

NEWSLETTER OF WINDS OF THE PRAIRIE

BETHANY : BETHANY-ELIM : GRACE : PEACE : ST PAUL

APRIL 2013

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First Word: **See Jesus by and the Stranger**

²⁰ *Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.*

²¹ *They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." John 12:20-21*

Jesus is seen as the stranger, the one with whom the Greeks are unacquainted. Jesus is an unknown to them and they are driven to find a means to satisfy their ignorance and curiosity. The means becomes the disciple Philip who has a familiarity that attracts the Greeks. Today how many people have a curiosity about the stranger Jesus? Are you the one to bring them into relationship with Jesus or are they the one to introduce you to Jesus?

^{12:23} *Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*

²⁴ *Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

²⁵ *Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.*

The debate as to who is the stranger has been going on for a while. Those who live among you, are from some other place with different ways, is to be treated as a neighbor, one of you, for they have come to be among you. These Greeks have come to the Temple to be among God's people if for only a short time. It is the time for the truth of Jesus' presence to be revealed. The image of the seed contains the new life, hidden until it must die in the earth to bring forth life. Also, we are to die to our old life so that we may see the new life with its glory, a state of distinction and beauty. When this glory can be seen by others it begins to be fruitful. The lives of all who see the glory are changed to such a point that the old life is dead compared to the new life that is a priceless treasure. It is the coming of the strangers that is a signal that the glory of the new life is here.

^{12:26} *Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.*

Jesus then is by the stranger who is no longer a stranger for when one is by something it indicates a relationship. The invitation is to come alongside together and serve. Jesus becomes the leader and we are the followers. There are no longer strangers but fellow servants with one another of the kingdom of God.

In our world today there is a suspicion of the stranger that is perpetuated by fear and anxiety of the unknown. Yet, our study text for the year invites us to welcome the stranger, to let the stranger be a sign of God working in our life to serve and become aware of the Jesus' presence in our world today and now. For we now understand that we are from another place to which we will return where no one is a stranger.

As the new life comes forth around us this Spring, let us be reminded of where this new life comes from. The strange seeds that are planted give little indication of what is to come but we must risk dying so that even richer life can be both ours and the stranger who becomes our neighbor and friend.

PASTOR JULIE A. K. ANDERSON

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INTERN'S INTONATIONS

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (John 12:20-24)

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:4-(8)-9)

Having just completed the first half of my internship and sending out a thank you to a couple for their gift of partnership in my learning, I have come to appreciate many things in the first half. All of it is "praiseworthy." Through all of it I have encountered Jesus' presence.

First, you have been my partners in this learning and growing process. There is a committee who shares my journey but through them you also partake in this journey. I wish to point up those things which, as Paul says, are "true...noble...right...pure...lovely...and admirable." Whenever a critique is given, one needs to speak to the positive as well as the negative. You have done that in the gentlest of fashions. For this I am grateful.

I have been told that when I preach, the hearers can feel my excitement and exuberance. Let me say that I have felt those same things from you. Your excitement for the Gospel passes on to me and hopefully my excitement for the Gospel meets you where you are. In short, I hope you see Jesus in me as much as I see him in each of you. We learn from the good things said to feel good about ourselves, however, *continued on pg 4*. I also learn from the negative side of feedback. Those things also are "true...noble...right... pure...lovely...and admirable." I don't think Paul is talking about the "feel good" things. He includes true, right, and pure. That is what an intern thrives and grows on. It should also be that way for anyone. What I have **learned or received or heard from [you], or seen in [you] – [I have tried to] put it into practice.**

Do you realize the amount of gifts I see in WOTP? Do you see, as much as I do, the presence Jesus is making in the parish through individuals? I am not just talking about people on boards and committees, etc. I have been seeing some untapped talent waiting to be utilized. One young man has a great music talent that could bring great praise to God. He knows his talent but I wonder if he is not sure how to offer it. The gift God has given him is something that is truly "true...noble...right... pure...lovely...and admirable." Other youth in the parish have gifts that just need opening. They need to be developed with the help of those who have talent to do just that. It is up to, not only the pastors to uncover potential, but also the members of the parish. Let us look to see where Jesus is trying to get our attention, where he is working to raise up more faith workers among his faithful people. And to this young man and others like him, I say, **Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.** Offer your service to God. Anything that is as "true...noble...right... pure...lovely...and admirable" as your gift is an offering of faith.

