

Cross Winds

May 2015



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First Word

PLANNING FOR GOD'S GRACE:

CHANGE?!

Our world is in a time of change, Winds of the Prairie is in a time of change, and our personal lives are in a time of change. Indeed, all has been in change ever since the idea surfaced years ago that a group of area congregations might join together, call a staff, and venture forth together into God's ministry for our region of the state of Minnesota.

Since our joining together over ten years ago, we have seen steady changes in our congregations, our rural and national economy, our population demographics and our culture. Technological advances have changed communication, health care and agriculture, as well as the way that we work and play together. New immigrants, cultural integration, political polarity and international connectedness have opened our mind to a much greater world than that to which our predecessors were accustomed.

The aging of the rural population marks a change in our congregations as well. I buried six people last month during Holy week and the two weeks after Easter. Not to put too blunt a point on it but, as our elder members claim the promise of eternal life, they cease their giving! And our offerings in our congregations see the stress.

Our own personal lives are filled with change. Not to make too big a deal of it, but, by August 11th, 2016, I will no longer be the lead pastor at Winds of the Prairie Ministry. That's about one year and four months away. I will be 66 years old, and I sense that God will be calling me into other forms of ministry.

These transitions offer the parish a chance for creative and revitalizing transformation. But we must remember that all mission flows from the power and purpose of God. These changes invite a re-examination of our ministry in our area. All life-giving change for a Christian comes out of the depth of our relationship with God.

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First Word

We are introducing a process for re-examining our mission in each congregation. It involves a serious reflection on our **Identity** as Lutheran Christians, our **Purpose** as a people of God and our **Context**- in our world, congregations and communities. When we understand these three factors- identity, purpose and context, we will be able to better determine the mission into which God is leading us.

No venture in faith can succeed without prayer and Bible Study. Throughout the summer we will be offering Bible studies that will open the heart of God in each of the areas of identity, purpose and context. All members are welcome to join us at Diamond Lake in June, July and August. Or the Spirit may move you to personally host a study at a backyard barbeque, luncheon or other event.

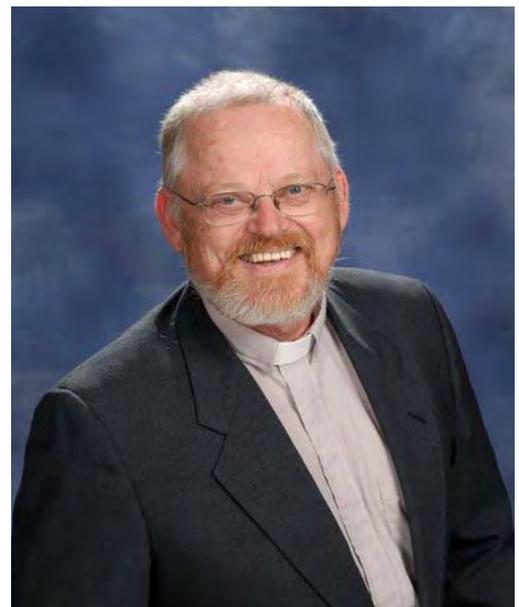
As we move into this year of discernment let us keep the following passages in mind:

Proverbs 16:3 - Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 16:9 - The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.

Proverbs 21:5 - The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want.

Jeremiah 29:11 - For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.



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Notes from our Vicar

Greetings from your Vicar!

Thank you to those of you who helped me with my internship comments, ideas, and concerns.

Recently, we heard the words of Jesus in the scriptural readings as he commissioned His disciples.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

We too, as Disciples of Christ, are called to baptize and teach. This happens when we are in community with one another. Community is where "faithing" happens. Faith happens when we (of all nations and of all ages) gather in the name *of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, and we live, love, and learning about our faith.

As I think of the youth of Winds of the Prairie, I remember our promise to each baptized member of our parish: ***We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.*** (ELW , p. 231) We make this promise to each child of God upon his/her baptism. We promise to walk together as the body of Christ.

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:26-28)

No matter our age, we are one in Christ, and we remain active together in faith for the sake of Jesus Christ in the world. Our youth are faith leaders in the world! How does that look? Here are some "WHAT IFS" that we might contemplate as we move forward in forming a leadership team to organize and implement youth ministry in our parish. When our holy imaginations meet the worlds needs- ministry happens!

Blessings,

Vicar Janna

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Notes from our Vicar

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPING WHAT IFS!

What if— church Leadership assumed all **youth are leadership partners?**

What if—culture is **created to care, welcome, and affirm others?**

What if— **Youth gather** for well designed youth led ministry times that grow in numbers and spiritual depth?

What if— youth ministry is led by a **modeling and mentoring core team?**

What if—leadership attitudes and practices are **caught from other youth?**

What if—participation in soccer, choir, robotics, band, work, and football are **valued as places of ministry?**

What if—there is a care team of **befriending youth?**

What if—**every church outing has youth** along as trip leaders?

What if—**“We need you!”** is heard by every youth at least twice a year?

What if—an **early teen leadership** team is developed?

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPING WHAT IFS!

What if—youth **lead** children’s ministry?

What if—youth are leaders **in every worship**?

What if—adults are trained to **affirm, affirm, affirm**?

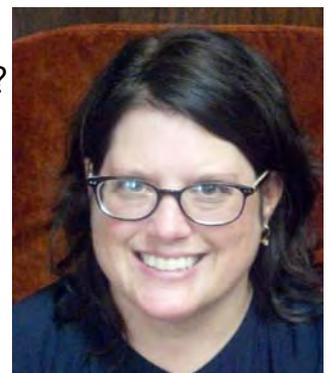
What if—youth leadership ministry helps **grow** family ministry ,and family ministry helps **grow** youth ministry?

What if—adults **beyond the congregation** also model and mentor faith?

What if—the “youth minister” job is developed into a “**Leadership Ministry Producing**” job?

What if—youth leading summer trips and camps **set the tone** for the rest of the year?

What if—youth are **blessed, even “ordained” for ministry**?



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WORSHIP NOTES: Christ Died for All

Background of Easter Readings

Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, both Jewish and Gentile Christians, who were living in tension concerning how to live as Christians in the world. