



CrossWinds

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First Word

*From the earth we were formed, To the earth we return.
And in between, we garden.--Nelson Eddy*

On God's Garden

This time of the year is one of my favorites. I'm hard pressed to say which I love more, the smell of the fields after a fresh spring rain, or the smell of the fields after the first frost in the fall. Both signify that God is about to do something new, and that everything that is done or thought is accomplished in anticipation.

Springtime means the smell of freshly tilled soils, and the visions of bountiful harvests of yet unchosen vegetables. The soil is ready, and waiting. This year I have a new chunk of garden. Last fall I made a three point plow out of an old walking plow and of course I had to try it out. We now have more than enough room for sweet corn and for squash and pumpkin. I can see it already.

My problem is that the reality of the past clouds my dreams of the future. Not everything that grows in a garden is chosen by the gardener, or so states the old Spanish Proverb: "More in a garden grows than what the gardener sows." What began as straight rows of beans and carrots and beets and turnips, soon becomes overrun with sow thistle and Canadian thistle, lambs quarter and pigweed, mustard and tickle grass. And that's just the ones I can name! When it came to weeds, the fallen creation knew no bounds!

Our parish has just spent forty days in reflection on the process of "faith five." We have learned to allow God to till the soil of our hearts through reflection on our daily lives, the reading of scripture, holy conversation over the word of God, Prayer and blessing. I suggest that this daily process is nothing less than God preparing our hearts for something even greater.

If we stop with our daily disciplines of prayer and devotions, we are like a garden, tilled but never planted. Because the soil is so soft and welcoming, it is an excellent place for the world and our selfish desire to plant and grow weeds of sadness, discontent, anger, greed and so many other useless growths in our hearts.

If we allow God to plant in our hearts good things, such as compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience, good works and love for our neighbors and for God, but do not nurture daily our relationship with the Lord, we become like a garden planted with good seed, and never watered, weeded nor pruned. There is a possibility of a harvest,

but the competition for that which makes for good fruit might be still be lost to the weeds of life.

If we allow God to tend to God's garden in our lives every day through daily devotion and living out His will, there is no telling what the harvest might be.

In simple humility, let our gardener God landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life. James 1:21

Pastor Stephen



Intern's Intonations

It's hard to believe that it's already Spring and I'm only a few months away from the end of this amazing experience as the Vicar of Winds of the Prairie. It's been one of those times in my life in which I've become aware that you let go and let God drive, you end up standing in awe and thankfulness for what God is up to in your life.

Of course, not everything has been rainbows and puppy dogs this year. Our family has been through some tough stuff. If these things would have been up to us, we would have opted out. Most recently, Larry's heart attack falls under that category. It would have been really cool to just skip that little episode.

But, God is at work even through experiences like a heart attack. What I never would have thought to put down on a learning goal contract was something like "Learn how to be vulnerable, where necessary, and when the you-know-what hits the fan, receive the care, prayer, concern and help of the congregations I am walking with with year." But that is precisely what's happened and is precisely what's been happening here all along.

I recently reviewed the video of the Holy Communion service I led at Grace on the morning I found out my step dad died and realized how much I was depending on people that Sunday morning to "be my rocks" that day. And people certainly stepped up to the plate as celebrated the victory over death we have in Jesus, even in the midst of grief.

After Ash Wednesday services at St. Paul's I commented to someone there how much I treasured that worship experience because even though I was leading the service, I still felt like I was worshipping too. I wasn't just going through the motions. This was a real concern I had when I was thinking about going to seminary. I love worship and I worried it would become a clinical experience. But that has not been my experience. After that Wednesday at St. Paul's, I realized that is consistently my experience here in all the WOTP congregations.

Last Sunday at Peace, I saw the first Love Box and the emotion and thankfulness we've felt over the love and generosity of people helping us deal with Larry's medical bills cranked up a few more notches. I don't know if there is a way to fully convey how much the care from everyone has helped us at all levels – emotionally, spiritually, physically. Without this community it would be a lot harder to deal with all this.

