After the program, we enjoyed refreshments in the fellowship hall. It was great seeing all of family and friends that came to support our preschoolers. Preschool will resume on Tuesday, January 8th. We wish everyone a Happy New Year and many blessings in 2019!




**2018  
Christmas  
Programs**





- 1 - Alex Skarsgard, Michelle Goodall
- 2 - Gary Evenson, Keri Skaar, Debbie Haugen
- 3 - Julie Roehrich, Crad Rolfe
- 4 - Tim Johnson, Leah Aadnes, Monica Sem, Debbie Lee
- 5 - Eric Mell, Logan Dale Longmuir, Kolton William Longmuir, Jason Roise
- 6 - Jason Iverson, Quayde Lee, Melissa Bristol
- 7 - Anna Marie Whitmore, Gavin David Fry, Annie Brown, London Jones
- 8 - Dana Johnson, Bryan Bohrer
- 9 - Kurt Edwards, Mark Halvorson, Nevaeh Cathleen Charnetzki, Margie Jaha, Evelyn Halvorson
- 10 - Rian Smith, Evan Craft, Jared Anderson
- 11 - Chad Peterson, Evolet Lydia Raile
- 12 - Parker Dittbrenner, Lesley Trulson, Joshua Crowder
- 13 - Amanda Peterson, Myles Evanson Kulstad
- 14 - Lynn Mehus, Riley Iverson
- 15 - Greg Bruhn, Velma Enger, Travis Johnson
- 16 - Don Kjosen, Kathy Mork, Mazzie Mills
- 18 - Jace Carl Anderson
- 19 - Dawn Nelson, Shelby Jo Jilek, Logan Aadnes, Ashley Walter, Taya Niemitalo
- 20 - Bill Stevens, Todd Klein, Troy Klein
- 21 - Gary Johnson, Amy Walter
- 22 - Brianna Nelson, Hayley Dralle, Geraine Johnson
- 24 - Brandon Hauge, Linda Halvorson
- 25 - Scott Carkuff, David Hynek, Layton Bruhn, Nickalus Bruhn
- 26 - Jaret Wirtz, Derek N. Dunham
- 27 - Shelly Aadnes, Diane Olson, Ashley Abrahamson, Dennis Halvorson, Barb Jones





28 - Eugene Hanson, Don Giese, Gary Craft  
29 – Austin Vachal, Lillian Meiers  
30 - Zack Essler, Alexander Mell, Marie Stettner  
31 – Sophie Meckle, Carson Ploium, Sophie Marie Meckle

# Happy Anniversary

16 - Rand and Diane Olson  
19 - Jerimey & Nikki Bruhn  
21 – Keith and Taina Karow

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# Synod News

**A Year that is New...** One of the gifts of the New Year is the chance to “start anew.” We enter January as an artist facing a blank canvas – white, fresh, clean. The possibilities ahead are infinite. What colors will fill in the background? What is the subject of the painting? Where will the brush move us?

As I sat in worship recently we sang Marty Haugen’s “Gather Us In.” My imagination took ahold as I sang the words at the end of the second stanza, “...give us the courage to enter the song.” I began to wonder about the new beginnings offered at this time of year. What would it mean to enter the song? Where might courage push me?

I invite you spend time pondering Haugen’s words, his invitation to pray for courage to be the Good News of Jesus in a new or different way this coming year. I am not certain what that would look like in your life; my guess is that it would be different for each of us. But what if in the midst of our daily routines we looked for opportunities to let the Gospel sing through our words and deeds. No matter where we work, or reside, or wander, or shop, or live – each of us have opportunities to “enter the song” by truly loving others.

It seems to me our faith in Jesus is not lived out through extraordinary acts of self-sacrifice, as much as it is lived out through the very ordinary and mundane daily tasks which show we love others. Opportunities to be Christ’s love come to us often. May you keep your eyes to notice them and then have “...the courage to enter the song.”

**Assembly...** As you prepare for your annual meetings a reminder: each congregation of the synod is invited to elect at least two people. Assembly this year will be at The Grand in Minot. June 6 is pre-assembly and June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> is the Assembly. We will gather under the theme: *The Kingdom of God is Like: Dreams – Desires – Demands.*

**LSS of ND Celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in February!**

Every congregation in the Western North Dakota Synod is a part owner of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. Our Social Ministry organization is turning 100 years old in February. Here is an invitation from LSS: *On February 24, 2019, we’d like to invite congregations to continue their long support and partnership with us by simultaneously*

*hosting a celebration potluck meal in each church after services. This mass breaking of bread (or lefse!) seems like the ideal way to celebrate a century of partnership in bringing healing, help and hope to our neighbors. If you would like to have an LSS staff or board member present with you on this special day call LSS.*

You can be proud that over the past 100 years your social ministry has helped with adoptions, cared for senior citizens, provided in-patient mental healthcare for youth, done in-home coaching for young parents, resettled refugees and much more.

**GIFTS Event...**What opportunities is God providing for your congregation to be the Gospel in your community? In what ways are we being called to engage ministry differently today? What experiments are needed to test our hunches? These are some of the questions that Dr. Dwight Zscheile will help us engage during our next GIFTS event on February 2 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bismarck. This would be an excellent event for any church council.

**A Couple of Quick Notes...**

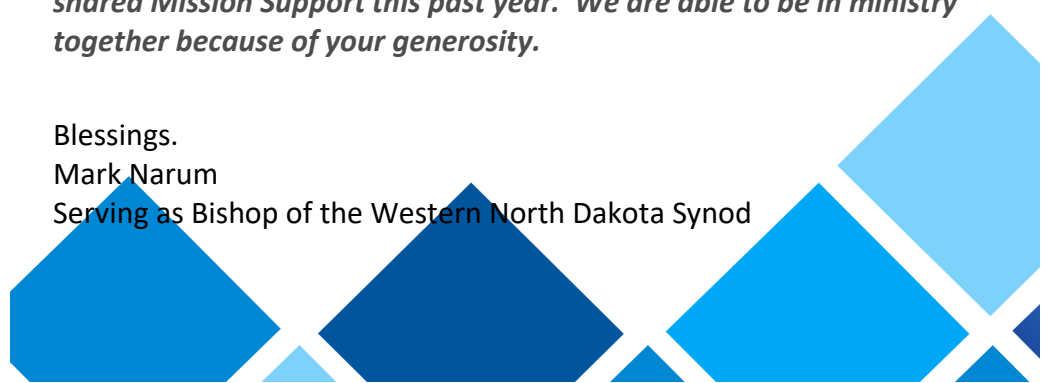
- Now is the time to fill out the annual parochial report. Check the synod website for a link. It the responsibility of the congregation pastor ensure this report is filed.
- It is also time to send your Bishop's Report. This is a chance for us to hear how ministry is going in your place.
- If you have GIFTS members in your congregation, please help them get their annual tuition paid now. Many congregations cover this expense as a way of helping build up lay ministry within their congregation. GIFTS helps build stronger lay leaders.

***A deep word of appreciation to all congregations who generously shared Mission Support this past year. We are able to be in ministry together because of your generosity.***

Blessings.

Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod





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