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### FIRST WORD: REFLECTING

PASTOR JULIE A. K. ANDERSON

**NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM. [18] AND ALL OF US, WITH UNVEILED FACES, SEEING THE GLORY OF THE LORD AS THOUGH REFLECTED IN A MIRROR, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM ONE DEGREE OF GLORY TO ANOTHER; FOR THIS COMES FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT. 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18**

As Paul writes to the Corinthians a second time he is trying to clarify the revelation, the unveiling, that Jesus is of God's plan of salvation. Just as Moses would reflect the glory of God when he would be in His presence in the Tabernacle Jesus was a reflection as in a mirror of God's presence with His people. The Israelites were not ready to glimpse God's glory just yet so Moses was asked to wear a veil, to cover it up. Jesus was the new face of God, looking in a mirror, a way to see the Father's face without the need of a veil to shield humanity from glory. A mirror allows one to compare by seeing clearly that which is a reflection.

Since Jesus has come, died, was resurrected and ascended there is now a transformation. Jesus is now Spirit, the new life and breath. This new life is different for we have faced God and lived. With each glimpse of glory there is a newness and deepening of the transformation to what God would have us be. A Spirit brings to us a state of freedom from hiding from God due to sin.

As Jesus was transformed through the incarnation to reflect the human image we are now to reflect the image of glory. We are not the original but a reflection which gives a glimpse of what is to come. We experience the unveiling through the Biblical narrative, the story. Just as Jesus became part of the human story with the incarnation as told in the New Testament we are invited to reflect by hearing the story again and again to see the greater glory. This story is meant to transform us, to change our life as life changes for us.

*Beginning in September we will be experiencing the Biblical narrative. The stories that make up the narrative, the story in time and place, are about real people who have at times been a reflection and at time hidden under a veil to get away from God's glory. Like any good story it will reveal something new, deeper and life-giving with each reading and hearing. The constancy of the story reminds us that God's promises do not change but that as we put the mirror of God's glory before us we see truth that will bring new life and freedom to each of us.*

### Newsletter via E-mail?

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Thanks!

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CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE There will be opportunities to reflect on these stories each week at home and in small groups. This would be a good time to consider becoming part of a Bible Study group with friends and fellow members. Don't be afraid of Bible study, it is a sharing of how the stories of the Bible are our stories. It is a natural human condition to share stories and compare our lives to the stories. Reflection or comparison helps us to see the new life that brings us freedom. The new life comes as the story transforms us as we reflect with each other sharing how we see each other as part of the ongoing story of God's plan.

Before September take some time to reflect and ponder how you will engage in the story to let it transform you. There will be opportunities to free yourself from things that are weighing you down as you try to hide it. More often than not what we try to hide is reflected in our life for others to see, so why not get rid of the burdens with the help of a story that has changed the lives of those who embrace the mirror of truth, take a good hard look and see the light, the glory, of the Father shining upon their face. Who do you trust to share your story with? If you have an idea for a bible study group let one of us pastors know so we can help you get started but we don't have to be there if you don't want us there but would be honored to be a part of the storytelling.



### **Thank you for 5 wonderful years**

How time flies when you are with wonderful people and doing the thing that God has called you to do. That is how I would describe my 5 years of time here at Winds of the Prairie Ministry. Together we have come to know each other pretty well and are part of an exciting new way of being the church. It feels like a family of congregations who have learned how to be supportive and brings out the best of each other which has increased by leaps and bounds the mission we are all part of. We have all learned how to work together as a team and new changes on the horizon will lead us to new opportunities in mission. I am so proud to call myself one of the pastors of Winds of the Prairie Ministry for you have set a standard of excellence in ministry that others see as a model for our changing world. Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor. *Pastor Julie A. K. Anderson*

## PASTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2012

<b>Worship</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Pastoral Acts</b>	<b>Visits</b>
20 - Sundays Worships Total	7 - Bible/Book Study	5 - Council/Meeting	2- Funeral	35 - Home
4 - Nursing Home	5- TFA	2 - WELCA	5 - Counseling	5 - Public Events
1- Worship on Wednesday	8-VBS	1 - WXY	1 - Committal	3- Hospital
	1-Continuing Education	1- Synod	2- Baptism	
		1-Personnel		

# NOTES FROM THE INTERN

VICAR KENT KRUMWIEDE

Greetings in Christ to all my new WotP friends.