At Bethany-Elim last night we held the Seder Meal with all the TFA students. The whole experience was fun and moving. Conversation with my supper mates was interesting and lifting. But the highpoint for me was seeing all the TFA students welcome my son Max into their midst. It was joyful hospitality.

And then there are my weekly Friday morning bible study buddies. I am not a natural early-riser, I must confess. So I force myself to drag my pump-a-tookey out of bed and I never regret it. I get fed with yummy breakfast, I am nourished by the Word and I am inspired by the experiences of the people who come together.

When I look at this brief list of internship experience alone (there's a lot more) I am amazed and so thankful for all that God has imagined for this internship experience – even when experienced through some of the not-so-great stuff.

And so I wanted to express our thankfulness – mine and Larry's. Thank you for caring for us – for being Christ us, like we reminded ourselves to do in our blessings during Advent. Thank you for being our teachers and for – whether you realize you done it or not – letting God work through you to create the learning contract goals I could never have imagined myself.

Vicar Ann



May Preaching Schedule

May		Grace:8:30	Peace:10:30	Bethany- Elim - 8:30	Bethany- 8:30	St Paul 10:30
Sunday, May 04, 2014	Holy Communion	Gonyea	Gonyea	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson
Called in Christ's Service		Service Opportunities	Sermon Acts 9:1-19		Matthew 6:24	
Sunday, May 11, 2014	Service of the Word	Anderson	Anderson-Sr Recognition	Gonyea-Sr Recognition	Rasmusson	Rasmusson- Sr Recognition
Paul & Silas		Prison Ministry	Sermon Acts 16:16-34		Luke 6:18-19, 22-23	
Sunday, May 18, 2014	Holy Communion	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson	Gonyea	Gonyea
Sermon at Athens		Colleges	Sermon Acts 17:16-31		John 1:16-28/1 Peter 3:13-22	
Sunday, May 25, 2014	Service of the Word	Gonyea	Gonyea	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson
Partnership in the Gospel		Public Ministry	Sermon: Philippians 1:1-18a		Luke 9:46-48	
JUNE						
Sunday, June 01, 2014	Holy Communion	Anderson	Anderson	Gonyea	Rasmusson	Rasmusson
Mind of Christ		Mission Starting	Sermon Philippians 2:1-13		Luke 6:43-45	

PASTOR'S ACTS

Report for March 2014

Confirmation—

Funerals/Burial/Committal— Irene Rost at Bethany-Elim by Pastor Stephen Rasmusson and Pastor Julie A. K. Anderson.



WXY Youth 2014 Fundraiser for our Summer Trips

We have had a overwhelming response to this! THANK YOU

*Previous fruit has been Cherries, Peaches, Apples, Starkrimson Pears & Bartlett Pears, Navel Oranges, Cara Cara Oranges, Grapefruit, Honeybells, Honey Tangerines, Pecans, Walnuts, Almonds, Chocolate covered Pecans, & lastly Strawberries.

Coming up BLUEBERRIES, Almonds, Walnuts & Chocolate Covered Pecans &

*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 507-828-6781 OR 605-809-5190 to place your order. Pre-orders are a must for this truck

**There are "Forms" at each of the churches and we ask that you bring that to the truck when you come to pick up your preorder (you pay at the truck).

You are welcome to share this with friends, family & coworkers. May fruits are GEORGIA BLUBERRIES 6# for \$28

Raw Almonds & Walnuts & Amaretto Chocolate Covered Pecans which come in #1 bags for \$10 each.

FLORIDA ATHENA MUSKMELONS 4 for \$15

Order Deadline will be May 15th. We have sold out trucks in the past!!!

Delivery for the Blueberries & Nuts will be May 17th from 4-5pm in Lake Benton

Keep in mind that you will need to pre-order the cherries that are coming in June. We WILL sell out with in hours of opening the ordering.

WXY Youth will also holding a CAR WASH & BAKE SALE during Saddle Horse Holiday on Fathers' Day Weekend in Lake Benton at Grace Lutheran Church. Details to come in your weekly announcements.





MOGO: Mission Opportunities Grace Observances

During Easter you are invited to be telling your stories of how you see God active in the world around you. The MOGO sheets will give you an opportunity to tell the stories you see around much like your highs and lows.

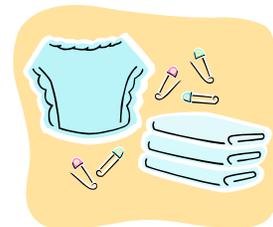
Mission Opportunities are times and places where you have been of service to another or someone has served you. When you see or experience someone giving or needing help and you do God's work with your hands, please make a note on the MOGO sheet to place in the offering plate. We want to share these moments.

Grace Observances are times when you see God's unconditional love happening. Far and near we see that God is active and working for the coming of the kingdom. When you see or experience that grace around you make a note and share with all of us.

Consider this a means to exercise the FAITH 5 you learned during Lent. Where do you see God's presence and absence (highs/lows)? How is the word of God you heard on Sunday affecting what you see in the world? Tell everyone through the MOGO what you have seen. Offer a prayer for the world around you that you are experiencing and finally bless because you are blessed.

Lenten Baby Shower

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Lenten Baby Shower. The items will be distributed amongst the 4 counties that our churches are in.



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 5:30 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.



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 WOPTM 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.



Public use computer at Bethany-Elim

In the Sunday School lounge across the hall from the fireside room, there is a Windows 7 computer with internet connection. It is available for use by community members when the church is open. There are family controls on the machine to eliminate those internet sites which are neither age nor Christian appropriate.



Do you have family or friends who are on Facebook, or who want to connect with you through email? We have youth in our congregations who can show you how to set up your own email or Facebook account that you can access anywhere there is an internet machine. Do you need to write, or search for Bible study helps? You can find just about anything you need to know on Google Search.

For more information ask the church office or check with your favorite teenager!

Pastor Stephen's Recommendations:

Search the Bible on www.oremus.org : this site has different versions available to search and copy into your documents.

Study the Bible on www.enterthebible.org : This is a site sponsored by Luther Seminary to assist Christians in learning more about the Book that is at the center of our faith.

For your laugh of the day, visit www.pontius.com : Cartoons about the struggles of a flailing Christian.



Secretary's Corner



Oh how I love this time of the year! My kids love being outdoors playing basketball and having fun in the yard. For me this means tiding up the yard after all the snow and getting it ready for summer.

My son is looking forward to planting a garden this year for the onions esp. & the fresh produce. Personally I think that it's so that he can play in the dirt and mud, hopefully I'm wrong. My daughter is excited to be at the pool and hang out with her friends all summer long. I for one am looking forward to the longer days and the warmer weather. With all that being said, I know that my kids still love to attend church throughout the summer and so do I. So, one of my goals this summer is to attend church each Sunday, not only because we like to go, but, there are so many that have said that they missed us if we aren't there. I forget that sometimes. So, I look forward to seeing many of you at W.O.W and hope that you have a great Memorial Day weekend!

The cost to mail out our newsletter has almost doubled since last year. Each month we will do a drawing for all of those who have requested that the newsletter be sent via email vs. snail mail. **The April family was Chester & Barbara Petersen** Please show up to church to claim your gift. **THANK YOU!** Submit your email request to WOTPM@frontier.com to receive the newsletter via email.

Previous families who have yet to claim their gift are: Mike & Tonia Czech, Leone Pedersen ~ Your gift will be at the church—please stop by and pick it up.

THANK YOU to all who attended the WXY Spaghetti suppers! We really appreciate your support and enjoyed the fellowship.

Keep up with the news by checking out our website — Each church now has their own Facebook page, and Winds of The Prairie does as well. Please consider contributing photos to these pages and sharing them with other members. We want to keep the pages filled with fun things that we all have going on and this is one way we can share our happenings with those who aren't able to attend our services with us. This is also a very quick way that we can let everyone know if we have a sudden change to our events due to things like our lovely weather that can change very quickly.



Winds of The Prairie's Website
www.windsoftheprairie.org

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

Denis Lundberg, Anna Zafft, Davey Lundberg, Ray & Ruth Johnson, 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, Paula Jacobson (Daughter of Wayne & Annette Fehrman), Earl Klitzke.

Peace, Ruthton

Doretta Vinson, 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 Oerter, Jon 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.

