



# Prairie Lutheran Parish

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## *the Scroll*

**July 2019**

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## Words from Pastor Sarah

Growing up, Fourth of July meant a big parade, lunch and fellowship in the park, a family barbeque and time at the lake. The “oohs” and “awws” that fireworks would bring along with shouts of “God Bless America,” are forever etched in my memory. Fourth of July is all about our country’s freedom. But this year as this holiday comes closer, I can’t help but think about a different kind of freedom. A kind of freedom that only God can bring to each of us. In a David Foster Wallace’s 2005 commencement speech to the graduating class at Kenyon College, Wallace describes freedom in a very honest manner in these words, *“The really important kind of freedom involves attention and awareness and discipline, and being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them over and over in myriad petty, unsexy ways every day.”* And although Wallace does not name this freedom in his speech, it is a pretty accurate description of Christian freedom. This freedom comes through the gospel and sets us free from our sins so that we can go forth and over and over again become what God created us to be. Christian freedom frees us from many things. Freedom from the Devil who loves to whisper doubt, jealousy, and hate into our minds. The freedom from the idolatry, demons, hatred, violence, addiction, and mental illness. The freedom from the power of our sins. The freedom from the power of death. Through this freedom, we are given the gift of freedom and grace.

The freedom of Christ is not only a gift of “freedom from,” but also a “freedom for.” Freedom for loving and caring for your neighbors, both near and far. Freedom for living out your baptismal vocation in this world to help those around us in need. Freedom for serving

people who are hurt and lonely, people who are searching for Jesus, and care for a creation that is being destroyed and wounded. We are given freedom when we confess our sin each week in the words, "By grace you have been saved, in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven." Freedom and promise that Christ will live in our hearts through faith. Thanks be to God for that freedom.

- Sarah

## *Parish News*

On July 16th we will gather together for an evening of worship, food, and fun at Wilson Park to celebrate our 15 years together as the 4-Point Prairie Lutheran Parish. The pool will be open at no charge during the event with other games and activities!

## Vacation Bible School

### **Knife River—Camp of the Cross**

- July 29-August 1, Noon - 4pm
- Kids ages from kindergarten thru 6th grade.
- Any questions or to register call Nikki at 629-5101

### **American Lutheran - Metigoshe**

- July 15-19
- 1st—6th grade, 9-3pm
- Age 3 - Kindergarten, 9 - 11:30am
- To register, text Karen at 701-629-0065

# American Lutheran

## Gold Group

## Green Group

### July 2019

Gold Group

### August 2019

Green Group

### September 2019

Purple Group

### 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

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  
Roger & Sheryl Sorenson  
Steve & Cathy Springan  
Bill & June Stevens

Gordon & Sharon Aas \*  
Tom Anderberg  
Bryan & Karen Davies  
Robin Enget  
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  
Stacey Neset  
Lance & Teri Ostdahl  
Evonne Piepkorn  
Ken & Donna Ranum  
Bill & LaRae Rudolph  
Amy Strasser  
Robert Western  
Bernard & Joanne Wirtz

WELCA News

Hi everyone! We had our quarterly WELCA meeting on June 3, with wonderful attendance! There were 10 of us, plus 1 guest, present. We had a lot of discussion on fund-raisers, with more to come on that. Thanks to all that came!

I want ALL women of our PARISH to remember that we are invited to a DAY Retreat at Camp Metigoshe. This will be on July 9th, from 9:30-3:00. I already have some drivers lined up, so there is room for EVERYONE! Call me the minute you even “THINK” you might want to go & we’ll make plans. There is no cost, but they will take a free-will offering to help cover their costs. (Let me know if you have dietary needs &/or mobility needs—cause I do!—& they’ll accommodate us). And you can bring a friend, two-even from outside of our church. They need pre-registration by July 2, but call me anyway, if it’s later, they will accept it. Let’s enjoy time together in God’s beautiful creation! Have a wonderful & safe July!

