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# NEWSLETTER OF WINDS OF THE PRAIRIE

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## FIRST WORD

PASTOR STEVE RASMUSSEN

**IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE ONE CALLED THE WORD. THE WORD WAS WITH GOD AND WAS TRULY GOD. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THE WORD WAS WITH GOD. AND WITH THIS WORD, GOD CREATED ALL THINGS. NOTHING WAS MADE WITHOUT THE WORD. EVERYTHING THAT WAS CREATED RECEIVED ITS LIFE FROM HIM, AND HIS LIFE GAVE LIGHT TO EVERYONE. JOHN 1:1-5**

John's Gospel begins with a story that is almost identical to the creation story in Genesis. The newness of creation found in Genesis is repeated in the story of Jesus. Indeed, if you follow the John story, you will find that five times are found the words "the next day." Just as the original creation story is delineated by "days" so too, the story of new creation in Jesus is also divided up in this manner.

That Jesus is the vehicle of the new creation is important for us. How many times have we sought out the newest and best to replace that which is outdated? Do you remember how we used to be teased by advertisers with the words "new and improved"? After buying the new one, we were likely to find that we were better off with that which went before.

When Christ makes things new, the result is not a recreation of the old, the tired, the worn out. It is a definite newness that is promised us in the new life in Christ. The old theologians described it like this: when God first made us we were made with the possibility of sin. After the disobedience of the first humans, the earth was bound to decay, and humans were bound to sin. I became impossible for us not to sin. But in Christ, as we are newly created as children of God, it is now possible for us not to sin. We are able, through the power of God within us, to follow the will of God, to become the hands of healing and new creation for our brothers and sisters in Christ, for our communities, and for the world.

The sign of a renewed Christian is the good works which are done by God's power.

Jesus call us a light shining on a hill (Matthew 5:14). We cannot hide from the world, but are seen by the world. Our actions as Christians are seen by others. WE are judged as a community by our actions as members of our congregations. For this reason, it is more important than ever that our actions be just, and pure and honorable. People are watching.

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<sup>1</sup> John 1:29, 1:35, 1:43, 6:22, 12:12

**New and  
Improved!!**

**By Grace Alone  
By Christ Alone  
Through Faith Alone**

CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE The theme for this year's ministry is "In Christ all are made new." The season of Lent is a time during which we strive with sin that the power of Christ might make new paths of righteousness in our everyday lives. May this newness begin with us as we personally witness to the new life within us.

See you in church!

## NOTES FROM THE INTERN

VICAR BAILEY LANDA

Well spring fever has set in! I know it is only February/March, but this whole winter with temps ranging from 40-60 degrees for the majority of the season, has set it on over drive. Of course it doesn't help, that as I'm writing this I'm sitting in the Lakota Retreat Center at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, overlooking the lake! I have that urge to pull out my guitar and start playing camp songs, that smell of someone's wood fireplace burning reminds me of a campfire, and the birds singing on these warm mornings put on smile on my face and daydreaming of summer afternoons playing games and swimming in the lake.

There are so many different programs that Shetek Lutheran Ministries has to offer for all different age levels. From Day Play if you want to experience a day of camp for

the first time. 4th-6th grade/7th-9th grade week long camps, 10th-12th Senior High Camps. For the families, there is a weekend of Family Camp for the WHOLE family as well as Grandparent and Grandchild camp as a time for bonding with the 'Grandest' members of the family!

Grab a brochure from your church or check out <http://www.shetek.org> for more information and registration forms. If this sounds like something that you are onboard with and so excited to go, we can help make it happen for you!

6th graders, if you are especially interested in going to camp, come help with the spaghetti suppers at the churches to help fundraise to offset the cost of camp.

### DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF WINDS OF THE PRAIRIE,

It seems as if winter has finally come! May you all be staying warm and safe. I want to thank all of you for your continued support and prayers as I travel this journey through seminary. My husband Anthony and I are in our sixth month at our respective internship sites (I am at Christ Lutheran in Hartford, SD and he is at First Lutheran and St. Jacob's Lutheran in Colton, SD). We have been greatly blessed during these last few months through everything we have been learning. We were not sure what to expect when we first started, but it has been pretty amazing to see God's work in our congregations and in our own lives. A little over a month into our internships, we found out that we will also be learning how to be parents. It was a big surprise, and it has certainly made internship more interesting, but we are looking forward to our little blessing in May!

Thank you also for being willing to support the intern ministry, as we interns really learn and grow in our roles during this year.