Pray for the family of Delbert Willert(Dennis & Darlene Willert's grandson).





JOURNEY WITH JESUS
LUKE 24:13-35

2014 SYNOD GLOCAL ASSEMBLY

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The assembly will be held June 13-15, 2014, on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. For the first time, we will be hosting a Glocal Synod Assembly co-sponsored with ELCA Church-wide Global Mission. Glocal is the word used to describe God's work both locally and globally. Sunitha Mortha, ELCA's Director for Mission Formation, will lead us in conversations about accompaniment. Questions like, "What is mission?" and "Who is our neighbor?" will be topics of discussion. A Glocal band ready to lead, teach and inspire us with music and dance will be present during worship and plenary sessions. Pr. David Vasquez, author and campus pastor at Luther College, will be our Bible Study leader. Go to <http://www.swmnelca.org/Assembly.html>

Venture Crew: Those Ages 14 to 21

NOTE the date change! May 4 at 3:30pm meeting at Grace to prepare for Summer trips.

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

How has your balancing of life been going? Having an awareness of what is around you and going on gives you the knowledge you need to prioritize what you can say no to and what you should say yes to.

MIND: Now that Spring finally(?) implement the new or renewed habit that helps to clear and focus your mind. If you haven't done that yet perhaps it is time to Spring Clean the compartments in your mind and organize your thoughts.

BODY: The mind needs the body to facilitate its plans. While walking around your neighborhood pray for the households you pass. Take a friend along and solve the world's problems by praying for things. Wear some colors that make you feel happy.

SPIRIT: How has your FAITH 5 devotions been going? Continue to daily look for God's action in your life. Look for the MOGO's around you. What's a MOGO, check out the



The Hurricane

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TFA has started up againSUMMER TRIPS:

Extreme Makeover: the Shetek Work Week : June 29 to July 2

We'll be going to & staying overnight 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 may be 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, to register with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 made out to Winds of the Prairie Ministry by April 28 to reserve your space.

From Sunday, June 29—Wednesday, July 2 (Leave around 3:30pm on Sunday and come home after lunch on Wednesday)



Boundary Waters Trip- Date Between July 6-12

Canoe the Boundary Waters where you get to test your mettle. Catch some fish & eat 'em along with gaining some wonderful experiences outdoors and away from technology, youth must be 13 years of age or older to attend. In preparation for the trip the group will be meeting on the May 4 at 3:30pm, 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 ASAP. We have room for two more people to attend.

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.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS **BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Ushers for May Allan Lundberg

Assisting Minister

4 Ardis Henriksen

11 None

18 Allan Lundberg

25 None

Altar Guild Ilene Sorensen

Lector

4 Morgan Possail

11 Allan Lundberg

18 Ardis Henriksen

25 Beth Daniels

Calendar Dates:

May 15 – WELCA, see write up

May 28 – 9 a.m. – Women’s Bible study

OUTING TO SHALON HILL FARM

The Bethany WELCA is planning a trip to Shalom Hill Farm, rural Windom on May 15 and are inviting any WELCA members from WOTP to go with us on our outing. If you have ever wondered what this Retreat and Rural Learning Center is all about here is your chance.

Our plans are:

Leave at 9 a.m. (approximately 2 hour trip)

Lunch at noon (\$7.50 is the cost)

Leave about 2 p.m.

During our time there Pastor Margaret Yackel-Juleen will talk to us about Shalom Hill Farm, its reason for being there and its mission. She will also give us a brief Bible study. During the rest of our time at Shalom Hill we will be able to walk around to view the facility. There have been changes and improvements since our last visit to the farm.

This is also to be a mission outreach for us since they always have needs like other congregate facilities. Plan to bring gifts for the shower. Ideas include paper products such as towels and toilet paper. They also need new mattress pads for some of the beds (single or double) with smooth surfaces (so stuff doesn’t stick to them.)



Travel arrangements will depend on how many make the trip. To reserve a spot call Marie Henriksen, 507-487-5727 or email her at mhenriksen@frontiernet.net. We hope to at least fill the church van.