*Be careful how you live; you may be the only Bible some people will ever read.*  
Maren 701-629-1067

American Lutheran Church Memorials

In Memory of	<i>Donor</i>
<u>Wee Care</u>	
Donations Kenny Lystad	Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger Ron & Shelly Aadnes
<u>Quilting</u>	
Pam Uran	
Pam Uran	Family Pat Eisenzimmer
<u>Vacation Bible School</u>	
Irene Gjerdevig	Donna Ranum
<u>Memorial Fund</u>	
Lyle Erickson	Allen & Debbie Lund
Kenny Lystad	Earl Rogstad
Kenny Lystad	Greg & Sue Johnson
Tucker Hovda	Gordon & Sharon Aas
Fern Nelson	Gordon & Sharon Aas
Tucker Hovda	Earl Rogstad
Fern Nelson	Earl Rogstad
Fern Nelson	Marichel Mariscal
Fern Nelson	Erma Martinson
Fern Nelson	J.R. & M. Jarrett & David Meiers
Fern Nelson	Gene & Carol Hanson
Tucker Hovda	Gene & Carol Hanson



# *Bethlehem*

Our next council meeting is scheduled for August 13th at 8:00. If you have important business that needs to be addressed, please let a council member know, and we may schedule a meeting in July. Please continue to keep your eyes and ears open for mission opportunities in our area—remember we have a line of funding in our budget for mission outreach.

Please hold Dustin Roise in your prayers as he will be traveling to Minneapolis July 18-21 as one of two representatives from our synod to the ELCA World Hunger gathering. As an active food producer, he has been a valuable voice to the gathering. Pray the Spirit guides the gathering and those assembled.

## **Greeters/Ushers Schedule**

- 7 S & Nancy and Scott Meiers Family
- 14 Monte and Breann Lund Family
- 21 Allen & Debbie Lund with Roger & Addy Evans
- 28 Jubal & Deann Jarmin with Gary & Vicki Evans

## **WELCA News**

Thank you to all the WELCA gals that baked bars and helped with the serving for Jerry Dobrovolny's service. Also a big thank you to Debbie for doing all the planning and ordering for this meal.

In thinking of the yearly church cleaning, I'm thinking of doing a fall cleaning this time. What do all of you think?? Hmm by the time you receive this news it will be the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Yikes! Fall will be right around the corner. Hmm.

Thanks be to God for the beautiful rain showers and for the promise of sunshine after the rain. Keep up the prayers for beautiful timely rains all thru the summer. No more news for now. Have a great summer and take time to enjoy nature, your garden, the church "back yard garden," and a ice cold drink with a friend. This is the day that the Lord has made!! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!! - Diana

# *Knife River*

**THANKS** to the those who have volunteered to do janitor duties for the month of July. It is appreciated.

**WELCA** will meet at Betty's trailer in Van Hook Park on **Tuesday, July 16, at 11:30 a.m.**

**THANKS** to Warren Craft for once again spraying the church yard/ cemetery for weeds. It looks nice when those pesky weeds are gone!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be here before we know it! It is July 29-Aug 1. I still have a couple spots left if anyone hasn't registered yet. Kids ages from kindergarten thru 6th grade. Take note that the time has changed to 12:00-4:00. Kids will not need to bring a lunch. Snacks will be provided. I am also looking for a couple more volunteers to provide meals for the counselors while they are here. Any questions or to register call Nikki at 629-5101.

# *Faith Lutheran*

**Evening Bible Study** will meet on July 18 at church at 3:00pm

**Afternoon Bible Study** will meet on July 9 at 2:00pm at Debbie's home.

**Altar and Greeter:** Barb

**Work:** Phyllis C, Darlene V, Constance. Coffee for all Sundays will be provided by Hope Circle

**Readers:** 7 - Mike, 14 - Darlene B, 21 - Wayne, 28 - Iva

Charity Circle has table decorations for July

"I care" prayer is an ongoing prayer for anyone that needs a little extra boost on the road to recovery, also a safe and enjoyable season for our camp counselors and kids at our three camps.

# July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<b>Worship Schedule</b>  9a Bethlehem 9a Knife River 10:30a American 10:30a Faith	<b>1</b>  10am - ALC Quilters	<b>2</b> 10a: Pastors Text  10a: Centennial Court Bible Study	<b>3</b>
		John Out of the Office	Carter Out of
<b>7</b>  ALC Potluck Sunday	<b>8</b>  10am - ALC Quilters	<b>9</b>  10a: Pastors Text Study 10a: Ross Bible Study	<b>10</b>  10a: Parish
<b>14</b>  2pm Bridal Shower for ReeAnn Mehus	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10a: Pastors Study  10a: Ross Bible Study  Parish Celebration	<b>17</b>
		ALC Vacation Bibl	
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  10am - ALC Quilters	<b>23</b>  10a: Pastors Text Study 10a: Ross Bible Study	<b>24</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  10am - ALC Quilters	<b>30</b>  10a: Pastors Text Study 10a: Ross Bible Study	<b>31</b>
Sarah Out of the Office		Knife River Vacation Bible School with C	