Peace be with you,

Stephanie (Gregor) and Anthony Christoffels

# 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.

## MARCH PREACHING SCHEDULE

		<b>Peace (8:30)</b>	<b>Bethany (8:30)</b>	<b>Grace (10:30)</b>	<b>Bethany-Elim (8:30)</b>	<b>St. Paul (10:30)</b>
<b>Sat, Mar 3</b>	<i>Holy Communion</i>		Rasmusson			
<b>Sun, Mar 4</b>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson	Landa	Landa
<b>Sat, Mar 10</b>	<i>Service of the Word</i>	Rasmusson				
<b>Sun, Mar 11</b>	<i>Service of the Word</i>	Landa	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	<i>No Service: Beef Dinner</i>	Anderson
<b>Sat, Mar 17</b>	<i>Holy Communion</i>				Anderson	
<b>Sun, Mar 18</b>	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Anderson	Landa	Landa	Rasmusson	Rasmusson
<b>Sat, Mar 24</b>	<i>Holy Communion</i>			Rasmusson		
<b>Sun, Mar 25</b>	<i>Service of the Word</i>	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson	Landa	Landa

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Peace 5:30</b>	<b>Grace 7:00</b>	<b>Bethany 7:00</b>	<b>B-E 5:30</b>	<b>St. Paul 7:00</b>
<b>Feb 22</b>	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Landa	Anderson	Anderson
<b>Feb 29</b>	Landa	Landa	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Hope
<b>March 7</b>	Anderson	Anderson	Landa	Landa	Hope
<b>March 14</b>	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson	Hope
<b>March 21</b>	Anderson/Landa	Anderson/Landa	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Hope
<b>March 28</b>	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson/Landa	Anderson/Landa	Hope
<b>April 4</b>				Seder @ Ivanhoe 6 pm	
<b>April 5 Maundy Thursday</b>				Holy Communion Service @ 7 pm	
<b>April 6 Good Friday</b>	3:00 pm Blended @ Community Center	Good Friday Service @ 7 pm PJ/VB			Blended Service @ 7 pm-PS
<b>April 7 Easter Vigil</b>			Vigil with Communion @ 6:30 pm		

# PASTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2011

Worship	Education	Meetings	Pastoral Acts	Visits
21 - Sundays Worships Total	9 - Bible/Book Study	6 - Council/Meeting	2 - Funeral	17 - Home
5 - Nursing Home	1 - Acolyte Training	1 - WXY	6 - Counseling	5 - Hospital
4 - Saturday Night	4 - TFA	3 - Synod		6 - Public Events
4 - Annual Meetings	3 wks of Pastor's Education	1 - Worship Plan		



## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY TEXTS FOR STUDY

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel	Theme
March 4, 2012	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38	Second Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2012	Exodus 20:1-17	19	1Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22	Third Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2012	Numbers 21:4-9	107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21	Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 25, 2012	Jeremiah 31:31-34	51:1-12	Hebrews 5:1-10	John 12:20-33	Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 1, 2012	Isaiah 50:4-9a	31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 21:1-11 Mark 14:1-15:47	Palm/Passion Sunday

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:** Men are invited to gather at 7:30 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at Rusty's in Taunton and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in Ivanhoe at Bethany-Elim Lutheran Church.

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

**Wednesday morning Text Study** at 8:30 am at Grace Lutheran in Lake Benton will be "Reading the Bible in 90 Days" for the Lenten discipline. Come and join in on the fun.

**Bible Study on Second and Fourth Tuesday at 10 am** will be "Reading the Bible in 90 days" as our Lenten discipline.

## PRAYER FOR LENT

You have two opportunities for prayer during this Lenten season.



- Each household should have selected a new household to pray for from the bowl at church. You may continue to pray for the household you had during Epiphany even after you have contacted them to tell them you were praying for them.
- The PRAYER VIGIL will take place again from 3 pm on Good Friday until 6:30 pm as we begin the Easter Vigil on Saturday. Pastor Julie will be bringing the schedule around during Lent on Sundays and Wednesdays.

## WXY SPAGHETTI SUPPERS DURING LENT

The WXY will be having a Spaghetti supper at each of the congregations during the Lenten season. The free will offering will go to support the Summer 2012 trips to the Boundary Waters, Eagle Butte and camperships. Bring your appetite to the following congregations on these weeks.