BETHANY-ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

May

Ushers

4 Dustin & Kristina Richmond family
11 Clyde & Wendy Rost
18 Kevin & Deb Swanson family
25 Marlin Toft & Val Whipple

Lector

4 Kristina Richmond
11 Sherry Rost
18 Margo Willert
25 Arlinda Bednarek

Assisting Minister

4 Amy Clarke
11 Chris Clarke
18 Emily Clarke
25 Angie Jerzak

Acolyte

4 Kira Gifford
11 Ethan Krier
18 Jennifer Krog
25 Molly Krog

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Every Wednesday there will be 8:30am Bible Study at Grace

USHERS

Darren Nelsen
Larry Neuberger
Arlyn Petersen
Claire Pritchett

Deacon: Gene Anderson

Acolyte:

4 Tyson Weets
11 Emma Czech
18 Zach Miller
25 Tristen Simonsen

Altar Guild:

Karen Lichtsinn

Diamond Lake Cemetery Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 pm at Diamond Lake Hall

If anyone is interested in becoming a Board Member, please contact Connie Bressler at 507-368-4659

Grace Sunday School News by Pat Johnson

Thank you for all the wonderful support given to our VBS program. We hope everyone enjoyed our breakfast on Palm Sunday and congratulations to all the winners in our raffle drawings. Thank you to our Sunday school families for all your hard work and donations. Also, many of our local businesses were very generous in supporting our VBS. Make sure you thank them if you got one of their donations.

Planning is underway for our VBS "Weird Animals" to be held Sunday, June 1-Thursday, June 5 from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (supper served from 5:30-6:00). We are looking for volunteers to help make decorations for the church before VBS starts and during the VBS week with our food service, games, and Zoo crew leaders, who take a group of 5-6 children to each activity during Bible school. The majority of our Sunday school families work outside Lake Benton and with Pipestone school still running that week, they will all have very short time spans to get to Bible school. They are so appreciative to be able to eat a meal before VBS starts. Please catch me in church or give me a call if you could help in anyway - be it 1 night or more.

On Mother's Day, May 11 we will honor the Mothers of our church. May 18 will be our last day of Sunday school. The children will be participating in the church service and the teachers and helpers will be recognized for their service this year. Children with perfect attendance will be honored also.

Upcoming dates:

Sunday, May 11 - children honor Mothers in church

Sunday, May 18 - last day of Sunday school. Children recite in church recognize teachers & helpers

Saturday, May 31 - set up for VBS 6 p.m.

Sunday -Thursday, June 1-5 - VBS suppers starting at 5:30
VBS 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 5 - VBS program @ 7 p.m.



Gracious Words by Karen Lichtsinn

Love Boxes for Larry - Have you heard about the WOTP Love Boxes? During the Easter season (starting Sunday April 20 thru Sunday June 8) watch for the Love Boxes for Larry at each church. The Love Boxes are being used to collect monetary gifts for Larry Alexander (Vicar Ann's husband), to help offset medical costs incurred related to Larry's recent medical procedures. So look for the Love Box at your church and consider a monetary gift to help Larry and Ann with their medical expenses. The culminating event will be a pot luck dinner on Wed June 18 at Diamond Lake, where we will all join in celebration and present our gifts to Larry and Ann. Thrivent Financial Chapter #30598 is also providing supporting funds for this fundraising event. Please join together and help care for our WOTP family members. Contact your church council president with any questions. Thanks in advance for your support.

Build our Float for the Saddle Horse Parade - The Grace council will be developing ideas for a float in the upcoming Saddle Horse Holiday parade on Sunday June 15. Anyone interested in helping with the project, please contact any council member.

Upcoming Garage Sale - Another reminder, later this summer (in August 2014) Grace will hold a churchwide garage sale. As you do spring cleaning, save items to contribute to the garage sale. All members of the WOTP are invited to participate. More details will follow.

Peace Lutheran Church

May 6th St. Matthew Circle at 9:30am
St. Mark Circle at 2pm
May 12th St. John Circle at 5pm at Peace
May 14th PLCW at 2pm
May 26th at 9am Quilting

St Paul Lutheran Church

Minnesota: May 28 and 29 from 9 am to noon at Hope Lutheran Church. Check the www.windsoftheprairie.org website for registration information.

