

### Words from the Pastor

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Words from Psalm 118:24 that I remember singing on the top of my lungs in Sunday School. Words that often bring a smile to my face and remind me to stop and look around at all of God's beauty around me. Words that remind me that no matter how sad, frustrated, or anxious I may be, there is something or someone good in my life that is worth rejoicing and being glad over! I recently had a conversation with one of our members at Prairie Lutheran Parish. He told me that his goal each day is to wake up and be positive. He said he is choosing to think of our world in the terms of "Us" instead of "Them." And he made me think...What if we all worked to spread this positivity and joy? What if we all took on an "Us" mentality? I wonder what would happen if each of woke up with this verse being the first thing we read each morning? Would we begin our day with a positive thought? Would we spread joy to the next person instead of complaining about this or that? It doesn't mean that we won't have our moments of sadness or anger or pain and hurt but just maybe it will open our eyes enough to see Jesus in those around us. Romans 15:2 tells us, "Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up." Who do you know who needs a kind word? Can't think of anyone...Everyone does! My devotional a few weeks ago said, "There isn't one person in your line of vision who is as confident as they seem. We're all one failure, snide comment, or bad hair day away from selfdoubt." God calls us to love our neighbor, to build them up with our words and actions and to be a light in our world. Give someone a compliment, send that person who crossed your mind a card, call an old friend, or write a message on their facebook wall. This is grace...and we are our best when we share this grace with our words, actions and our presence. We are our best when we wake up and sing, "This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made..." or "Zipidy do dah...My oh my what a wonderful day!" It's your choice! Go forth and rejoice in each day as you share God's love and grace!

-Pastor Sarah

## Wednesday Nights

### All Wednesday Activities in September will take place at the Stanley Elementary and High School!

#### 7-10th Grade Confirmation News

On September 11th we will hold confirmation meetings for each of the grades. We will begin with 7th grade from 5-5:30, 8th and 9th grade from 5:45-6:15, and 10th grade from 6:30-7:00 at American Lutheran Church. Confirmation for 8-9th grade will begin September 18th at Stanley High School.

### **Parish Church Schoo**

Parish Church School will begin on September 18th. It will begin at 4pm. For the following time we will be meeting at the Stanley Elementary School. Please drop your child off at the main entrance.

### The Bridge Worship

We will begin worshipping together on September 18th with the same schedule used in years past. We will begin supper from 5:15–6:00 with worship from 6-6:30. This will take place at the Stanley Elementary School Lunch Room until construction at American Lutheran is completed.

### Faith Luthenan

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**WELCA** will meet on September 12th at 2:00pm in the church basement. Charity circle will serve.

Council will meet after church on October 6 rather than September 8.

**Evening Bible Study** will meet on Sept 18 at 3:00pm at Janice K's home.

Afternoon Bible Study will meet at Sept 10 at 2:00pm at Kathy's home.

LWR Quilts will be blessed during the service on September 15th.

There will be a **joint worship** service on September 29th at Bethlehem, along with a potluck to honor John Mogren and his years of service for our parish.

#### **SERVING US THIS MONTH:**

Altar and Greeter: Carol J and Joann

Work: Kathryn Ch and Pat G.

Coffee: 1 - Joyce, 15 - Kathryn, 22 - Kathy Readers: -1 - Wayne, 15 - Lori, 22 - Iva

Table decorations for September—December is Faith Circle.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:**

We always ask the same question—where did the summer go? Hoping everyone had a fun filled summer. Now, we are back on schedule for school and Sunday school. Rally Sunday is September 8th at Knife River at 10:30am. Faith Sunday School will be at 9:30am on September 15 and 22. Hope to see you all there! - Kathryn

Insect of the month: Scale Insect

### Knife River

JANITORS for August are Bill and Lil Meiers. Thank you!!

WELCA will meet at the home of Marie Harstad on Tuesday,
September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. (Note the time) and Dorothy Goodall is
providing the afternoon coffee. We will be making fleece tied blankets
for LWR at this meeting. The fleece will be provided.

