



Parish News

Attention Parents of 7th and 8th graders!

Now is the time to register your child for Confirmation Camp at Metigoshe on June 9-14. Go to the online link below, create an account and follow the prompts to registering for Confirmation Camp. Your home congregation will pay for the camp. You will pay the deposit and then be reimbursed the deposit after your child attends camp. There will be paper registration forms outside the office at American. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Carter or Sarah.

Faith Luthenan

Lenten Supper: We are helping to serve the meal on April 10.

April 13th is the Spring Cluster Gathering at ALC in Stanley.

Roll call are all sizes of socks.

Personal Care Kits are due at church on April 28.

Table Decorations: Hope Circle has table decorations for this month.

<u>Easter Breakfast:</u> The Faith-Full men will once again be serving breakfast before church on Easter Sunday, April 21 from 9:20-10:20, with service to follow. All proceeds will be given to LYO.

Evening Bible Study: April 11, 3:00pm at Janice Kvamme's home. **Afternoon Bible Study:** April 9, 2:00pm at Kathy Rolfe's home.

Altar & Greeter: Eileen and Janice K Work: Joyce Ch & Lori H.

Coffee: 7-Barb, 14-Nikki, 21-Easter, 28-Janice & Edna **Readers**: 7 –Wayne, 14 - Debbie, 21 - Carlyle, 28-Janice O.

Sunday School: Our sessions this month are April 7, 14, & 21 at 9:30.

Insect of the Month—Avondale Spider

Happy Easter to All!

American Lutheran

Upcoming Important Dates at ALC:

Church Council meeting: April 7th following worship and potluck

May 5th New Member Sunday Vacation Bible School: July 15-19

Camp Metigoshe will be at ALC or a fun and faith filled week of VBS! Mark your calendars now. More information will be coming!

Red Group

White Group

April 2019	Rudy & Ardyce Alvstad
Red Group	John & Erin Anderson
May 2019	Annie Baumann
-	Wayne & Konni Bohrer
White Group	Arlo & Faye Borud *
June 2019	Brad Borud
Blue Group	Joanne Colbenson
2.00 0.00p	David & Tammi Colben
July 2019	Jeff & Karen Colbenson
Gold Group	Brett & Lindsey Ellvang
	Jerome Erie
	Iulie Frie

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

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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 Kjosen Quintin & Heather Lee Wally Lee Don & Connie Longmuir Marichel Mariscal David & Renae Minton Mark & Sheila Morgan Dave & Barb Nesheim Deloris Oia 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 WELCA has a new President! Welcome Maren Feiring!

"I want to thank all women at American.

You've made the job much easier by

volunteering and helping when needed. It has been a long time of service but I have gained much knowledge and enjoyed the fellowship of women at the clusters and the Bible studies. If you're asked to be an officer, give it a try — we'll all help you. You might like it! And thanks to John for the reminders when I forgot something!"

- Marilyn Evenson

Bethlehem

Council Meeting April 4th @ 8:00 pm

April Ushers & Treats:

7th - M & S Evans Family 14th - D & B Roise Family

21st - Easter - J & A Roise Family 28th - R&A Evans with J&D Jarmin

Sunday, April 14th - Palm Sunday!

Reading - Levi Music - Katy & Annie
Acolytes - Jake & Owen Offering - Henry & Cade

Bell Ringers - Jack & Briggs Greeters - Jessy, Jozey, & Omni

Communion Usher - Kaley & Sadee

WELCA NEWS

<u>A big thank you</u> to Andie for being our chair person and to everyone who helped prepare, serve or provide food for Lent Supper on March 13th! We will serve again on April 10th with Faith and Knife River.