Thank you for your partnership in my preparation.

Vicar Kent

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Greetings Members of Winds of the Prairie!

Thank you for all of your continued prayers and support. It has been a long journey so far, but May 19th (Luther Seminary Graduation Ceremony) is looming on the horizon. Anthony and I have been blessed with an exciting last year of seminary and great internship as well as the birth of our son Nicholas last May. We recently found out that we have been assigned to the Southwest Minnesota Synod and are currently lining up interviews. While our seminary education is coming to an end, our next phase of receiving calls is quickly approaching. We ask that you continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we go forth and serve God's people.

Blessings to you!

Stephanie, Anthony & Nicholas Christoffels



Database and Directory Update

We have had a series of photo settings for each of our congregation. If 20 or more households express interest in having their photos taken we could schedule another day at a central location this spring.

When you submit a photo of your household, either by jpeg (to wotpm@frontier.com or hardcopy (Winds office), with \$10 so your picture will be in the directory and you will receive a copy of the directory. The committee is also looking for pictures for the activity pages which may be submitted in the same manner.

To make sure our directory information is complete and correct we will be contacting each household review the information we have on hand. We appreciate your assistance in making this directory the best it can be.



Buffalo Ridge Chorale Announcement

Rehearsals begin on Thursday, April 11th at Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall/Hendricks promptly at 7 pm. We are excited to announce that Dr. Russ Svenningsen from Augustana College will again be our director. Rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings for the next 8 weeks in preparation for the June 2, 2013, 4 pm concert at Christ/Hendricks.

All who enjoy singing and are willing to make this commitment are most welcome. Contact Donna Kurth at 507-694-1662 or dmkurth@frontiernet.net if you have not been a chorale member in previous years so adequate music copy is here by the first rehearsal.

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2013

Worship	Education/Support	Meetings	Pastoral Acts	Visits
20- Sundays Worships Total	12- Bible/Book Study 3- TFA	7 - Council/Meeting 1-Annual Meeting	1- Funeral 10- Counseling	25- Home/Hospital 5- Public Events
10- Lenten Services	1 -New Members	1 - WELCA	0- Committal	4- Continuing Ed.
6- Nursing Home	2-Continuing Education	1 - WXY 5- Synod	0- Baptism 1-Confirmation	
1- Worship on Saturday	6-Pastor Support	0-Parish Committees	0-Wedding	

Pastoral Acts

- Dorys Richards' funeral was held at St Paul's Lutheran Church of Minneota on February 11 officiated by Pastor Julie Anderson.
- Affirmation of Baptism was held at Bethany-Elim on February 17 with Pastor Steve Rasmusson, Pastor Julie Anderson and Vicar Kent Krumwiede in attendance.

Allison Bloch
Jacob Faux

Devon Buffington
Colton Lawson

Emily Clarke
River Lawson



Shalom Hill Farm

Shalom Hill Farm was established in 1992 on a farmsite in Cottonwood County of southwestern Minnesota that has a long and interesting history of its own.

Shalom Hill Farm is a non-profit education and retreat ministry specializing in hands-on learning experiences in small town and rural culture, ministry, and environment. They provide:

- Cultural education and environmental experiences for seminarians, youth groups, and other interested groups
- Continuing education for clergy and other congregational leaders
- Retreat and meeting facilities for community groups, congregational groups, and individuals

All in a beautiful prairie setting in southwestern Minnesota. It is a shared ministry of the SW MN Synod of the ELCA to introduce and educate about the benefits of the rural life. Check out the website shalomhillfarm.org.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

--Colossians 3:17



Beef Dinner Thank You!

Thank you to our church family at Bethany-Elim for helping make our annual beef dinner a success.

Ma Nature didn't get the memo, and tried her best to keep it from happening but we are hearty Lutherans/Minnesotans and got it done!

Thanks also to all our guests who braved the elements and supported our event, and shared with us in great food and fellowship.

Here's looking forward to next year, and Mother Nature you have officially been put on notice.

Thanks again!

Beef Dinner Planning Committee

Chris Clarke/Kyle Krier/Justin and Elly Schmidt



You are invited to a very special event

on Saturday, April 6, 2013

at Shetek Lutheran Ministries,

14 Keeley Island Dr, Slayton, MN.

We will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. with an Educational presentation followed by lunch with SW MN Synod Bishop Jon Anderson.