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Sat

**4**

**5** Pastor's Sabbath

**6**

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**11**

n Bible Study

8am: Mens Bible Study

**12** Pastor's Sabbath

**13**

**18**

8am: Mens Bible Study  
3p: Faith Eve Bible  
Study

**19** Pastor's Sabbath

**20**

*e School with Camp Metigoshe*

**25**

8am: Mens Bible Study  
Scroll Assembly by KR

**26** Pastor's Sabbath

**27**

*Sarah Out of the Office*

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# Youth News

Our June, July, and August LYO events are coming up, and I'm so excited for the July worship service that will team up with the lock-in! For June, we had a Minot adventure to go bowling, eat out, and spend some time in the park!

For July, we are planning to have a lock-in that follows the worship service in the park. On Tuesday, July 16th, there will be worship and a meal in the park with free swimming to follow. I can't wait to see how fun this day will be! After worship, all 7th-12th graders are welcome to join our lock-in at American Lutheran that evening. The youth will be there until the morning of Wednesday, July 17th. I'm working on planning out all of the activities and opportunities for the lock-in. There will be games, food, movies, and group activities about where we see God in our lives. Details and what to bring and what not to bring will be posted and mailed out in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions about the lock-in or if your child/children can only participate for part of the event, please contact me!

For August, please be on the lookout for a date/time and details of the event.

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.

Enter this number: 81010

Text this message: @plply

Keep checking the scroll, Facebook, and Remind messages for updates on LYO events for the summer!

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 provided 7015 pounds of food to 53 families for a total of 168 people, of which 67 were children and 20 were seniors. We have been fortunate to be getting a lot of free or nearly free food from the Great Plains Food Bank in Fargo, so we are passing that on to our clients by giving them more of those items. The GPFB had a food giveaway truck set up in the parking lot of Cashwise on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and thanks to the cheerful volunteers that showed up to assist, provided food for 45 families that afternoon!! Some of us will never look at cabbage the same way again! ☺ Let's just say we were quite generous giving the giant cabbages away!! ☺ We had a great time, did a lot of fast working, and laughing, and it was a memory making moment. ☺ Speaking of moments.....we had a panic moment this last truck delivery...a LOT of stuff to unload, and just a few volunteers to help! We made some desperate phone calls, and once again, our community came through with flying colors!! ☺ Thanks to Ace Hardware for allowing an employee to run over quickly, and to Cenex, who offered some time ago to send folks, if we were in a tough spot, because they sent over some very strong gentlemen. Whiting was able to send over someone, and one of our volunteers called her grandchildren and their Dad, who rushed right over to help us...so we went from a few slightly overwhelmed volunteers to a great group of energized volunteers, and we got that truck unloaded quickly!! It's always fun, and a bit awe-inspiring, to see people come together to make something happen here. ☺ Here's to soaking up some sunshine....Mary ☺