Okay, so you may not have met me. However, the writer of Ephesians tells us that, through Christ, we are no longer strangers and aliens. We are citizens and members of the household of God which is built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. That is, together, we assent to the teachings concerning God's will accomplished through Christ who is the cornerstone, or foundation, of this household of faith. So, while you have not met me in person, we do share citizenship and membership in Christ, that is we are friends in faith.

However, because so many have not met me, allow me to introduce myself. I am the new intern, Kent Krumwiede (krum weedy). My family and I moved from Winthrop, MN, but I myself hail from the Truman and Fairmont, MN, areas. My family includes my wife, Lisa, who has been an LPN for 18 years and will be working at Divine Providence in Ivanhoe; also, my son, Peter, who by the way is 18, who will be a senior at Lincoln Hi, will join us after he graduates from BCT [Basic Combat Training] in Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. He enjoys sports (football, cross-country, some basketball, and track), but says he wants to concentrate on academics this year. We'll see.

Already out of the house are 3 more sons: Joshua, who returns to school for a Bachelor of Fine Arts and eventually Minneapolis College of Art and Design; Phillip, his wife, Tina, and their 2 sons, Dominic and Chase, in Winthrop, an OTR driver and member of the MN National Guard, returning from duty in Iraq 2 years ago; Jacob, his wife, Erin, in Gibbon, enters Ridgewater College for law enforcement and also a member of the MN National Guard [as is his wife] and returned from a tour in Iraq/Kuwait this Spring, they are also expecting their first child (our third grandchild-maybe a granddaughter this time).

As for me, personally, my sense of call came almost 50 years. That's right, **almost 50 years ago**. So, what took me so long to respond. As I connect with Pastor Steve's reflection on the book of Jonah at the Gospel festival, when God calls and we choose to do a "180" to it, God will circumvent that move. I had a couple Tarshishes. But of greatest importance is that God has a plan for my life and nothing I could do could change that. God, active in my life, activated me for mission and ministry in numerous congregations and ministries, including BA in Biblical Languages and Evangelism. Through lay opportunities and mentors, God showed and taught me ministry in the church. He strengthened my awareness, energy and call to serve him through serving and leading others: in the classroom, on boards, with worship teams and in composing worship music. I even had opportunity to develop a church website and Facebook page as well as serve with LDR [Lutheran Disaster Response-watch for my LDR t-shirt]]. I have served in transitional positions and worked in chaplaincy in the parish and the hospital settings. Each location has developed my call to pastoral ministry on a deeper level and a more solid confidence in it.

My prayerful hope is that while I am serving in my internship I will not only learn more about the congregational ministry [and the multi-point parish] but also be a blessing to you as you will be to me. God blesses each of us through each other and will develop a deeper working relationship in Christ as friends, citizens and member of God's household of faith.

Peace be with you all. *KK*

## COMMUNICATIONS

When calling the Winds of the Prairie Ministry Office please use either the 507-694-1238 or 1-866-944-9687 (WotP). Outside of office hours the Bethany-Elim number (507-694-1353) is usually forwarded to the pastor on call and can be accessed from the 1238 voicemail.