Arrive 10 -10:30 to pick out your favorite pie! Yes, dessert is first!

"PIE: A Recipe for Generosity" is now nationally recognized by our ELCA for its ministry value to families! 75 minute presentation followed by lunch and more conversation.

Perhaps you are part of a family system where family members no longer speak to one another because of the way "assets" (both titled and non -titled) were shared at the death of a loved one. Unfortunately, those stories are plentiful in today's culture! Those sad stories, told by family members, nursing home chaplains, and pastors, make us believe "PIE: A Recipe for Generosity" will be meaningful to you, your family, and God's World in Christ!

This is about being "told" not "sold." You will be "told" plenty that can help you in your generosity. We believe this is time well spent! We believe you will find it a great "investment" in your family legacy. Come for PIE!

Here's what to do: REGISTER EARLY—Limit 100 seating

Mark your calendar: Saturday, April 6th—10:30—1:00 pm

RSVP to our Synod office in one of two ways:

- 1) Synod website www.swmenelca.org Go to the events page.
- 2) By phone: 507-637-3904. Speak to Kristin Bakeberg or leave a voice message.
 - a) Your name and the congregation you attend.
 - c) Number of people attending. (Only one contact name is needed per congregation)
 - d) Give contact information: Mailing and email address and an emergency number (cell phone) in case of weather or other cancellation.



TFA in April

We recommence with Wednesday and Sunday classes on April 3 (6:30 at Bethany Elim) and April 7th (3:30 at Grace). Students are to bring their homework assignments from Lent (reflection booklets on the Lenten worship series). If you have lost yours, ask the ministers for another after services on Sundays.

There is an overnight retreat on April 19-20 from Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. All students are expected to attend unless they have a written excuse from parents or guardians.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY TEXTS FOR STUDY

Date	Complementary Text from	Psalm	Sermon Text from	Theme
April 7	1 Peter 1:17-23	116: 1-4, 12-19	Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus
April 14	John 9: 1-7	31	Acts 6:1-14; 7:47-60	Martyrdom of Stephen
April 21	Matthew 28:16-20	90:14-17	Acts 8:26-39	Philip and the Ethiopian
April 28	John 14:1-14	9:1-14	Acts 15:1-18	Faith and Identity
May 5	John 3:14-21	32	Galatians 1;13-17; 2:11-21	Justification by Grace through Faith

It is time to consider joining a Bible Study for the discipline of studying the Word. All are invited to one of the following or ask about forming a group.

SPECIAL STUDY DAY: All Bible Studies are invited to come be part of the review process by coming to the Breakfast Study on **Tuesday April 9 at 7 am to 8:30.**

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 8:30 am: Come to Bethany-Elim Fireside Room beginning September 4 for a weekly study of the upcoming readings.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 8:30 am: Come to Grace Lutheran Fellowship Room beginning September 5 for a weekly study of the upcoming readings.

FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST STUDY: Come to Bethany in Arco at 7 am for breakfast and Bible study.



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YOUTH CAUCUS AT LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITOL: April 11-12

Youths from 9th grade through age

21 are invited to join the Lutheran Youth Caucus at the Lutheran Day at the Capitol and 25th Anniversary of LCPPM event on April 11th – 12th, 2013. Cost will be 15.00 per person, with subsidies from the SWMN Synod Hunger Task Force. Youth who attend will be invited to join in the birth of a Youth Hunger and Justice Team for the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. More news next month.



Spaghetti Dinners during Lent by WXY

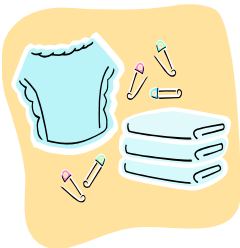
The WXY would like to thank everyone for their support of the Summer Programs by attending the Lenten Spaghetti Dinners.



New Members Welcome

Every first Saturday of the month from 1 pm to 4 pm at Bethany Lutheran in Arco a new member orientation will be held. This is for those people who want to become members of a Winds of the Prairie Ministry congregation. We'll review what it means to call yourself an ELCA Lutheran and the special benefits of being part of an area parish. Friends are encouraged to accompany their fellow member, so call the Winds office by the preceding Wednesday to reserve your place.