JOINT WORSHIP – Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at Bethlehem in Ross and will be a farewell party for John Mogren who has resigned from his position as Parish Administrator. We wish him God's blessings as he leaves our community and thank him for the excellent services he has provided to our parish the past 5+ years. Pot luck dinner will follow the worship service.

Fall is just around the corner — school is starting, farmers are starting to harvest and putting up hay for the winter, gardens are being harvested and so we thank God for the plentiful season and that everyone has a safe fall.

### Bethlehem

#### <u>Usher/Greeter Schedule</u>

- 1-Uran Family
- 8- Rally Sunday
- 15- Sorenson Family
- 22- Schneider Family
- 29- Joint Worship in Ross

### American Lutheran

#### **Purple Group**

#### **Red Group**

#### September 2019

Purple Group

#### October 2019

**Red Group** 

#### November 2019

White Group

#### December 2019

Blue 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 Corey & Melissa Bristol Jeremy & Sarah Carkuff Mercy Carkuff Pat & Christine Dittbrenner Brad & Kim Ellis Mark Erickson & Doreen Kelly & Dawn Evenson Kevin & Melissa Evenson Marilvn Evenson\* Roger & Renae Gjellstad Ryan & Beth Gjellstad Doug & Susan Halden Ron & Linda Hamers Traci & Jaci Jarmin Keith & Taina Karow Darin Larson Doug & Jen Larson Nellie Larson Dale & Gwen Mortensen Ron & Laura Paetz Andrew Raasakka Heather Raasakka Mike & Gail Raasakka Jerry & Nancy Rudolph Rafael & Leah Santos Denise Sundean Jim & Susie Trana

Rudy & Ardyce Alvstad John & Erin Anderson Annie Baumann Wayne & Konni Bohrer Arlo & Faye Borud \* **Brad Borud** Joanne Colbenson 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 Phil & Cassandra Petz Cory & Jamie Rice Scott & Jackie Rudolph Austin & Abi Vachal Beau & Kim Vachal Lowell & Judy Vedaa

### **ALC WELCA News**

Hello everyone! Can you believe it's school time already? YIKES! I was ready for summer to "start", not end! As we're gearing up for school things, we're also gearing up for church activities, including WELCA. We'll be discussing fall & winter projects & would welcome ANY & ALL ideas! Our next meeting is on Mon, Sept. 9, at 2:30. And let's just have it at MY HOUSE, there's room enough for everyone! Even if you've never come before, come & have good fellowship & laughter & COFFEE! (420 7th Ave SE) Thought for the month: We don't have to agree on anything to be KIND to each other!

- Maren (701-629-1067)

### Food Pantry

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry provided 8659 pounds of food to 80 families in July. 252 people were served, of which 25 were seniors and 91 were children. It has really picked up! We have had donations given to us in memory of friends and loved ones, which we very much appreciate. The Promotor kindly posts these memorials in the paper for the families. We are so thankful for our volunteers who show up each week, working hard to re-stock the shelves and make certain folks get the foods they need. Things run very smoothly with those ladies in charge!

We have had some fairly large shipments come in, and we surely could use more volunteers to help unload. We have our steady few that show up with zero complaining, but I would love to add a few more folks to that list, to take the burden off of these loyal folks. If you have time to help us unload, please call or text me at 629-1717. I will add you to our text group, if that's okay with you, and once a month, the day before the truck comes, I will text the group and see who is available. If you would please answer yes or no to that text, that will help me know if I have to reach out to some of the organizations that have told me they will help us in a pinch.