## JULY/AUGUST PREACHING SCHEDULE

Date	Peace (8:30)	Bethany (8:30)	Grace (10:30)	Bethany-Elim (8:30)	St. Paul (10:30)
<b>Wed, August 1</b>	Lord's Prayer – Thy Will Be Done – Grace Lutheran -7 pm				
<b>Sun, August 5</b>	<b>Winds of the Prairie Ministry Worship and Picnic</b> 10:30 am at Lake Stay Park in Arco followed by potluck, games and fellowship Guest Preacher: Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl				
<b>Wed, August 8</b>	Lord's Prayer – Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread - Guy's Canoe Trip – 7 pm				
<b>Sun, August 12</b>	Community Services	Rasmusson	E. Anderson	E. Anderson	Anderson Anderson
<b>Wed August 15</b>	Lord's Prayer – Forgive Us Our Debts - New Intern Kent Krumwiede- Welcome by Internship Committee				
<b>Sun, August 19</b>	Holy Communion	Gideons / E. Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Rasmusson & Krumwiede Rasmusson & Krumwiede
<b>Wed, August 22</b>	Lord's Prayer- And Lead Us Not Into Temptation- Bethany Lutheran -7 pm				
<b>Sun, August 26</b>	Service of the Word	Anderson	Rasmusson & Krumwiede	Rasmusson & Krumwiede	Gideons / E. Anderson Gideons / E. Anderson
<b>Wed, August 29</b>	Lord's Prayer – For thine is the kingdom - Dessert Potluck by All -7 pm Bring your favorite dessert to share after worship as we wrap up our Worship on Wednesday.				

## DIAMOND LAKE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Church/Committee
<b>August 1</b>	Lord's Prayer 3	Grace
<b>August 8</b>	Lord's Prayer 4	Guys Canoe Trip
<b>August 15</b>	Lord's Prayer 5	Internship Welcome of New Intern
<b>August 22</b>	Lord's Prayer 6	Bethany
<b>August 29</b>	Lord's Prayer 7	Pastors

## PARISH WORSHIP AND PICNIC – AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>

ANDERSON PARK, LAKE STAY, ARCO, MN

Before you head off to the fair stop by Lake Stay for an outdoor worship with communion at 10:30 a.m.

Synod Minister Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, former Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, will be our preacher. We will send off Vicar Bailey Landa to her last year of seminary training and then share a pot-luck lunch. Bring a lawnchair, and a dish to share.

No worship services will be held in our church buildings on that day.



# BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

## SUNDAY TEXTS FOR STUDY

Date	Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel	Theme
August 5, 2012	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	51:1-13	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35	<b>Winds of the Prairie Ministry Worship at the Lake</b>
August 12	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	130	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51	<b>Sins of the Father</b>
August 19	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:15-20	<b>Wisdom</b>
August 26	1 Kings 8:1,6, 10-11,22-30, 41-43	84	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69	<b>Where is God?</b>
September 2	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	45:1-2,6-10	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23	<b>Godly Behavior</b>

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

## FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

**August 25- 12:15 to 7:00 pm**

The following students are invited to take part in the instruction for First Communion:

Ethan Faux

Cody Gifford

Jason Epple

Anna Krier

Kimberly Bloch

Molly Krog

Brock Hefti

Tyson Weets

Becca Berkenpas

Caul Harstad

If you are aware of any others please contact Pastor Julie (507-215-2388 or [pastorjuleia@frontiernet.net](mailto:pastorjuleia@frontiernet.net)). At least one parent is to accompany their child as we gather at Bethany-Elim. The day will consist of a visit to a winery and a farm along with lessons on bread-making and the meaning of Holy Communion. We'll end the day with a family meal which all members of the participants' families are welcome to attend at Bethany-Elim. Participants and families will determine the date when they would like to take their First Communion any time after September 9. (Be sure to contact the pastors or the parish office at least two weeks in advance in order allow for worship preparations and to receive a spot in the bulletin!)

# VBS: THE GOOD SHEPHERD

NANCY KROG

"The Good Shepherd" was the theme for Vacation Bible School led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries June 18-21. We had 70 students and 12 student volunteers who gathered through the week to strengthen their faith and learn how God is our Good Shepherd who watches over us.

Our second year of Bethany and Bethany-Elim joining forces with Sts. Peter and Paul and St. John Cantius was a success. Sts. Peter and Paul hosted this year, and their air conditioning was appreciated!

