

CrossWinds

Newsletter of Winds of the Prairie Ministry

Bethany: Bethany-Elim: Grace: Peace: St Paul

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First Word

Practicing the presence.

Pastor Stephen

As Christians we are called to pray without ceasing, to continually live in conversation with God (1 Thessalonians 5:7). What would it be like to be going through life with Jesus always at your shoulder, knowing the reality of Jesus' promise to be with you always? What mysteries and wonders might be around us if we were always knowing the presence of God among God's people?

"That we should establish ourselves in a sense of GOD's Presence, by continually conversing with Him. That it was a shameful thing to quit His conversation, to think of trifles and fooleries."

— Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*

Brother Lawrence was a layperson of the 17th century who joined a community of faith known as the Barefoot Carmelites. He was noted for his ability to experience the presence of God every moment of the day, every day of his life. His little book entitled "The Practice of the Presence of God" has become a favorite devotional classic for all Christians as well as followers of many other religions.

What stands in the way of our knowing the presence of God, according to Br. Lawrence?

Self-estimation – we think that if God really knew us (and of course he does) we would be the last person God would hang with.

Bargaining with God – when we know that we have fallen short of accomplishing all that God would have us do, we thank that by doing something good, we can renew our relationship with God.

Lack of love toward neighbor – When we make our favor with god to be a competition with others, it is only natural that we should treat the neighbor as a competitor, not a brother or sister.

Discomfort with the work of the day – here we reason, "If God were truly present with me today, I wouldn't hate this job!"

Lack of perfection in our neighbor – I would be closer to God, if only I didn't have to put up with (put the name of your nemesis here). We blame others for our lack of closeness to God.

How are we to come closer to God?

Repentance – When our failures, our weaknesses, our brokenness seem to prevent us from being closer to God, it is then that the most powerful gift of God, comes to play. Repentance and forgiveness removes the barrier to our consciousness of the presence of God.

Fear and love God – We know, deep within ourselves, that we do not attain the righteousness of God, and this causes our fear before our creator. But, because of our knowing the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, we know the love of God. Seeking the love of God in our day, seeing God's work for us every day, will open us further to God's presence.

Practice the works of God done in through us in the gifts of faith, hope and love.

“That all things are possible to him who believes, that they are less difficult to him who hopes, they are more easy to him who loves, and still more easy to him who perseveres in the practice of these three virtues.”

– Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*

Pastor Stephen Rasmussen



Intern's Intonations

“Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’” (John 5: 2-6)

There is a choice to be made here. I wasn't expecting that. This is a gospel text we used on the Sunday in February when I visited the Upper Peninsula unexpectedly because my husband Larry encountered a pretty serious health episode. The need for healing and wellness came knocking on our own door aggressively. While I didn't end up preparing a sermon that week, I had already started living with the text for the week. It has stuck with me.

As someone drawn to literature and wordsmithing, I've appreciated how the biblical texts change – or, perhaps more accurately, how our understandings of them change. Our experiences, our needs, our prayers, our joys shine like lights from different angles on the texts and reveal newness all the time.

My most jarring experience of this happened in December, 2012. I was all set to give my first sermon at the church I was assigned to in Chicago during my second year of seminary. It was a text from Luke about John the Baptist. I had a clever little scene set up for the sermon in which the pastor of that church, who baptized about 20 babies each year, took up the

ancient baptizers' persona, leaned into those gathered to welcome a new child into the church, and yelled – “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come. “ There was an ax poised at the root of a tree and unquenchable fire in the story too. But I didn't give them much heed.

But then the shooting at Sandy Hook in Connecticut happened. The news was still so terribly raw for the world witnessing this horrible picture of brokenness as people assembled for worship that Sunday.

“Under typical circumstances I'd read this text and scratch my head for a minute. Then I'd force myself to dive deeper into John's many exhortations to find what glimmers like good news,” I said. “But today I'm drawn more to the glimmer of the ax at the base of the tree and thinking about some bad-fruit bearing trees I'd like to see come crashing to the ground. I'd like to see this Messiah John is describing out in the world with that winnowing fork ... tossing chaff into the unquenchable fires and keeping it far and forever away from our babies and loved ones.”

So this month I found myself on that quaking ground again, this time between the first re-read of the story of John's man at Beth-zatha and the health crisis our family experienced. The story changed. When I'd read the story before, I don't think I stopped for a very close look. In my memory of the story I had categorized this encounter between Jesus and this man as a rescue from disease and disconnection from community. But now, I saw it more clearly as story about a man perched on the edge between unwellness and his wellness; a man precariously navigating the boundary between those two realities.

This time, I kept hearing Jesus ask the man at Beth-zatha, “Do you want to be made well?” I was drawn to the choice Jesus placed before this man who now seemed so passive – waiting 38 years for someone to show up and take him into the pool. And then the Messiah himself comes along and all the man can think about are all the reasons he can't get in the pool.

Despite the man's inability to see beyond his distractions and even his ability to recognize and believe in the man now standing before him, Jesus does heal him and sends him on this way (where he then stirs up other pools – namely the pools of Jewish leaders looking to shut this Jesus guy up for good.)

But the new encounter with this story helped me realize that we do have choices between all manners of wellness and unwellness. And frankly the unwellness side of the equation can look more desirable – it's the known, the familiar, the comfortable and predictable way of things. But now we have this guy standing before us. He's already changed everything and lit the path to wellness, put the darkness of unwellness into its proper contrast. The healing has already happened and so the question *really is* “Do you want to be made well?”

I pray that question hangs with me for a good long time as I make my way toward ordained ministry, as our family moves forward into better health, and as our country and world seek that which is life-giving for all of creation.

Vicar Ann



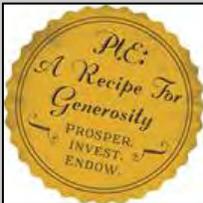
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS-Mind, Body Spirit

Our life is not one thing, but a blend of many parts. In particular we like to talk of mind, body and spirit. To do God's work we need to balance and strengthen these parts of our being. As part of our theme let us take an opportunity to each month address something we can do in each area to better able make us

MIND: Our minds are active and dreams are one way it communicates with us. Call someone this month and ask what their dreams are and really listen to them. Share your dreams with someone and listen to what they see in your dreams to help you interpret them.

BODY: This month's health emphasis include issues of Colorectal and Kidney Cancer, National Nutrition Month, Save Your Vision & Workplace Eye Wellness, Sleep Awareness, Patient Safety, Brain Awareness, Poison Prevention, are just some of the physical issues to consider testing for depending on your family history. With National Nutrition Month take a good look at your dietary habits. Consider adding healthier foods and getting rid of unhealthy ones.

SPIRIT: New "Our Daily Bread" devotionals are available for the next three months so begin the habit of daily reading of a devotion.



P.I.E.: (Prosper Invest Endow): A Recipe for Generosity Saturday March 22 9:30 to 11:30

Families are invited to join others and people with a passion for helping facilitate conversations of how to plan for transfer of property and strengthening family ties. We gather for pie and coffee to model the conversations. Register your family at www.swmnelca.org attend this free event and have your pick of pie.

2014 Lenten Worship Schedule: March 5 to March 9th

WE have talked about the Faith 5 for awhile and now is the time to intentionally learn how this practice enhances our discipleship. When you look at the steps it really is patterned after our order of worship. So think of this as daily home worship as a household just like the early church.



ASH WEDNESDAY— March 5 we'll meet in the sanctuary for our service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. The weeks of March 12 to March 9 we'll meet around tables in the Fellowship Areas as we learn and practice Faith 5 in fellowship. We'll look at some of the "I am" statements of Jesus. This is for all ages and household arrangements to come together as the family of God.

Worship Gathering Times

Bethany—6 pm-supper to follow

Bethany-Elim—7:30 pm –supper at 6:30

Grace—7 pm—supper at 6 pm

Peace—5:30 pm

St.Paul's—6 pm we start with supper followed by FAITH 5 time.

Holy Week: Wednesday, April 16–6pm Seder at Bethany-Elim in Ivanhoe

Maundy Thursday, April 17-3 pm Ruthton Community Center &

7 pm Grace Lutheran in Lake Benton

Good Friday, April 18– 1 pm Walk of the Cross around Minneota &

7 pm Good Friday Service at St Paul in Minneota

Easter Vigil, April 19– 6:30 pm Bethany in Arco

Easter Sunrise Service, April 20– 6:30 am at Diamond Lake Chapel

Easter Services at each congregation at respective times.

Narrative Lectionary for March

The Narrative Lectionary is an awesome, exciting, integrated, organized, unique means of experiencing the Bible story in worship. We began at the beginning of the Bible as the story of God's creation and involvement with humanity was revealed in the stories of the ordinary people who believe in an extraordinary God. During the Fall, we remembered the Old Testament witness of God's Chosen People. We now use those stories to reflect upon the fulfillment of God's plan and purposes to find a way for the relationship with humanity to be repaired.

We are now in the season of Lent where we begin to journey with Jesus' on the way to the cross. In the Gospel of John we'll begin with the sign of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, setting up the events of Holy Week during our Sundays of Lent. The themes of light and dark take on new meanings during this time.

Jesus continues engaging people in dialogue for teaching purposes. He is the one to whom people come with questions which he then turns around to his own questions which help guide the person to find the truth. The time in Jerusalem at the time of Passover sets the stage for the completion of Jesus' ministry.

Each week there will be a devotional study and readings on the back of the bulletin for you to read the stories in between the Sunday readings. With some daily reading you will see the unfolding of God's plan for humanity. Why not use the daily reading as a way to begin or end your day to let God's Word be an active part of your life.



VBS Dates for 2014

Minneota: May 26 to 30 from 9 am to 12 except May 26 in evening at Hope Lutheran Church.

Lake Benton & Ruthton: June 1 to 6 (Sunday or Monday start) from 5:00 pm to 8:00 at Grace Lutheran Church

Arco/Ivanhoe/Wilno: June 9 to 12 in the afternoon at Bethany-Elim.

Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information.

Date	Supporting Reading	Psalm	Gospel Reading	Theme
March 2	2 Samuel 5:6-8	23	John 9:1-41	Jesus gives sight to a man born blind
March 9	Revelations 20:4-6	104:27-30	John 11:1-44	Raising of Lazarus
March 16	1 John 3:5-12	51:7-12	John 13:1-19	Footwashing by Jesus
March 23	1 John 1:6-10	17:1-7	John 11:6-10	Peter's Denial
March 30	1 John 3:18-24	145:10-13	John 18:28-40	Jesus and Pilate

Benefit / Fundraiser for Les Blegen on March 23rd at the Ivanhoe VFW

9am-1pm there will be a Bake Sale, Silent Auction and Pancake Feed with a free will offering.

Les was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in December of 2013 and is currently undergoing treatments at Avera. The proceeds from this benefit/fundraiser will help offset the medical bills and for travel back & forth during the extensive ongoing treatments.

Please contact Brenda Koopman @ 507-530-4595 or Carol Renken @ 507-247-5644 with donations for the bake sale, silent auction or to make a cash donation.



March 2014 Preaching Schedule

March	Grace:8:30	Peace:10:30	Bethany-Elim - 8:30	Bethany-8:30	St Paul 10:30
Sunday, March 02, 2014	Gonyea	Gonyea	Rasmusson	J. Greathouse	J. Greathouse
Wednesday, March 05, 2014	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson	Gonyea
Sunday, March 09, 2014	Anderson	Anderson	Gonyea	Rasmusson	Rasmusson
Wednesday, March 12, 2014	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson	Gonyea
Sunday, March 16, 2014	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	5pm Saturday Anderson	Anderson	Anderson
Wednesday, March 19, 2014	Anderson	Anderson	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Gonyea
Sunday, March 23, 2014	Gonyea	Gonyea	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson
Wednesday, March 26, 2014	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson	Gonyea
Sunday, March 30, 2014	Anderson	Anderson	Gonyea	Rasmusson	Rasmusson

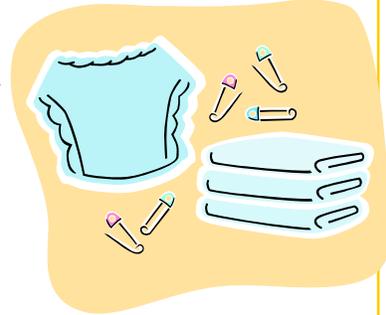
Prayer Vigil 2014

Our annual Prayer Vigil will be held on Good Friday starting at noon until 6 pm on Saturday .

Signups for times will come around with Pastor Julie during services during

Lenten Baby Shower

Baskets will be at all congregations beginning in Lent until May 1 for you to put in your baby items. The baskets will be split between the four counties our congregational members reside in going to the Human Services agencies. Items such as clothing, diapers, toys and toiletries are welcome. It is probably best to avoid food and medicine items due to expiration dates.



News for Men

The 2014 Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat will be held Saturday, March 15 with a pre-retreat Friday, March 14, both held at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spencer, MN. The pre-retreat Friday evening will be a program about Relational Leadership by Laura Praske, Tentmakers Ministry, an interactive and participative workshop to integrate faith-based leadership skills into your personal and professional life. Saturday's retreat will be focused on Building Men for Christ by Jeff Mason, Lutheran Men in Mission Region 3 Board Director.

Retreat Cost: \$25 for Friday's pre-retreat, \$65 for Friday & Saturday's retreat (discount applies), \$65 for just Saturday's retreat (discount applies), \$35 additional cost for lodging on Friday night at Green Lake Bible Camp (no discount). To get a discount, register before March 1 or register as a group anytime to receive \$5 off! Registration fee includes programming, meals and donation to the SW MN LMM. If you are under 21 there are scholarships for you to go for free. Call Kristin Brakeberg at 507-637-3904 with any questions regarding the registration. Register online at www.swmnelca.org –

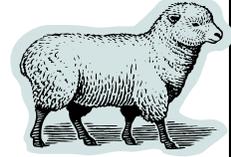
GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS T-SHIRTS



T-shirts in Adult and Ladies sizes are available for **\$10** from the WOTPM office. They are bright green with the WOTPM logo on the front and hands on the back bearing the faith practices of the home and the community of faith. Call the office to get yours and it can be delivered on Sunday to you at worship.



Secretary's Corner



**Will March go out like a lion or lamb?
Make your prediction & send it to the office at
WOTPM@frontier.com**

We have a fantastic way to help our WXY youth out with a fundraiser which will also put fresh, delectable fruit in your hands each and every month throughout the year. We have had a great response to this already in a very short time which is exciting. Please check out the article in the newsletter and call if you have questions.

We are still looking for volunteers to help assemble the monthly newsletter which will take about 3 hours once a month. We have a wonderful group of ladies who can attest to the laughs that are had while assembling the newsletter and the coffee & treats that we enjoy afterwards. Please let us know if you are interested in being put on the call list.

Each month we will do a drawing for all of those who have requested that the newsletter be sent via email vs. snail mail. Last month's family was ARLINDA BED-NAREK. Please show up to church to claim your gift. THANK YOU!

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www.windsoftheprairie.org

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WOTPM@frontier.com to receive the newsletter via email.

FAITH NIGHT with the STAMPEDE

Sunday, March 23rd vs. Lincoln!

*Tickets only \$10!

Each ticket raises \$4 for our church!

*Family and friends are all welcome!

* Tickets need to be purchased by March 21st and will be placed at will-call.

*Please contact Brian Olthoff in the Stampede front office with any questions.

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Keep In Your Prayers

Bethany, Arco

Les Blegen, Aaron Delp, Buck Barber, Dorothy Bunjer, Norma Renken, Harvey & Blanche Jorgensen, Dagmar Blegen, Travis Noble, Connie Clausen(mother of Brenda Possail), Elsie Barber.

Bethany-Elim, Ivanhoe

Donna Kurth, Anna Zafft, Davey Lundberg, Ray & Ruth Johnson, Jeff Neyens, Rhoda Larson, Bruce Kelm (brother of Gretchen Suhr); Gabriel Johnson (Grandson of Norma Jean Johnson); 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), Ralph & Lynn Holland.

Grace, Lake Benton

Allan Johnson, Jeanette Nelsen, Norma Nielsen (Wanda Nordmeyer's sister), Marian Bennett, Cheryl Kjergaard, Mary Haugen, Naomi Enke, Norma Burdick, Annette Fehrman, Nancy Johnson, Paula Jacobson (Daughter of Wayne & Annette Fehrman), Earl Klitzke.

Peace, Ruthton

Herb Vinson, LeRoy Hartson(Rosmary's son), Bonita Fuhrmann, Carolyn Holck, Rosmary Hartson, Edwin Ewald, Ellen Hansen, Edna & Vern Haraldsen, and Cliff Kittelson.

St.Paul's Minneota

Clara DeRoode. Those away from home.

Those with silent health issues& undergoing treatments away from home.

Tyler Nursing Home

Cliff Kittleson, Carolyn Holck & Bonnie Fuhrmann(Peace), Annette Ferhman(Grace).

Hendricks Nursing Home

Ila Rasmussen(Bethany), Norma Burdick (Grace), Ruth Josephson (B-E)

Divine Providence Nursing Home

Mabel Dressen, Elsie Barber & Dagmar Blegen (Bethany)

Military

Pray for the leaders of this great nation & all nations of the world that seek peace. Pray for those who have family & friends who serve in the military or reserve forces. Especially: Jesse Zafft, Lucas Dougherty, Christian Vizecky, Danielle Thomsen, Michael Colman, Ross, Ryan, Angela & David Nelson, Allan Peterson, Derrick Linneman, Todd Board, Kyle Shiek, Alyson Bylone, Jim Pedersen, Justin Schmidt, Adam DeRoode, Pam Gregor, Paul Gregor Jr., Corey Gregor, Christopher Gregor & Paul Gregor.



WXY Youth 2014 Fundraiser

In February we started a year round opportunity to help our youth with a very simple fundraiser and to put fresh, scrumptious fruit in your bellies & on your tables.



The Fruit Club has graciously offered to donate 20% of the fruit sales each month thru out the year to the WXY Youth group.

*What is this all about, you may be asking yourself! The Fruit Club has teamed up with small, family orchards and groves to bring the best fresh produce to us each and every month of the year. It is based out of Sioux Falls, SD and the truck has been coming to Lake Benton(Lakeside Hwy 14 & 75) each month since August, so this is really close to home.

*What do you need to do to take part in helping our youth? Go to **www.thefruitclub.net** & place your order. (Please leave the BEST way to get in touch with you) so that you can receive a reminder call or email when the truck is scheduled to arrive. If you do not have access to the internet please call the office at 866-944-9687 or text 605-809-5190 to place your order. Pre-orders are a must for this truck—please check your weekly announcements for the deadline & delivery date.

There are “Coupons” at each of the churches and we ask that you bring that to the truck when you come to pick up your order (you pay at the truck). *Strawberries are very time sensitive and we ask that you come to the truck to pick them up yourselves as we can not be held responsible for them being held.*** The amount donated to WXY depends on your participation.

March fruit will be # 10 Florida Hand Picked from the garden Strawberries \$25
NUTS COME FROM GEORGIA (shelled)

1# English Walnuts - halves and pieces \$10

1# Raw Almonds \$10

1# Amaretto Chocolate Covered Pecans





The Hurricane

The Newsletter of WXY

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SUMMER TRIPS:



Boundary Waters Trip- Date Between July 6-12

Canoe the Boundry Waters. Test your Mettle. Catch some fish & eat 'em. Youth must be 13 years of age or older to attend. In preparation for the trip the group will be meeting on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3:30pm, starting in March, for training and orientation. This is a Venture Crew 316 sponsored trip. We outfit through Voyager North Outfitters of Ely. Our spiritual guides & paddle instructors will be Pastor Rasmusson & Vicar Gonyea.

Cost for the trip is around \$300 with a non-refundable deposit of \$75 made out to WOTP Ministry by Ides of March (5th).



Extreme Makeover: the Shetek Work Week : June 29 to July 3

We'll be going out and staying at Shetek Lutheran Camp to do some work and service out at the camp. Youth age 12 and up are welcome to register and there maybe opportunity for adults to join us for a day to assist with projects. Be part of maintaining and building our camp ministry.

Cost of trip is about \$150 for room and board for three days and you register with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 made out to Winds of the Prairie Ministry by March 28 to reserve your space.



Fundraisers for Summer Trips

Spaghetti Dinner at the Winds congregations during Lenten services which begin March 12. You will get a part of the proceeds for helping the make, set up, serve and clean up these dinners.

March 12 @ Peace March 19 @ Grace

March 26 @ Bethany-Elim March 2 @ Bethany March 9 @ St Paul

Shetek Lutheran Ministries: Camp Registration is now open!!!

Go to www.shetek.org to register and see what camps are available. Check with your church council to see what they have for scholarships. **Early Bird Registration** means register by **March 1** and save.

Venture Crew: Those Ages 14 to 21

March 9th at 3:30pm meeting at Grace to prepare for Summer trips.

TFA—Wed during Lent -Students will meet with their families at their home congregations to learn the FAITH 5 process.

Save the Date

March 21-22nd at Shetek for TFA—this is mandatory—each student should received information regarding registration & details at TFA, there was also information regarding this sent in the mail. Please call the office if you have not received this information.

Senior High youth gathering

March 28-29, 2014 in Mankato, MN

Each council will determine what they will reimburse participants who attend.

Late registration will begin March 1 and continues through March 7, 2014.

Registrations will be taken in the order received and space is limited. If you are a registered participant after the February 23 deadline, you will be charged a \$10 non-refundable late fee per person. No registrations can be taken on or after March 8.

Cost: \$85 per person (includes hotel room, programming, a Gathering t-shirt, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch). Please bring your own breakfast.



The \$85 per person payment is due with your registration. If you have cancellations before March 8 you will receive a \$25 refund for those registrations.

Registrations MUST be into the WOTP by March 4 so we have time to send them to the registration office. If your registration is late you

must pay for the late fee prior to attending.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Come and be part of history

2014 MAP (Multiple Area Parish) Summit

Saturday April 12, 2014 (Rescheduled due to weather)

St Matthew Lutheran Church of Wabasso



Leadership and Members gather to learn and share their experience of cooperating in a ministry where congregations share multiple persons as pastoral staff. Older parishes share their knowledge and the newer parishes share their excitement.

Come to learn from Dr. Scott Fredrickson about framing and affirming our ministry. Talk to your Council members or pastors about attending. All are welcome.

\$10 per individual or \$25 for 3 or more members from the same Parish and you can register on SWMN synod website. This event is designed for those in MAP cooperative ministry, so let us learn from one another about what God is up to here in Southwestern Minnesota.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ushers for March	Assisting Minister	Lector
Mike & Lynette Hauswedell	2 Gayle Rasmussen	2 Gayle Rasmussen
	5 Marie Henriksen	5 Beth Daniels
Lenten Services	9 None	9 Dar Schreurs
Ardis & Marie Henriksen	12 None	12 Marie Henriksen
	16 Jewel Noble	16 Ron Madsen
Altar Guild	19 None	19 Morgan Possail
Ardis Henriksen	23 None	23 Allan Lundberg
	26 None	26 Ardis Henriksen
	30 None	30 Beth Daniels

March 7 World Day of Prayer at St. Peter & Paul in Ivanhoe
March 14 WELCA—Bethany at B-E

BETHANY-ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ushers for March	Lector
2 Brandon & Kristy Gifford family	2 Gene Faulds
9 Roger & Angie Jerzak	9 Brandon Gifford
16 Elmer & Twila Koopman	16 Angie Jerzak
23 Kyle & Susan Krier family	23 Laura Josephsen
30 Kelly & Nancy Krog family	30 Cody Gifford

Assisting Minister	Acolyte
2 Julie Nelson	2 Cody Gifford
9 Mary Pedersen	9 Ethan Krier
16 Sharon Rasmusson	16 Jennifer Krog
23 Clyde Rost	23 Molly Krog
30 Merle Rost	30 Kathy Richmond

Rebekah Circle is held every month on the 3rd Tuesday at 1:30pm

Sunday School News by Nancy Krog

Dads and Donuts at BE

As a part of the Passing on Faith theory, the first through sixth graders gathered with their dads and ate lots of donuts! We celebrated the importance of Dads, in our home and our church family. Families shared what their favorite activity was to do with their Dad. Don Olsen graciously made and donated wooden oak book holders and each family as-



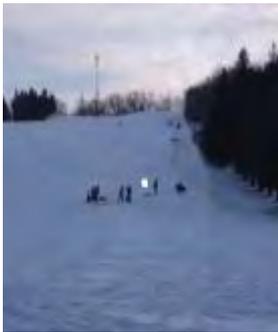
sembled them together. Pastor Steve led a devotional for the dads. The children presented their Dads with a men's Bible...entitled the "Master Builders Bible for Men". Each child signed their name in their Dad's new Bible. The kids created bookmarks for the Bibles as well.

Dads and Donuts was a memorable day for many reasons. Thanks to Pastor Steve for leading the day, thanks to the kids for bringing your dad and loving him so, thanks to the Dads for being good sports...enjoy the new Bible and book stand...we pray your new TOOLS are helpful.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 12—1:30pm Bible Study at Grace

Ushers for March Michael Haugen Derek Haugen Gary Heffle Jim Hershberger	Acolyte 2 Adrianna Johnson & Austin Johnson; 5 Jaylen Miller & Jayla Prosch; 9 Becca Berkenpas; 12 Tyson Weets; 16 Emma Czech; 19 Zach Miller; 23 Brandon Hefti; 26 Steven Czech; 30 John Sutherland
Altar Guild Romelle Pritchett	
Deacon/Lector Annie Weets	



We had a wonderful time at our sledding event on Feb. 8th at Hole in the Mountain Chalet, playing games indoors, sledding outside & warming up with some hot chocolate and great snacks. Thank you to all who attended the sledding event & worship, we hope to see you again next year.