<b>February 29</b>	Peace Lutheran in Ruthton at 6 pm
<b>March 7</b>	Bethany Lutheran in Arco at 5:30 pm
<b>March 14</b>	Grace Lutheran in Lake Benton at 5:30 pm
<b>March 21</b>	Bethany-Elim Lutheran in Ivanhoe at 6 pm



## HOLY MOSES!

This year for Lent we are going to try something fun- we have some fun dramas planned with Moses and the 10 Commandments. Appropriately titled- Holy Moses! We will take a journey on Wednesday evenings through the 10 Commandments and how Jesus has fulfilled the law through the Gospel. Each week will dive into two Commandments and then see how Jesus was the fulfillment to the law that was given to us through Moses.



## LENTEN BABY SHOWER

Baskets will be 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.



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thanks to everyone for helping make our first Souper Bowl Sunday such a success. Between our five congregations \$614.00 was given to the local food shelves and several hundred items of food. Over \$7 million dollars has been collected by over 6,000 groups across the country. Thanks to the WXY for leading worship and educating us all on hunger.

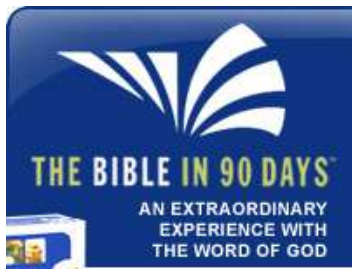


## DATABASE UPDATE

The Winds of the Prairie Ministry Council authorized the purchase of a database service at their December meeting. This means that we will be updating our congregational records as they are input into the database. Each congregation will have a separate list for member information, attendance recording and giving records.

The people who are inputting the information are receiving training and will soon be transferring the information to the database. As soon as the information is in place you will be able to request access to your own records so you can update it and have access to your giving records. Contact with households will follow to confirm and check our data input.

As part of the Doctor of Ministry program that Pastor Julie is participating in she is experimenting with the tools to track attendance, record financial giving and checking out other features of the new program. We'll try some different ways to inform and record the life of our worship and congregations' activities along with communication features. Your input will be greatly appreciated. More to come soon.



## READ THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS

Why not join one of the groups who are reading the Bible in 90 days during the Lent and Easter seasons. The Wednesday morning 8:30 am group at Grace Lutheran and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday group at Bethany-Elim in Ivanhoe welcome those who wish to accept the challenge.



KRISTEN RUUD, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Did you know that Shetek Lutheran Ministries is *your* camp? It is true! Shetek Lutheran Ministries (SLM) is an extension of the ministry of its member congregations which include Winds of the Prairie. We join you in hearing and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ!

In partnering with SLM you help provide Christ centered opportunities for people of all ages! There are programs for Grandparents, 3rd graders, confirmation youth, engaged couples, scrapbookers, families, and the list goes on. These programs provide a place a part in community and creation. In the hustle and bustle of everyday life it can sometimes be hard to see or hear that God's promises are for us. At camp our senses are often open in new ways to witness this transformative message that we are loved, loveable and not alone.

As partners with SLM in ministry, you help build future leaders. Campers are affirmed and discover gifts and talents here at camp. Not only are the lives of campers shaped, but the many young adults who serve on summer staff often God's call to future leadership while at camp. Whether they continue to become teachers, nurses, pastors, or farmers, camp staff reflect on how God is calling them to serve.

Thank you for being part of Shetek Lutheran Ministries! We are blessed to be in ministry with WOP. You are an important piece of what happens at SLM and we hope that you will participate in and pray for *your* camp, Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

# STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

## What is an Endowment for?

We are in a unique time in the history of sharing of wealth. There is a projection that wealth is gathered together in ways that will allow for a great passing on of that wealth to future generations. This is being done with the formation of our congregational and synod-wide endowment funds. These funds allow for the collection of gifts both large and small to be gathered together to create a source of revenue that keeps on giving for years and even generations to come.

In the Old Testament an Ebenezer is a memorial to which you add a stone when there is a significant event. Our endowment fund is an Ebenezer to place our treasures from this time to provide for Christ's ministries through the SW MN Synod as well as our National and Global

Ministries of the ELCA for generations to come.

In our synod an annual withdrawal of 4.25% of the corpus (principal) is used to support and develop new missions and ministries for the benefit of our synod congregations. In the past few years these funds have helped to support:

- Unique Projects that Benefit our Synod and its Ministry
  - Leadership Day Staff Education
  - Child in our Hands Congregational Steward Events
  - Pastor to Pastor Equipping Congregations
  - Office Updates
- Synod Youth Ministry
- Global and American Ministry
- Pastoral Leadership
  - Seminary Scholarships
  - Educational Debt Reduction
  - Pension Equity

Congregations can also set up their own endowment accounts for the benefit of future generations. The policies put in place for endowments and memorials help to give people a reason to place treasures above and beyond the mission support to the congregation and our synod.