LENTEN BABY SHOWER



Baskets will be at each congregation for collection of new and gently used items for infants and young children. We'll gather these items during Lent until April 15. These items will be shared with the agencies in our counties that serve our congregations.

Ministry Review is Coming....



It has been 4 years since we did our Ministry Review and a lot has changed since then, and it is time to do it again on April 8 and 9 of 2013. The review gives us a chance to look at our communities and how our congregations can be a partner in life. Our review will influence our mission goals for the next four years when the councils meet on April 16 to plan for the next year. Thanks to all who completed surveys and were part of the review interviews. Look for updates on the results of the review in upcoming newsletters.

What's missing?

What's missing from your CH CH? ~

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Not all Eggs are the Same... **Memorial Fund Giving** is

where moneys given as a reminder of the ministry of departed members is placed until it can be utilized for special needs of the congregation. These funds can either be designated for a particular item or undesignated for use of the church in the most needed way.

When you want to designate the use of a memorial gift it is a good idea to consider something in an area of interest for the person you wish to remember. Ask the persons who are responsible for that area what sort of things are needed. You can then take into consideration the cost and how much funding you have to work with. If there is a shortfall a family should consider fulfilling the amount. If not, releasing the funds for another use in that area will still honor the memory of the departed. Do keep in mind that once memorial is given it is used for the glory of God and you no longer responsible for it. Since we live in a finite world even memorial gifts wear out or need to be repurposed which is done at the direction of the congregation policies.

Ask what policies are in place before making a specific designations to avoid tying up funds in a way that will not make them unusable. Often a written narrative, telling the story of the person's participation and passion for a particular ministry helps the honor the person's memory and continue their witness to Christ's work.



Come join us this year on June 28th and 29th at the fairgrounds in Tyler for the 13th annual Relay For Life of Lincoln County.

Relay is an overnight fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. But, it's so much more than that! Relay is also an opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those we lost and to fight back against cancer. Plus, it's a whole lot of fun!

We'd love to have as many teams as possible, so if interested in forming a team please contact Chris Clarke at 694-1743.



Membership Review

Before we publish our directory, we would like to check and make certain that all contact information is up to date. If you did not get a chance to check your information at the photo shoots we'll give you a call.

If you are currently not in the area and are attending a local congregation where you live please let us know so we can transfer your primary active membership, for you must request this to be done. However, we would love to have you as an associate member if you would like to maintain a connection to your home congregation. A small annual contribution will help support our ministries including our newsletters to you. We would love to keep in touch while your spiritual needs are being fulfilled by a fellow Christian congregation.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

BETHANY, ARCO

USHERS for April ~ Ron & Lynette Madsen/Katilynn Jorgensen

April Lectors 6th Morgan Possail, 7th Glen Sorensen, 14th Ardis Henriksen, 21st Beth Daniels, 28th Dar Schreurs

Altar Guild April Marie Henriksen

Assisting Ministers: 6th Ilene Sorensen, 7th Marie Henriksen, 21st Jewel Noble

Events:

April 11th WELCA, 1:30 p.m. B-E @ Bethany Tea Party to celebrate Spring, Lunch Ilene & Marie

April 14th Brandi Barke Confirmation with coffee, cake & sandwiches following worship.

16th WELCA

24th Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.



Bethany and Bethany-Elim WELCA

The women of Bethany invite Bethany-Elim WELCA to a Spring Tea Party on Thursday, April 11, 1:30 p.m. at the Bethany Lutheran Church. We hope we will be celebrating the arrival of spring.

Remember to fill your film canisters with quarters for our Hunger Appeal drive. We handed out the film canisters at our March meeting and each will hold \$7.00 worth of quarters. If you didn't get a container and want to participate call Marie for a container. We will also accept checks or cash. This collection will be sent to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.



WELCA Prairie Conference Spring Gathering

April 19, 2013 – 8:30 a.m. thru lunch at Grace-First Russell Parish, Russell

Registration fee - \$8.00 (covers lunch)

Women of the WOTP congregations are invited to attend this conference event. The theme is "Seeds of Faith." The speakers Allan Bakke and Adele Thomas will do their presentation on this theme. Both a monetary and in-kind offering will be taken. The monetary offering will be divided between SWMN Synod WELCA and the Western Community Action Food Shelf. For the in-kind offering bring 5 – 10 different kinds of vegetables seeds which will be used in the WCA Food Bank Garden in Lyon County.

BETHANY-ELIM, IVANHOE

Dates to Note:

April 11th Tea Party to celebrate Spring at Bethany

April 16th 1:30pm Rehekah Circle

April 19th Spring Gathering @ Grace in Russell

Lectors for April

7th Karen Richmond

14th Sherry Rost

21st Loretta Lundberg

28th Val Whipple

Ushers for April

7th Elmer & Twila Koopman

14th Ted & Sharon Eastman

21st Dean Leibfried Family

28th Jim & Diana Weckert

Acolytes for April

7th Christa Munsterman

14th Cody Gifford

21st Devon Buffington

28th Kim Bloch

Assisting Minister for April

7th Merle Rost, 21st Nichelle Buffington



Bethany-Elim Sunday School News

VBS with Bethany-Elim, Bethany, St Peter & St Paul, St John Cantius

Looking ahead to summer, Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 10-13 and led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries and St. John Cantius in Wilno will be hosting this year. VBS welcomes anyone entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. We are also looking for Student Volunteers entering grade 7th and up. Deadline for registration is May 1. Contact Nancy Krog (507-487-5722 or knkrog@frontier.com) for a brochure or more information.

Bethany-Elim Sunday School Update By Nancy Krog

April 21 is a big day at Bethany-Elim. The Sunday School children will be singing during worship. The kids will be collecting a noisy offering for our missionary, Heidi Epple, who is serving & spreading God's word in Africa. Our Prayer Pal Reveal Event will begin at 9:45am in the parish hall. All Prayer Pals are invited to attend, muffins and juice and coffee will be provided. Today is the day you finally meet your prayer pal! Today will be the last day of Sunday School. We would like to thank all of the generous teachers this year who shared their talents and faith with our children. We are in great appreciation of: Chris Clarke, Karen Richmond, Anna Epple, Faith Olsen, Jill Daniels, Elly Schmidt and Dani Thomsen.

GRACE LUTHERAN, LAKE BENTON

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USHERS FOR APRIL

ALLAN JOHNSON
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ALTAR GUILD FOR APRIL

KAREN LICHTSINN

ACOLYTES FOR APRIL

7th Blaine Hefti, 14th Adam Czech,
21st Adrianna Johnson, 28th Jayla Prosch

UPCOMING DATES

APRIL 3 @ 1:30- GLCW MEETING AT CHURCH

APRIL 8- PARISH REVIEW STARTS AT NOON WITH WINDS BOARD MEETING @ 6 TO 8 PM

APRIL 10 @ 1:30- BIBLE STUDY WITH RICH MIDDLEN

APRIL 16 @ 7 PM- GRACE COUNCIL AT BETHANY-ELIM

GRACIOUS WORDS



is here

The arrival of spring often brings a sense of renewal and new energy. We made it thru the cold, dark winter months, and with the onset of spring showers and sunny days, new life begins. We start thinking about our gardens, yards, flowers and crops. Soon the plants and flowers start to grow, and new baby animals are being born. But this is also an opportunity to start anew on our growth as Christians. We should continue to grow and nurture our efforts to do God's work in our congregations, community and the world.

The WOTP is conducting a Ministry Review in early April, which is an opportunity for all the WOTP congregations and councils to take a look at our current programs and areas of focus, to see where we can grow; to redirect or enhance our programs. During this review, we will revisit our focus on missions, education, worship, youth and evangelism (to name a few). I challenge each council and each individual congregational member to review your role in God's ministry. Try to select one new area that you will focus on during the coming year, to help do God's work, with our hands. Don't be intimidated. This doesn't have to be a huge effort, but merely using the gifts God has given you. Visit shut-ins, help with VBS, serve lunches, attend Bible Study....the list goes on. Give it some thought!

Special Congregational Meeting - On Sunday April 7, Grace will hold a special congregational meeting following our worship services, to approve the proposed revisions to our Grace Lutheran Church Constitution. This meeting was scheduled during our Annual Meeting, where we distributed and presented a revised draft of the constitution for your review. The agenda of this short meeting will be to discuss and vote on the various revisions made to our Constitution, to align with the ELCA Synod model constitution. The meeting will be brief, and we need a quorum to conduct business, so please make every effort to attend. *PS We encourage you to bring along your copy of the revised draft constitution (distributed at the annual meeting) to help reduce copier costs.*

Diamond Lake Renovations - Fundraising efforts continue for the Diamond Lake Renovation project. Phase 1 is already underway, to install new roofs on all the building. The next phases include new siding, windows and doors on the Hall and the Church. We are also planning to construct a new picnic shelter near the playground and Hall. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our project. The entire WOTP family is welcomed to help support our renovation efforts at Diamond Lake, which benefits all the WOTP parishes. We will keep you updated on our progress! If you have any questions or would like more information, you may contact Glenn Krog or Karen Lichtsinn.

Construction in Progress - Work continues on the restroom project at Grace. We are making good progress, with the major plumbing and carpentry work completed. The final stage includes applying the finishing touches. As always, we encountered a few challenges, but nothing our dedicated group could not overcome with a little ingenuity and hard work. Thank you to all who helped with the project. Many hands makes light work, and we appreciate your help. The project should be completed during the next few weeks.

Karen Lichtsinn

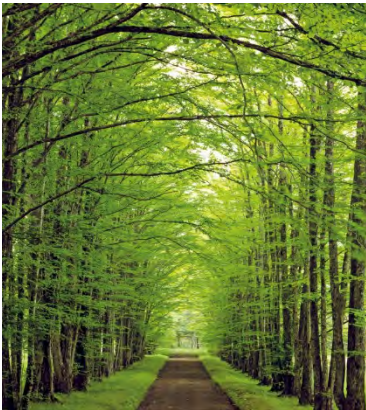


GRACE LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

PAT JOHNSON

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER. THIS WILL HELP US TO HAVE A WONDERFUL VBS. BE LOOKING FOR REGISTRATION FOR OUR "KINGDOM ROCK" VBS TO BE HELD SUNDAY JUNE 2 TO JUNE 6 FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM.

PEACE LUTHERAN, RUTHTON



PEACE/OPDAL CEMETERY FUNDRAISER

(For replacement of trees destroyed July 1, 2011)

Ruthton Community Center

APRIL 5

5:00pm to 7:30pm

Free Will Offering

(Barbeque Meal)

ST PAUL LUTHERAN OF MINNEOTA



"VBS registration now open! - Go to the church website for access to the online registration and more info on this year's VBS, May 20-24th. This year's VBS is offered to participants who have finished one year of preschool through 4th grade. Older children and teens are also welcome to be an active part of VBS as responsible volunteers. Adults have a great time helping too, so consider what God is calling you to for this year's VBS!"

April 2013



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Mark Your Calendar

**P.I.E. A recipe for Generosity April 6th 2013
(The pie workshop addresses legacy gift planning
Call SLM for more information)*

**Pelican Banquet April 14th 2013*

**Confirmation Retreat April 19 & 20 2013*

**Clean up day May 4th 9-4pm 2013*

**Pre-Marriage Retreat May 11th 2013*

**Quilt Preview June 28th 2013*

**Quilt Auction June 29th 2013*

Any questions call (507) 763-3567 or

Check out our website at www.shetek.org

Calling all Campers...

We look forward to hosting you at Shetek Lutheran Ministries this summer! Camp is a great place to meet new friends, spend time in God's creation, singing songs and playing games.

We gather at Shetek as a Christian community and hear the good News of Jesus Christ.

The Shetek Summer Ministry Team is committed to safety, fun and following Jesus and we can't wait to welcome you to camp!!

Early bird registration April 1st 2013

Call Shetek Lutheran Ministries at 507-763-3567

Help send Kids to camp... Become a Pelican/Timber member today

Call for a Brochure 507-763-3567 or visit or website www.shetek.org



Day Camp 2013

Bring Shetek to your Church!

Sign up for Day Camp Today.

For more information contact Stephanie

At 507-763-3567 or visit our website

www.shetek.org

Spring Clean-Up Days

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

When: May 4th, May 6th, May 13th, May 20th

Where: Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

As they say many hands make light work!

Come and help your camp get ready for another exciting faith filled camper season.

Lunch will be served at the SLM dining hall

For more information please call 507-763-3567

Pease let us know if you are able to help out.

Thank you!!