John Mogren, we will miss your smiling face and your mischief! God bless you and Devra always! I hope the rest of summer goes safely and happily for everyone! - Mary

### Septeml

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
1 Sunday Worship	2 Office Closed 10a ALC Quilting	<ul><li>3</li><li>10a Pastor's Text Study</li><li>10a Centennial Crt.</li><li>Bible Study</li></ul>	4
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10:30am Joint Service at Bethlehem & Farewell Potluck for John Mogren	10a ALC Quilting		

### per 2019

	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<ul><li><b>5</b></li><li>8a Men's Bible Study</li></ul>	<b>6</b> Pastors' Sabbath	<b>7</b> Colbenson Wedding
Bible Study on Meetings	<b>12</b> 8a Men's Bible Study	<ul><li>13 Pastors' Sabbath</li><li>8a Bethlehem Fixes</li><li>Hair at Bethel</li></ul>	14
y Activities	19 8a Men's Bible Study	<b>20</b> Pastors' Sabbath	21
y Activities	26 8a Men's Bible Study 1p Scroll Assembly by Bethlehem	<b>27</b> Pastors' Sabbath 8a American Fixes Hair at Bethel	28
	Wednesday Schedule  4p Confirmation @ SHS  4p Church School @ SES  5:15p Meal @ SES  6p Bridge Worship @ SES	Please note we will be meeting in the schools until construction at ALC is finished. The meal and worship will be in the lunch room at the Elemen-	Worship Schedule 9a Bethlehem 9a Knife River 10:30a American 10:30a Faith

tary School.

# Rally Sunday

### Sept 8th | 10:30 am | Knife River Meal Provided

Join us for Rally Sunday on September 8th at Knife River Lutheran Church. We will worship outside that day and celebrate the kick off to our program year. We ask all youth PreK through 6th grade to come at 10:00am to meet inside the church to sing a song together during worship.

### Welcome Stacy

Stacy Craft has been hired to be our next Parish Office Administrator. She is a member of Knife River Lutheran Church. She is married to Kevin and together they have 5 kids from 3rd Grade to College, Dyllon, Andrea, Laurie, Evan, and Owen. She has previously filled in for this position in the past and has extensive office management experience. She enjoys camping and following her children's activities. This position is part-time at 20 hours per week and we will have set office hours for you to know come October. You are invited to stop by and say hello when she begins later this month (hopefully we have an office by then). Please do remember that this position is now part-time and hourly, so each minute you visit takes away from the ability to have the weekly parish tasks completed within the new set hours.

# Youth News

Our August LYO night was a small get-together at the high school to shoot some hoops, talk about school, and start the beginning of conversations about the Youth Gathering in 2021 in Minneapolis.

I'd like to give you an update/heads-up for what the next few months of LYO will be like. As my husband and I look forward to meeting Baby Cuypers (due Sept. 6th), I'll be taking a maternity leave from school and LYO activities beginning in September. I will return to jump back into activities and Wednesday LYO beginning November 6th. While I'm gone, Pastor Sarah and Pastor Carter will keep youth informed of activities and schedules for 7th-12th grade LYO on Wednesdays.

Wednesday LYO will begin September 18th when other Wednesday church activities begin. I'm excited for our youth to look ahead to this school year and the future opportunities.

### LYO Meetings will be held at Stanley Elementary School until construction at ALC is complete!

Parents/Guardians: Feel free to join our Remind group for reminders and announcements 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 school year!

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

- Fden

# Synod News

#### The 2019 Churchwide Assembly

Our Synod's fifteen voting members gathered in Milwaukee with others from across our church under the theme of "We Are Church". Together, the nearly 1000 - member Assembly, guests, and visitors worshipped and tended to the business of our church body. A summary of action is available on the ELCA website. 2019 Assembly Summary Look for reflections from your Churchwide Assembly Voting Members in upcoming Synod eNews. Each will have the opportunity to share their thoughts, impressions, take-aways, etc. from their time at Assembly in Milwaukee.

#### Bismarck LSS Building and Office Renovation...

The renovation is nearly completed! We give thanks for all the volunteers that shared of their time and talents in giving the building, and our office space a facelift! We look forward to you stopping by to take a peek at the updates!

#### **Western ND Synod LYO Gathering**

October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, our Synod's youth will gather at the Grand Hotel in Minot. This annual event is: "Inspire by Youth. Planned by Youth. Led by Youth." This year's guest speaker and musician is Rachel Kurtz. Registration is now open and needs to be submitted by October 1<sup>st</sup>. You can find more information – including draft schedules and forms – on the Synod website. Questions? Don't hesitate to contact us!