Having policies and guidelines for memorial and endowment funds allow your congregational members to feel comfortable in leaving a gift now or through a will, trust, or some type of life income agreement. This will allow your congregation to be blessed in providing for the future needs of the church.

If individuals or your congregation needs help in facilitating a gift or starting an endowment for ministry now or in the future please call the SW MN Synod Office for assistance. Remember when you have a plan - people will put you in their plan.

I wish you and your congregation many blessings for a great year of renewed stewardship and commitment in 2012.

Bill Elmstrom  
Charitable Gift Planner  
Lutheran Planned Giving of  
Western Minnesota

April is Synod Endowment Month so look for more stories of how the gift of giving has changed the lives of the givers while sharing the blessings of today for the benefit of all.

*The Endowment Committee*

# FAMILY FAITH

NANCY KROG

## LIONS AND LAMBS

**TODAY'S READING:** Isaiah 11:1-9

"The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them."

**FAITH WALK:** Take walks on two different days – a "good" weather day and a "bad" weather day. Compare the two walks. Which one did you like more?

### FAITH TALK:

- In early spring, the weather changes frequently and sometimes rapidly. That is why the phrase "March: in like a lion, out like a lamb" is used. What is the difference between a "lion day" and a "lamb day"?
- How are real lions and real lambs different from each other?
- In the Bible verse, Isaiah paints a picture of peace among the animal kingdoms and people. This is the peace brought by Jesus' death on the cross and which we will experience in heaven. What is peace?
- This picture of God's kingdom is much like God's kingdom before the fall of sin in the Garden of Eden. How are heaven and the Garden of Eden similar?
- Close your eyes and imagine heaven as each family member takes turns describing it in their own words.

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE:

Dear God our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth,

You are preparing a place for us in heaven, a place filled with all good and wonderful things, especially Your glory. When we have pain, sadness, or trouble, help us to focus on what You have done for us through Christ, picturing heaven and remembering that someday we will no longer have the hurts and problems of this world. In His saving name, Amen.

*(Family Faith Walks, by Kelly J. Haack, 2002)*

# BETHANY, ARCO

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

**USHERS:** Mike and Lynette Hauswedell

Ardis & Maris Henriksen - Lenten Services

**ALTAR GUILD:** Ardis Henriksen



## BETHANY NEWS

ILENE SORENSEN

When you read this we will have had our annual meeting. I hope you were there and voiced your opinion. That is what makes a church grow and prosper.

At our organizational meeting in February, we elected our officers:

Randy Noble-President, Gayle Rasmussen-Vice President, Ilene Sorensen-Secretary, and Lynette Madsen as our representative on the Winds of the Prairie Board. We also have Calla Thooft on the board. We welcome newly elected Randy Noble and Bernice Oerter onto our council. If anyone have concerns please contact anyone on the council.

At our brief meeting, we decided the Lenten service soup supper offerings would go to Shetek, family event at Bethany, food shelf, and Cosa Hogar. The WXY group will be serving one of the suppers for a fund raiser. The soup supper and fellowship begins at 6:00 with worship at 7:00. We hope to see you there.

If anyone is interested in the Lutheran magazine, please talk to Marie Henriksen. She will be doing the ordering.

We know 2012 will hold many challenges for us. We ask that you attend and support Bethany and WOTP as we face the upcoming year. Together we will be able to handle the exciting unknown future.

See you in church.

## BETHANY-ELIM, IVANHOE

### BETHANY-EIM COUNCIL NEWS

SHARON RASMUSSEN, PRESIDENT

On February 5, 2012, we had a great annual meeting with good attendance and lots of questions and ideas. It gave our council some awesome projects to complete. For example, next year we will develop a budget for the parsonage so we can clearly identify costs and needed improvements.

PLEASE help! We need another couple to help Kyle Krier with the Beef Dinner. He has graciously agreed to head it once more. We are changing to service groups next year, so an entire group will help spear head the Beef Dinners in the future. This year, we need one wonderful couple or person to volunteer to help.

Sign up sheets are posted for the Lenten Service Soup Suppers. Please sign up and help as you are able!