Summer Planning: Mark your calendars

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Lake Benton: June 1 to 5 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church- **Weird**



Animals is our theme. Registration deadline is May 1 by contacting Pat Johnson at 507-820-0117.

Arco/Ivanhoe: June 9 to 12 from 2 pm to 6 pm at Bethany-Elim Lutheran by Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Deadline for registration is May 1 by contacting Nancy Krog at 507-530-4630(text or call) with cost of \$20 per camper.



Boot Camp for the TFA is an opportunity for students who need to catch up in their learning. It will be held beginning on June 4 at 9 am in Ivanhoe at Bethany-Elim. The students will assist with the Divine Providence worship before going out to Diamond Lake Chapel for a day of learning and service. An overnight camp out with the Boundary Waters group and then spend June 5 in learning and service. They will finish up at the final night of VBS at Grace in Lake Benton at 8:00 pm. Contact the Winds office (507-694-1238 or 866-944-9687) to register by May 27.



Worship on Wednesday

June 11 CampOut at Diamond Lake Chapel- Bring your campers out to Diamond Lake for a warm up worship at 7 pm. We'll gather around the campfire for songs and Bible stories. Breakfast and Bible in the morning before 8 am in the Hall.

June 18 we begin our weekly worships with a potluck dinner at 6:15 followed by worship. This potluck will complete the "**Loveboxes for Larry**" fundraiser with the presentation of the funds which are supplemented by \$300 from Thrivent Financial for Christians.





Summer Book Study for Fun and Learning

Several opportunities to have some fun reading and learning from each other by sharing the study of some fun books.

Mondays at 10 am @ Divine Providence Center

Along with looking at the text for the upcoming week we'll begin with the study of "Proof of Heaven" by Eben Alexander, M.D. about the change in his life after a near death experience. The study will begin May 28.

"Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis

Our summer worship on Wednesday will be based on the classic observations that gave courage and hope to the people of Great Britain during the dark days of World War II. For those who would like to have a deeper conversation we'll gather at 6 pm out at the Diamond Lake Hall for a study of the chapter of the day.

For those who wish to order a book please let Pastor Julie(pastorjuliea@frontiernet.net or 507-215-2388) know by May 15 what you want ordered, with "Mere Christianity " and "Proof of Heaven" are \$10.00 each.



Winds of the Prairie Ministry Graduates of 2014

Bethany-Elim

Tyler Epple

Maranda Jerzak

Stevie Koopman

Hank Neyens

Emily Swanson

Bethany

Jeff Gladis

Peace

Donovan Breszinski

Anna Madsen

Philip Lingen

St Paul

Logan Johnson

We celebrate with these young adults as they reach this milestone of life. God bless you in the future and today.

Trips

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10th Anniversary of Winds of the Prairie Ministry

Mark your calendars for July 27 at 10 am for our Joint Worship to celebrate our 10th anniversary as companions in mission and ministry on the windy prairies of SW Minnesota. We'll gather at the Diamond Lake Chapel grounds near the Hall, so bring a lawn chair to sit on, a dish to share for the potluck and a sense of blessing for what God has given us. Bishop Jon Anderson will be our preacher to share in this special celebration.

TFA Registration for 2014-2015 will be online beginning in June. For those who will be at least entering 7th grade and those who wish to partake of this purposeful study should check the www.windsoftheprairie.org website in June.



10th Anniversary Pictorial Directory is now here!!!

For those who preordered the directory they are available at your congregations. We have a limited number available for \$15 if you are interested in getting one, just remember first come preference.

May 2014



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Spring Clean-up

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Mark Your Calendar

- **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
Check out our website at www.shetek.org*

When: May 17th 2014

Where: Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Time: 9:00-4:30pm

As they say many hands make light work...
Come and help your camp get ready for another exciting
faith filled summer camper season.
Lunch will be served at the SLM Dining Hall
For more information please call 507-763-3567

Shetek Lutheran Ministries 2014 summer camp brochures are here...

This year's theme is Living in God's Time. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1 RSV). Together we will learn more about living as Christians during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost and how we are to live in God's holy time.

Thank you for your Support!



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

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