#### **Upcoming GIFTS Events**

We're in the midst of finalizing the upcoming year's GIFTS events, and information will be shared on the Synod's website and in upcoming editions of eNews. We'll welcome Rev. Paul Hoffman (author of "Faith Forming Faith") this fall to lead an event focusing on adult catechesis. The spring event (March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>) will be led by Dr. Terri Elton (Luther Seminary); this event will also include a Friday night Youth GIFTS event. The winter event is yet to be finalized. We give thanks for the 131 years of mission and ministry of *Bethany Lutheran Church (Rugby)*. They celebrated a Service of Leave-Taking/Holy Closure on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The congregation previously voted to merge with First Lutheran (Rugby).

#### Synod Listening Events

As we prepare for the election of a Bishop in June of 2020, a number of Synod Listening events will be held in a variety of locations across our Synod. These events will be facilitated by our Churchwide Partners and all members of our Western ND Synod ELCA congregations are invited to attend. The events will be held October  $25^{th} - 27^{th}$ . The times and locations will be available in the next Gospel Seeds, upcoming eNews, and on the Synod website.

#### Just a few reminders...

Western ND Synod Rostered Ministers Gathering (Medora) - Your leaders will be gathered in Medora September  $8^{th} - 10^{th}$  with Rev. Brad Roth as the guest presenter. Western ND Synod Council will meet in October prior to the Synod Listening Events.

Thank You! Each and all of you for your partnership in the mission and ministry we share!



- 1 Scarlett Raasakka, Ronald Seibel
- 2 Collin Petras, Jubal Jarmin, Jeff Meiers, Megan Ryals
- 3 Whitney Nordloef, Scott Ostdahl
- 4 Gary Weisenberger, Edna Ostdahl
- 5 Kara Nichols, Wayne Enger
- 6 Arlo Borud, Danny Lindberg, Dorothy Moen, Chelsea Harstad, Holdenn Hamers
- 8 Michele Kinnoin
- 9 Bennett Sandeen
- 10 McCoy Essler, Eila Meiers, Danni Hanson, Bernard Walker
- 11 Carrie Giese, Cadyn Trulson, Jerome Erie, Bev Olson
- 12 Abraham Roehrich, Jacob Bruhn
- 13 Kathy Rolfe, Sienna McLaughlin
- 14 Grace Lystad, Marshall Hermanson, Kuf Nordloef
- 15 Gordon Aas, Elmer Nelson, Jackie Rudolph, Kiplee Nordloef
- 18 Thelma Solberg, Katy Roise
- 19 Meredith Craft
- 20 Lacey Johnson, Heather Raasakka, Joe Bruhn, Carlyle Halvorson
- 21 Marlene Grabow, Debbie Pappa
- 22 Brenna Mell, Lindsey Ellvanger, Gabrielle Rolfe
- 23 Cristi Trulson, Brian Hysjulien, Darlene Cvancara
- 24 Carly Rismon, Courtney Sigloh, Nicole Bruhn
- 25 Gordon Patten, Taina Karow, Hunter Warta
- 27 Kimberly Dupay, Jody Lidstrom, Danica Hermanson
- 28 Deloris Oja, Kim Lowe
- 29 Mary Kilen, Lainey Enockson
- 30 Marilyn Evenson, Lynn Grabow

# Happy Anniversary

- 1 Jim & Susie Trana
- 2 Ryan & Beth Wilhelmi
- 3 Zack & Jenna Bruhn
- 4 Lonnie & Pam Fladeland
- 5 Bernard & Kim Walker
- 5 Jeff & Lynette Meiers
- 8 Colin & Susan Vachal
- 9 Jerry & Jennifer Neset
- 15 Duane & Janice Lindberg

- 15 Norman & Julie Mell
- 17 Dennis & Brenda Nielsen
- 23 John & Devra Mogren
- 26 Dan & Katie Harwood
- 27 Brian & Traci Hysjulien
- 29 Jason & Danielle Dupay
- 29 Landon & Julia Jones

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