### BETHANY-ELIM SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

NANCY KROG

Parents of our preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School children were invited to attend, "Parents and Pastries" on January 29. We enjoyed rolls from the bakery and our featured guest was our missionary from Botswana, Africa, Heidi Epple and her foster child Bokang. Heidi gave an informative and interactive presentation about life in Africa and her work as she spreads God's word to more than 50 children per day in her home. She shared how God will provide what we need. She reminded our children that "God has a plan for you, it is for good and not evil." Heidi also shared some corn mash with us as an

example of what she feeds the children who come to her home. A huge thank you to Heidi for sharing your adventures with us and we pray for her safe return to Africa in February.

### BETHANY-ELIM VBS FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for February 26, the kids will be singing their favorite Vacation Bible School songs during worship and we'll be collecting sponsorships and donations for VBS 2012. Sunday School families will be serving brunch after worship and free will offering will be collected. Shetek is scheduled to come to Ivanhoe June 18-21, 2012, and is open for all children entering Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

# GRACE, LAKE BENTON

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

**USHERS:** Wayne Fehrman, Michael Haugan,  
Derek Haugen, Gary Heffele

**ALTAR GUILD:** Romelle Pritchett

## NOTES & DATES

**GLCW:** March 2, No GLCW Meeting this month.

Members are encouraged to attend World Day of Prayer at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church at 2:00pm.

**GLCW Bible Study:** March 14 @ 1:30 in Fellowship Room with Deloris Johnson will be the Hostess

**Block Day:** March 21

**Do Day:** March 28

April 1<sup>st</sup> will be Palm Sunday with Sunday School children carrying palms as well as sponsoring a breakfast to raise funds for VBS.

## GRACIOUS WORDS

### KAREN LICHTSINN

The Grace church council attended the Equipping Congregational Leaders Workshop on Feb 11 in Willmar, MN. The workshops and speakers were wonderful, but the trip up and back is always entertaining. Meeting at 6:30 AM, the group of 8 started out for Willmar in the WOTP van; with Pastor Julie at the wheel, and Vicar Bailey riding shotgun. During the chilly ride up (it was -5 below zero and the van experienced some heat challenges!) we sipped hot coffee, ate rolls and had a few laughs. Two of our newest council members were in attendance, so it gave us all a chance to get better acquainted. Upon arrival, we all hurried in to find spots near the heating units to thaw out our toes. But after another cup of java, we were ready for the day.

The event was a smashing success, with over 400 registered for the day-long gathering. The keynote speaker, Jessicah Duckworth, from Luther Seminary, spoke about the content of the Catechism, as the inspiration for a Missional Church and a guide in our daily Christian life. (I did not know that the Catechism is right there in the back of the red ELW hymnal? Kind of handy!) We had the opportunity to select from over 35 workshops for the morning and afternoon breakout sessions, which included topics like Discovering Hope for Rural Congregations, Where Have All the Parents Gone?, Children in Worship, ELCA World Hunger, Technology in Worship and Lutheran Men in Mission. It was inspirational to learn of all the mission and evangelism projects growing within our own synod. During the afternoon, we heard from our own

Bishop Jon Anderson, preaching on "Where are you being sent?", as part of the ELCA focus on Walking Together in Christ's Mission. Of course the music and singing is always special; and when you have that many Lutherans in one room (including Pastors), the 4-part harmony just makes the rafters swell. Calvary Lutheran in Willmar is a beautiful church and was perfect for the large gathering.

During lunch we were able to sneak in a few minutes for a brief church council meeting, although we spent most of the lunch break talking with old friends, including Pastor Jackie Harvestine (I still catch myself calling her Vicar Jackie...oops!) The day was enjoyed by all, with something of interest for everyone. I encourage all the WOTP councils to attend this event next year. Fun, educational and inspirational.

Thanks to the men of Grace for the Valentine's Day Brunch held on Feb 19; with the men of the congregation serving grilled pork loin for the ladies. The fundraiser was a success and will help to offset our deficit. Keep up the good work, we are making progress. To continue our fund-raising efforts, Grace is also planning a church-wide garage sale on June 1-2, so set aside items during your spring cleaning to help support the event. Save time and energy by donating your items to the church, and let us do all the work!

On Feb 25, Grace held their annual community sledding event at the Hole-in-the-Mountain Park, although we did not have much snow. But that did not dampen our spirits (or our mittens). CONTINUED ON FOLLOWING PAGE

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Inside the Chalet, we enjoyed plenty of good food, played some board games and even participated in a few outdoor games as well. After dinner, we held our Saturday night worship upstairs in the Chalet. Maybe next year we will have more snow!