2 - Faith Fladeland, Brynlee Zieman

3 - Shirley Bird

4 - Evonne Piepkorn, Max Carkuff

6 - Brad Ellis

7 - Ryan Paetz

9 - Tristen Barstad, Kaisa Mortensen, Pam Fladeland, Jean Nelson

10 - Brady Aadnes, Stacey Barstad, Summer Meyer, Ryan Wilhelmi

11 - Eli Pappa

12 - Aubrey Locken, Pat Grinolds, Trenton Bruhn

14 - Roger Gjellstad, Jacob Hellman, Jonathan Germundson,  
Joyce Hollekim

15 - Sue Evenson, Debbie Alvstad

16 - Duane Fretheim,

17 - Coy William Smith, Noah Rolfe

18 - Mark Erickson Sr., Halle Sorenson, KyAnn Sorenson

19 - Christine Dittbrenner, Janis Thompson, Lori Johnson

20 - Trinadi Bruhn

21 - Susie Trana

23 - Ashley Nichols, Wyatt Hanson, Bayley Rolfe

24 - Camden Reep, Troy Fladeland, Gene Wilson

25 - Grady Nichols

26 - Doug Larson

27 - Maren Feiring, Bill Meiers, Hannah Warta

28 - Bailey Evenson, Warren Walhaug

29 - Nancy Hemstad, Sheila Morgan, Shannon Mell, Marie Roise

30 - Len Jones

31 - Elle Sorenson, Mya Mortensen, Monte Lund,

# Happy Anniversary

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 - Don & Verlee Kjoson          | 14 - Arden & Janis Thompson      |
| 1 - Dan & Karen Lindberg         | 15 - Kevin & Michele Kinnoin     |
| 1 - Mike & Abby Reep             | 16 - Megan & Shane Ryals         |
| 2 - Dale & Mary Kilen            | 16 - Kenny & Kathryn Meckle      |
| 3 - Jason & Stacy Barstad        | 17 - Kelly & Pam Schunke         |
| 6 - Dusty & Christy Nelson       | 17 - Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard    |
| 6 - Eric & Shannon Mell          | 19 - Pat & Christine Dittbrenner |
| 6 - Jeff & Dena Lapica           | 19 - Roger & Michelle Harstad    |
| 7 - Elmer & Carol Nelson         | 21 - Wesley & Kim Reynolds       |
| 7 - Tim & Jan Johnson            | 22 - Mark & Nicole Longmuir      |
| 10 - Landon & Kara Nichols       | 23 - Kyle & Ashley Nichols       |
| 10 - Don & Marlene Hoirup        | 23 - Amy & Josh Stordahl         |
| 11 - Evan & Erin Meiers          | 28 - Lynn & Marlene Grabow       |
| 12 - Jerome & Pat Lautenschlager | 30 - Greg & Stacey Mortensen     |
| 13 - Tad & Megan Ploium          | 30 - Kevin & Sandra Harstad      |
| 13 - Troy & Amy Fladeland        | 31 - Brooks & Stacey Goodall     |

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# Synod News

**Planning for Fall...** This is an excellent time of year to be thinking about what will happen in your congregation this fall. There are a number of resources available to you from this year's synod assembly – which are (or will be) available to you through the synod web-site.

First, a three session Bible Study on the assembly theme: *The Kingdom of God is Like...Dreams...Desires...Demands*. The study has been written in such a way that anyone can lead it. Each session has a video clip to help think about a portion of scripture

Soon we will have a video of Synod Vice President Bruce Carlson interviewing Rev. Dr. Phil Hirsch, the Executive Director of the ELCA Domestic Mission Unit. In this roughly half hour conversation Rev. Hirsch talks about inviting others to know and love Jesus.

We hope you will use these resources to build up your congregation.

## **Survey Coming Your Way...**

Rostered Leaders be watching your email for a link to a survey. This is part of the process of preparing for next years election of a new Bishop. The survey is being sent to rostered leaders, but it is to be filled out in conjunction with the congregation's council.

The answers to the brief survey are the beginning of a process of defining the gifts for ministry the next Bishop will need as well as the major issues that members of our synod see for the future of Christ's church here on the prairie.

## **Away on Sabbatical...**

As you receive this newsletter, I am away on Sabbatical. I will be away from the office, not answering my cell phone or responding to emails. What will I be doing? Much of my sabbatical will be a time of preparing for transition.

I will use this time to think through the documents which need to be in place for the next Bishop. I will also be spending some time contemplating where God is calling me next. To help with that process I am visiting a pastoral counseling center in the Twin Cities. I also plan to complete my Rostered Minister Profile.

There will also be time for rest, connecting with friends, and reflection.

**Who's in Charge...** While I am away synod staff are available to help you with any questions or concerns. You are blessed to have a gifted staff. I am certain they will not even skip a beat in the weeks ahead.

**A Few Short Bits....**

\*While at the South Dakota Synod Assembly I spoke with a representative of Kin Ministry – a computer program/app designed to help congregations track their visitation ministry. I was impressed with its reliance on lay visitation teams and an easy way to connect with rostered leaders when there is a need for follow-up care. You can learn more at [kinministry.com](http://kinministry.com).

\*The Bismarck LSS Offices are getting a makeover this August – including our synod offices. This will include new carpet and painting all of the interior walls. If you would like to volunteer to help move furniture out of the building, strip wall paper, wash walls or even lend a hand painting – keep your eyes open for opportunities. The specific dates have not been set yet, but it will happen in mid-August.

\*While the remodeling happens the synod “offices” will be closed. Staff will still be working – most likely from home. You have our cell numbers; feel free to call us.

\*Added to the Synod Compensation Guidelines is a document from the NDSU Extension Service titled “Flex Time and Personal Sustainability Guidelines for Agents and Parent Educators”. We have added this document with the Extension Services permission. Rostered leaders often work unpredictable hours – this document could be an excellent guide for pastors and church councils to engage conversation around healthy work habits.

Blessings all. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod





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