PRAYER CONCERNS & CARES

BETHANY (ARCO) PRAY FOR DOROTHY BUNJER, BUCK BARBER, NORMA RENKEN, HARVEY & BLANCHE JORGENSEN, DAGMAR BLEGEN, TRAVIS NOBLE, CONNIE CLAUSEN (MOTHER OF BRENDA POSSAIL), HARLEY JOHNSON (BROTHER OF JOAN LUNDBERG), AND ELSIE BARBER. PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL MILITARY MEN & WOMEN WHO ARE DEFENDING OUR GREAT NATION, AND THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES THEY LEAVE BEHIND TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY.

BETHANY-ELIM (IVANHOE):

PRAY FOR ILA LUNDBERG, JEFF NEYENS, VERN JOHNSON, RHODA LARSON, DANIEL AVARD & CHILDREN (BROTHER OF BRIGITTE MUNSTERMAN); MICHEAL STEELE (BUFFINGTON FAMILY FRIEND); TRAVIS NOBLE (BROTHER OF NICHELLE BUFFINGTON), BRUCE KELM (BROTHER OF GRETCHEN SUHR); GABRIEL JOHNSON (GRANDSON OF NORMA JEAN JOHNSON); LEIGH JERZAK (SISTER-IN-LAW OF ROGER & ANGIE JERZAK); MIKE KROPP (SON-IN-LAW OF KEN SWANSON); JACKSON & MARY GRACE NELSON (CHILDREN OF RYAN AND KATE); NANCY RESMEN (SISTER-IN-LAW OF BERNADINE OLSEN). PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL MILITARY MEN & WOMEN WHO ARE DEFENDING THIS NATION, AND THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES THEY LEAVE BEHIND TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY.

GRACE (LAKE BENTON)

MARY HAUGEN, NAOMI ENKE, STEVE JOHNSON, CAROL MENSEN (DAUGHTER OF ARLYN & GARNET PETERSEN), JOYCE MCCOLN (SISTER OF CARL BURK), NORMA BURDICK, PAULA JACOBSON (DAUGHTER OF WAYNE & ANNETTE FEHRMAN), EARL KLITZKE, CHET BORRESEN
ALL THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES THAT ARE SILENT
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WAR IN IRAQ, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND SOLDIERS WHO ARE IN DANGER, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY STATIONED IN THE ARMED FORCES

THE FAMILY OF PAULA (PASTOR STEVE) RASMUSSEN'S WITH THE PASSING OF HER FATHER BILL NEMES.

PEACE (RUTHTON)

FOR THE FAMILY OF BECKY RUPP WITH THE DEATH OF HER MOTHER, BONITA FUHRMANN, CAROLYN HOLCK, ROSMARY HARTSON, EDWIN EWALD, ELLEN HANSEN, EDNA HARALDSEN, AND CLIFF KITTELSON.

ST. PAUL'S (MINNEOTA):

PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF SCOTT JOHNSON, ADAM DEROODE, COREY GREGOR, AND ALL MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN DEFENDING THIS NATION, AND THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES THEY LEAVE BEHIND TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY.

TYLER NURSING HOME:

CLIFF KITTELSON, CAROLYN HOLCK, & BONNIE FUHRMANN (PEACE)
ANNETTE FEHRMAN (GRACE)

HENDRICKS NURSING HOME:

ILA RASMUSSEN (BETHANY)
RHONDA LARSON (BETHANY-EILM)
NORMA BURDICK (GRACE) (JOHN 19:28)

DIVINE PROVIDENCE NURSING HOME

(IVANHOE): MABEL DRESSEN, ELSIE BARBER, DAGMAR BLEGEN (BETHANY)

MILITARY:

PRAY FOR THE LEADERS OF THIS NATION AND ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD THAT MAY SEEK PEACE. PRAY FOR THOSE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE MEMBERS OF WOTP WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY OR RESERVE FORCES, ESPECIALLY, JESSE ZAFFT, LUCAS OERTER, SCOTT JOHNSON, JON DOUGHERTY, CHRISTIAN VIZECKY, DANIELLE THOMSEN, MICHAEL COLMAN, ROSS, RYAN, ANGELA, AND DAVID NELSON, ALLAN PETERSON, DERRICK LINNEMAN, TODD BOARD, KYLE SHEIK, ALYSON BYLONE, JIM PEDERSEN, JUSTIN SCHMIDT, ADAM DEROODE, PAM GREGOR, PAUL GREGOR JR., COREY GREGOR, CHRISTOPHER GREGOR, AND PAUL GREGOR.