<u>The Western Prairie Cluster meeting is Saturday, April 13th</u> at ALC in Stanley. Registration starts at 9:00 along with coffee and a snack. PLP women are hosting this event. I will let you know what we need as far as food and workers as soon as I know. The theme for this gathering is "HERE I Am; Send Me" Isaiah 6:8. For roll call we are asked to bring socks for the Homeless Coalition. - Diana

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We wrapped up our book, "A Case for Christ" and will be trying to watch the movie based on the book in April. They are continuing their next book study on "A Case for Faith". The discussion the kids have is awesome! Our younger faith builders are continuing work on the New Testament along with some Lenten activities. We plan to wrap up our SS year with some fun activities and a bowling party at the end of April. Easter breakfast will be prepared and served by our Junior and High School youth. We will serve before church, starting at 8am. Come hungry, these youth are good cooks! - Breann & Pam

Knife River

JANITORS for April are Ron and Julie Roehrich. Thanks!!

WELCA - reminder that we are to serve Lenten Worship supper on March 27th and again on April 10th when we will join the rural congregations in serving the Lenten supper. Committee chairman have been notified and if workers are needed someone from the committee will contact you.

SPRING CLUSTER MEETING OF THE WELCA is Saturday, April 13th, at the ALC in Stanley. Women of the parish will be assisting the ALC in hosting this event. **"Here I Am; Send Me"** from Isaiah 6:8 is the theme for this gathering. For **Roll Call** they are asking each unit to bring **new socks** for the Homeless Coalition. All women are invited to this event and hope to see you there.

FAMILY NIGHT - There will be NO family night in April.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP & BREAKFAST - Sunday, April 21st. Worship is 9:00 a.m. and breakfast is being served by the youth starting at 8:00 a.m. prior to the service. Free will offering for the breakfast will go to the LYO group of our Parish.

CONGRATULATIONS to the confirmands who were confirmed in our Parish this past month. God's blessings to all of them.

BEST WISHES AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO LITTLE ADELAIDE HILL on her baptism March 31st. She is the daughter of Pastor Carter and Kayla. We welcome her into our church families!

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
Worship Schedule 9a Bethlehem 9a Knife River 10:30a American 10:30a Faith	10am ALC Quilting	2 10a Centennial Court Bible Study 10a Pastor's Text Study	3 2:50: Com 4p PLWS Lenten Sa
7 Sunday Worship	8	9	10
11:30 ALC Potluck 12p ALC Council	10am ALC Quilting	10a Pastor's Text Study 10a Bethlehem Bible Study 2p Faith Aft Bible Study	2:50: Com 4p PLWS Lenten Sa
14 Palm Sunday	15	16	17
Sunday Worship First Communion ALC Kids singing	10am ALC Quilting	10a Pastor's Text Study 10a Bethlehem Bible Study	4p 7th Gr Confirmat 4p PLWS
21 Easter	21	23	24
7a Sunrise Service Easter Worship at Regular	10am ALC Quilting	10a Bethlehem Bible Study	4p 7th Gr Confirmat 4p PLWS
Times		Pas	tor Carte
28 Sunday Worship	29	30	
	10am ALC Quilting	10a Pastor's Text Study	Regular 8p A.A.

6p Prairie Lutheran

Parish Meeting

10a Bethlehem Bible

Study

10a AlAr

Monday

	Thu	Fr	i	Sat
munion Class	4 8a Men's Bible Study	5	Pastors' Sabbath	6
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	11	12	Pastors' Sabbath	13
munion Class	8a Men's Bible Study WeeCare Registration 3p Faith Eve Bible Study			WELCA Cluster at ALC
de	18 Maundy Thursday 8a Men's Bible Study	19	Good Friday	20
on	Scroll Deadline			
	25	26	Pastors' Sabbath	27
de on	8a Men's Bible Study 1p Scroll Assembly—KR			
at Continuir	ng Ed			
Weekly Activities: on Mondays & Fridays at ALC on on Saturdays at ALC s: Boyscouts in Fellowship Hall ALC			5:15p Wednesday ool/Confirmation Op Family Meal Op Lenten Worship FD LYO	

Youth News

Even when we feel rejected or unloved, we are loved and fully accepted by God! What an amazing thought! Our junior high and high school groups have been working through the lessons, games/activities, and discussion questions for our unit titled "Accepted".