The kids enjoyed singing, creating crafts, fun outdoor games and crazy skits put on by the Shetek counselors. 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed a Campfire Night at Lake Stay

park near Arco on Tuesday night. During the week the children learned how God cares for his sheep. Each child brought in canned food items and they were decorated with Bible verses and then donated to the Ivanhoe area food shelf. The kids walked to the nursing home on Thursday and shared some favorite songs with the residents. On Thursday night, we packed the church for our Celebration Program. The kids shared their songs and families stayed for a hotdog supper after the program.

This successful week happened because of the graciousness of our congregation and community, and we say THANK YOU!

## TRAINING FOR AFFIRMATION – FALL 2012

TFA KICKOFF – WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> AT BETHANY-ELIM IN  
IVANHOE AT 7:00 P.M.

Wow – its soon time for the cool breezes of fall, the longer nights, the smell of harvest and (drum roll here!!!) TRAINING FOR AFFIRMATION!

Yes the school year is about to begin, and with it the deepening experience of Christian Education for our sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

This year, as our classes change and the school communities are spread farther out, we are trying a different arrangement for our training. All our sixth grade students will not be meeting on Wednesday evenings, but will be studying the Old Testament in their Sunday School classes as a preparation for their next two years of New Testament and Catechism.

Our Seventh Graders will be studying the New Testament this year and Catechism next year. Our Eight

Graders will be reflecting on the Old Testament with their learning from their first year (Catechism) and last year (New Testament) .

But the new thing is this. We will be teaching the same material on two different days at two different locations. **We will hold seventh and eighth grade classes in Ivanhoe at Bethany-Elim on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 and on Sundays from 3:30 to 4:45 at Grace in Lake Benton.** The same material will be taught first on Wednesdays and will be repeated on the following Sunday. If a TFA student is unable to make a session on Wednesday, he or she may make it up on the following Sunday. If a student must miss a Sunday, the class may be picked up on the preceding Wednesday. See how nice that will work! There ought to be fewer excuses for missing the learning!

The first sessions of regular classes will begin on September 12<sup>th</sup> in Ivanhoe and September 16<sup>th</sup> in Lake Benton.

# BETHANY TO HOST ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

The annual Women's Retreat co-sponsored by Bethany of Arco, Bethany-Elim of Ivanhoe, and Danebod of Tyler will be held Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Bethany in Arco. This year we are planning for a half-day program beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration and coffee. Our theme this year is "Bind Us Together" as the women of Prairie Conference learn and pray together. There will be a speaker to be announced later, devotions and music all followed by a potluck noon meal. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. A free-will offering will be taken when you register.

Join us for a great day of fellowship in Arco.

## BETHANY, ARCO

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

**USHERS:** Ron & Lynetter Madsen

**ALTAR GUILD:** Lynette Madsen

### NOTES & DATES

**August 8** - Women's Retreat, 9:00 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

**August 25** - Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

### BETHANY NEWS

ILENE SORENSEN

I certainly hope that everyone is drinking lots of water and getting as comfortable as they can. The heat of the summer is making all the plants change colors. (It makes humans also change color!!)

On the third Sunday in July, we had a noisy offering. This will go to the local food shelf. It will help stock the shelves for the fall needs.

Everyone mark your calendars for the chicken dinner. It will be Sunday, **September 16**. Our committee is meeting and starting to plan this wonderful event.

We also have a committee working on our heating system. Contact Randy Noble if you have any concerns. We are having energy audits done and the committee will evaluate the results.

There will be a Family Day on **September 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will be starting at the church at 9 and then run, walk, or ride on a hayrack to the Arco park for worship and noon meal. This is in the planning stage—so gear up for some fun and games at the park.

Remember to support your church during this busy summer.

See you in church.

# GRACE, LAKE BENTON

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deloris Johansen,  
Darlene Meyer

**ACOLYTES:** 5<sup>th</sup> Blaine Hefti; 12<sup>th</sup> Adam Czech; 19<sup>th</sup>  
Adrianna Johnson; 26<sup>th</sup> Jayla Prosch

## CALENDAR

**Wed, August 1** – Noon – Potluck in the Fellowship Room –  
“Over 80’s Party” for members and Methodist church  
ladies. Program is “Excuses.” Devotions by Romelle  
Pritchett.