## GRACE LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

PAT JOHNSON

Thank you for the support given to the children during our Sunday school breakfast brunch on Jan. 29. Donations given will go into the student activity fund. This fund can be used to send children to Shetek Bible Camp, Jr. & Sr. High events, and other activities.

Also, thank you to our Grace Men Singing Group for their special donation to the Sunday school and VBS program. You are the greatest! Love your singing guys.

In January and February, we have been studying about the Miracles of Jesus. We also have continued sending our prayer concern cards to our congregation members and friends and also made special valentine's day cards. We hope we brought God's love to the recipients of our cards and notes.

Looking forward - we are in the planning stages of our VBS to be held June 4-8.

As a reminder, each Wednesday during Lent, Grace will hold their Lenten Suppers at 6 PM before worship. Please join us for good food and fellowship each Wednesday before the 7 PM worship services. On March 14, the WXY will be serving a spaghetti dinner before the Lenten service, so please join us to support our youth.

We will be hosting our annual VBS Breakfast Fund Raiser and Raffle on Palm Sunday, April 1. It will be held before church starting at 9 a.m. The raffle drawing will be at 10 a.m. We will serve pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. A free will donation will be taken. We will start selling raffle tickets on March 4. Tickets will be 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. We are very thankful for all the wonderful support given to our Sunday school and VBS programs. Previous breakfasts and raffles have been able to cover the cost of our VBS materials. Last year we touched 63 children's lives, and we look forward to another exciting VBS.

### UPCOMING DATES:

**April 1** - VBS Fund Raising Breakfast & Raffle (starting 9am)

**April 8** - Easter - no Sunday school

**April 29** - Secret Prayer Pal Revealing Party (9am)

## PEACE, RUTHTON

### NOTES AND DATES

**Lenton Services at 5:30pm each Wednesday beginning February 29.**

**Lunch after Lenton Services will be served by the following:**

**February 29** -- St Matthew Circle

**March 7** -- St Mark Circle

**March 14** -- St John Circle

**March 21** -- Sunday School

**March 28** -- Library

**Wednesday, March 7-** Church Council will meet following Lenten worship services

### CIRCLES:

**Tuesday, March 6, 2pm** -- St Mark Circle at Lilen Kuhlman Home

**Monday, March 12, 5pm** -- St John Circle at the Church

**Wednesday, March 14, 2pm** -- PLCW

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## BETHANY (ARCO):

Pray for Don & Delores Oerter, Dagmar Blegen, Elsie Barber, Travis Noble, and Harley Johnson (brother of Joan Lundberg)

## BETHANY-ELIM (IVANHOE):

Pray for Vivian Larsen, Mavis Nielsen, Kay Weckert, Bernie Aronson, Dennis Healy, Muriel Koopman, Rhoda Larson, Charmaine Lundberg, Dave Lawrence, Dennis Amundson, Ken Swanson, Brenda Sheik, Bruce Kelm (brother of Gretchen Suhr); Gabriel Johnson (Grandson of Norma Jean Johnson); Leigh Jerzak; Michael Kropp; Jackson Nelson (son of Ryan & Kate Nelson); Kristi Morelan; Dareld Benz (brother of Mavis Nielsen); Nancy Resmen (sister-in-law of Bernadine Olsen); Linda Vlaminck (Sister-in-Law of Dave & Marlene Lawrence); and Mary Grace Nelson (daughter of Ryan & Kate Nelson).

## GRACE (LAKE BENTON):

Pray for Norma Burdick, Robert Boll; Joyce McColn (sister of Carl Burk); Rev. Gary Kubly (MN Senator); Paula Jacobson (Daughter of Wayne & Annette Fehrman); Earl Klitzke; and Chet Borresen

## PEACE (RUTHTON):

Pray for Bonita Fuhrmann, Marian Rupp, Herb Vinson, Lance Preston, George Vinson, Carolyn Holck, Edna Haraldsen, Lavonne Fuhrmann, and Cliff Kittelson.

## ST. PAUL (MINNEOTA):

Pray for the family of Frank Josephson. Pray for Lyall Gislason, Doris Richards, Clara DeRoode, & Crystal Gawarecki.

## TYLER NURSING HOME:

Cliff Kittleson, Carolyn Holck, Harvey Christensen- Peace Lutheran

## HENDRICKS NURSING HOME:

Ila Rasmussen, Bethany 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 Matt Schaefer (in Kuwait); Lucas Oerter, Scott Johnson, Jon Dougherty, Christian Vizecky, Jon and Jack Healy, 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