Pastor Sarah, Eden, and Dawn Evenson took a group of youth to the movie, "Five Feet Apart," in Minot on Saturday, March 23rd. We had a group of 14 youth in grades 7-12 attend the movie, hang out the mall, and stop for supper before returning home. It was a good day with a few movie tears, lots of buttered popcorn, laughing, and a fun day altogether.

Youth Sunday was this past weekend of March 31st, and our 7th-12th grade youth took care of most portions of the worship service. Having them share in reading, praying, communion, and providing a message is truly a special thing

Parents/Guardians: Feel free to join our Remind group at any time for announcements or reminders for youth activities or quick questions.

Enter this number: 81010 Text this message: @plply

April Schedule:

April 3rd -- 9th-12th grade

April 10th -- 7th/8th grade

April 17th -- 9th-12th grade

April 24th -- 7th/8th grade

Thank you to all the churches for all of the love and continued support that you show our youth!

- Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader

Food Pantry

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry served 56 families, for a total of 151 people being served, of which 62 were children and 19 were seniors, providing 5812 pounds of food in February.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from AgriBank, with the understanding that we would use it for improving our food pantry. We purchased remote blinds for our food pantry with the funds. These are absolutely wonderful!! We don't have to climb up a ladder and try to reach the curtains anymore...stretching over freezers. We can push a button and safely raise and lower the curtains!! What a treat for all of us, and a delightful safety measure, as well!!

We have received donations in the form of memorials. A prayer is offered for the families that these memorials are in honor of, as well as a post in the Promoter for the families to see. With prayer in mind, I think it may be a perfect time to say a prayer for the road workers and snow removal folks that tirelessly keep our roads safe. I can't imagine how weary they must be, but still, they continue on. I always give them a big wave and a smile when I meet them on the road....trying to find some way to show my thankfulness for what they do. ③ One of these days, the wind will stop blowing, and the thermometer will get above zero. Soon. ③ -Mary

Wee Care



- 1 Dylan Marie Uran, Zachery Bruhn
- 2 Addlyn Bruhn
- 3 Matt Evans
- 5 Reese Smith, Allan Aune, Diane Seibel, Carol Craft
- 6 Steven Nelson, Chad Rismon, Crystal Gustavo
- 7 Connie Patten, Kyler Anthony Vachal, Stacey Mortensen
- 8 Weston Skarsgard, Camie Anderson
- 9 Doreen Moser, Kane Reep, Kathryne Meckle
- 10 Carson Farhart, Cammi Hysjulien, Tyler Harstad
- 11 Pat Lautenschlager, Dave Nesheim
- 12 Carol Nelson, Shane Aadnes, Jake Niemitalo, Caitlyn Enger
- 13 Betty VanVugt, Lawrence Bruhn
- 14 Logan Neset, Ron Roehrich
- 15 Samuel Skarsgard
- 16 Valborg Johnson, Wade Trulson, Chad Hysjulien, BreeAnn Sorenson
- 17 Cashton Trulson, Elizabeth Nelson, Cassandra Petz, Tammy Hamers
- 18 Bruce Rodenhizer
- 19 Justin Germundson, Debbie Rae Johnson
- 20 Michael Raasakka, Ashley Skarsgard, Addy Evans
- 21 Corey Bristol, Madison Stordahl
- 22 Diana Evans, Michelle Harstad, Allyn Sveen
- 23 Grace Johnson, Trenedi Barstad, Brooklyn Vachal, Deann Jarmin, Delina Lidstrom
- 24 Paula Brown, Kassie Meyer
- 25 Mackenna Hanson, Cooper Dupay, Howard Rehak, Wes Reynolds
- 26 Jaxon Carpenter
- 27 Dale Kilen, Roger Sorenson
- 28 Chester Johnson, Molly Lund
- 30 Earl Rogstad, Jerry Rudolph, Haley Goodall
- 31 Teri Ostdahl, Wesley Rooster Reynolds

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Bill & La Rae Rudolph

24 - Ron & Linda Hamers

8 - Russell & Katie Nichols

24 - Phyllis & Ken Vesey

22 - Doug & Susan Halden



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Synod News

"The Kingdom of God is like..."