**Wed, August 15** – Block Day

**Wed, August 22** – Do-Day

## GRACE SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

PAT JOHNSON

Summer is going by much too quickly. This summer we have some children attending Shetek Bible camp and others going on the canoeing trips. I hope they made lots of new friends and enjoyed many wonderful new experiences.

Soon we will be thinking about Sunday school starting again. Rally day will be Sunday, September 9. Not sure on times yet so be checking next month. If anyone is interested in helping with Sunday school this year, please contact me at 368-9298 or talk to me in church. I will post a supply donation list in the narthex in August. Thank you for any help in purchasing needed items for Sunday school and the church quiet bags.

# PEACE, RUTHTON

## NOTES AND DATES

**Wednesday, August 1, 8pm** – Church Council Meeting

**Tuesday, August 7, 9:30 am** – St. Matthew Circle meets at the home of Barb Petersen

**Tuesday, August 7, 2pm** – St. Mark Circle meets at the home of Joyce Anderson.

**Wednesday, August 8** – PLCW

**Monday, August 27, 9am** – Quilting Day

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## BETHANY (ARCO):

Pray for John Henriksen (brother of Ardis & Marie Henriksen); Delores Oerter, Luella Madsen, Harvey & Blanche Jorgensen, Kendall Lundberg, Dagmar Blegen, Elsie Barber, Travis Noble, and Harley Johnson (brother of Joan Lundberg)

## BETHANY-ELIM (IVANHOE):

Pray for Kay Weckert, Bernie Aronson, Rhoda Larson, Brenda Sheik, Brook Brown (son-in-law of Robert & Bernie Olsen); Micheal Steele (friend of Buffington family); Travis Noble (Brother of Nichelle Buffington); Bruce Kelm (brother of Gretchen Suhr); Gabriel Johnson (Grandson of Norma Jean Johnson); Leigh Jerzak; Michael Kropp; Jackson Nelson (son of Ryan & Kate Nelson); Nancy Resmen (sister-in-law of Bernadine Olsen); and Mary Grace Nelson (daughter of Ryan & Kate Nelson).

## GRACE (LAKE BENTON):

Pray for the family of Robert Boll. Pray for Steve Johnson, Norma Burdick, Joyce McColn (sister of Carl Burk); Paula Jacobson (Daughter of Wayne & Annette Fehrman); Earl Klitzke; and Chet Borresen

## PEACE (RUTHTON):

Pray for the family of Gerhart Tvedt. Pray for Leona Sumption, Florine Bannick, Bonita Fuhrmann, Lance Preston, Carolyn Holck, Edna Haraldsen, and Cliff Kittelson.

## ST. PAUL (MINNEOTA):

Pray for Doris Richards, Clara DeRoode, & Crystal Gawarecki.

## TYLER NURSING HOME:

Cliff Kittleson, Carolyn Holck, Harvey Christensen- Peace Lutheran  
Annette Fehrman – Grace Lutheran

## HENDRICKS NURSING HOME:

Ila Rasmussen, Bethany Lutheran  
Rhoda Larson, Bethany-Elim Lutheran  
Kay Weckert, Bethany-Elim Lutheran

## DIVINE PROVIDENCE NURSING HOME (IVANHOE):

Mabel Dressen, Bethany Lutheran  
Elsie Barber, Bethany Lutheran  
Dagmar Blegen, Bethany Lutheran

## MILITARY:

Pray for the leaders of this nation and all the nations of the world that all may seek peace. Pray for those family and friends of the members of WOTP who serve in the military or reserve forces, especially Lucas Oerter, Scott Johnson, Jon Dougherty, Christian Vizecky, Danielle Thomsen, Michael Colman, Ross, Ryan, Angela, and David Nelson, Allan Peterson, Brook Brown, Derrick Linneman, Todd Board, Kyle Sheik, Alyson Bylone, Steve VandeBerg, Jim Pedersen, Justin Schmidt, Adam DeRoode, Pam Gregor, Paul Gregor, Jr., Corey Gregor, Christopher Gregor, and Paul Gregor