Gracious Words -

Lenten Suppers and Services - Lent starts on Wednesday March 5, with the Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM at Grace (no supper will be served on Ash Wednesday). The following week, the Lenten Suppers will begin at 6 PM at the church followed by Lenten worship services at 7 PM. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex to help bring food and serve for the Lenten Suppers on Wednesday March 12, March 26, April 2 and April 9. The WXY will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at Grace on Wednesday March 19 at 6 PM before worship. Please join us each Wednesday for dinner and worship during the Lenten season.

March Deacon: Annie Weets

March Altar Guild: Romelle Pritchett

Peace Lutheran Church

March 24 at 9am Quilting

St Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul's will be having FAITH 5 on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm during Lent .

PASTOR'S ACTS
Report for January 2014
Funerals/Burial/Committal

WOTP purchased a new copier and we have the previous copier up for silent bids.

If any of the churches or members from WOTP are interested in putting in a bid for this copier please send it to the WOTP office in Ivanhoe at P.O. Box 17 Ivanhoe, MN 56142 % Copier.

We ask that bids be at a \$400 minimum and this machine will also come with the remaining toner. Maintenance has just been done on the machine with new rollers put in place.

Please submit all bids by Wednesday, March 19th.

Thank You!

The ***“We Won’t Be Shaken”*** Tour with **Building 429**, as well as **Family Force 5** and **Hawk Nelson**, will be at the Marshall High School Gym on Sunday, March 16, 2014. Doors will open @ 5:30 p.m. & the concert will begin @ 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets are available on line at **itickets.com** <<http://itickets.com>> <<http://itickets.com>>

In Marshall you can purchase tickets at Hy-Vee, Treasured Times and Noble Woman.

This event is being put on by SW MN Fellowship of Christian Athletes and sponsored by many generous businesses.

A little about the bands.....

Building 429 is a Christian rock band signed to Essential Records. They were the Gospel Music Association 2005 New Artist of the Year.

Hawk Nelson is a Christian rock band from Peterborough, Ontario. The band has become very popular in the Christian music scene and was voted "Favorite New Artist" by CCM Magazine in their February 2006 Reader's Choice Awards. In 2006 Hawk Nelson won a No. 1 spot on VH1's top 20 video countdown with "The One Thing I Have Left" music video.

Family Force 5 is an American Christian rock band from Atlanta, Georgia.^[1] The band was formed in 1993 by brothers Solomon "Soul Glow Activatur", Joshua "Fatty", and Jacob "Crouton" Olds. As of 2013, the group has released four studio albums (including a Christmas album), nine EPs, and two remix albums. They are often noted for their raucous, party-centric personae and eclectic mix of genres, ranging from rap metal to dance-pop.

Please let the office know by March 10th so that we are able to purchase group tickets in advance & have time to set up a carpool.

THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU

*The Food Shelf would like to say a big THANK YOU to Bethany-Elim for the use of the dining room for our toy giveaway. It was a fun day. We want to thank the Daniels gals for shopping for us.

* We want to thank the family who is giving us fruit for our food giveaway each month, this is great!!

Thanks to everyone who has helped our food shelf with money, gifts, food & whatever. **We really appreciate your help!**
Muriel Koopman



March 2014

CANEWS FROM CAMP

Mark Your Calendar

- *Sugar Bush – March 16th 2014 10:30-2:00
 - *Confirmation Retreat - March 21 & 22 2014
 - *Confirmation Retreat – March 11 & 12 2014
 - *Pelican Banquet - March 27th 2014
 - *Road Scholar - May 4th- 9th 2014
 - *Pre Marriage Retreat - May 10th 2014
 - *Spring clean-up day – May 17th 2014
 - *Summer camp starts - June 8th 2014
 - *GOLF Tournament – June 23rd 2014
 - *28th Annual Quilt Auction – June 27&28th 2014
- Any questions call (507) 763-3567 or
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are here...

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everything there is a season, and a time for every
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Ministries at 507-763-3567 to
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