This is the theme we will gather around for this year's synod assembly. It is intended to help us imagine our way into where God is calling us as individuals, as congregations and as a synod together.

Jesus uses this line numerous times in the Gospels – as the opening of a variety of parables. It seems that Jesus is trying to help people understand what Kingdom looks like. Why? I think because he is inviting us to keep our eyes open for it.

Kingdom might be a word which is hard to relate to for 21st Century Americans. We do not live under a king. So, for some, replacing the word "kingdom" for "reign" of God or "rule" of God helps us connect the concept with our modern day lives. So where do we see the Kingdom, Reign or Rule of God? Wherever God's will is done.

So, God's Kingdom is most certainly in the future in heaven. But it also comes in glimpses in this world when followers of the risen Christ serve their neighbor with love, grace and mercy. It happens when the hungry are fed, the stranger is shown love, those in prison are visited and much more.

In mid-April, registration for synod assembly will open. Every rostered minister of the synod is required to be at assembly. Every congregation is allowed to bring at least 2 voting members to assembly – larger congregations are able to bring more voting members based on their membership. There is also an option to come as a visitor, which is explained in the registration material.

Synod Assembly really is a faith formation event. We will gather for worship, engage in Bible Study, hear about creative and Christ-centered ministries in our synod and beyond. You will get the opportunity to ask questions of other congregational leaders to help build faith in Christ within your congregation. This year our churchwide guest is Rev. Phil Hirsch the new Executive Director of the ELCA Domestic Mission Unit.

Synod Assembly – June 7-8, 2019 – Grand Hotel, Minot Pre-Assembly Workshop – June 6 – Grand Hotel, Minot Mission Gala – Thursday Evening June 6 – Christ Lutheran, Minot **Synod Assembly Offering Challenge...** It was two years ago that the Synod Assembly approved adding a third leg to Western North Dakota Endowment Fund. That fund is called the Accompaniment Fund. Earnings from the fund will help ensure there are staff available to walk with those considering a call to ministry and staff available to walk with congregations in discerning what Christ-centered ministry they are called to engage.

To help "seed" this new leg of the Endowment Fund, a special offering will be taken during opening worship at synod assembly. One congregation in each of the seven conferences have agreed to bring \$2,500 to \$5,000 in offering. Those congregations are: Oak Valley, Velva – Faith, Bismarck – Good Shepherd, Bismarck – St. John, Dickinson – First, Williston – Prairie Lutheran Parish, Stanley and First, Minot. I am thankful to these congregations.

In addition, the leaders of these congregations have agreed to encourage at least seven other congregations in their conference to bring \$250 to \$500 for this special offering. Here is where you all come in – if you have not talked about this yet in your congregation, I ask that you engage it now. You have an opportunity to help provide additional resources which will serve your congregation well into the future. Thanks in advance for your generosity. We are blessed to be in ministry together.

Discernment Events...

The Spring Assignment of Seminary Graduates has come and gone. In that process one person was assigned to our synod. We are thankful for the gift this person brings and we shall see what happens for them in the call process. The Spring Assignment Process showed again the deep divide between the number of candidates needed and the number available. There are no signs that this will change any time soon – we need more rostered leaders!

With that in mind we continue to provide discernment events. Here are a couple that will be taking place in the coming months:

May 31-June 1st: Discernment Retreat for Senior High Youth June 21st, 6:30 -8:30 PM, Synod Office: Discernment Dinner

Bishop Mark Narum

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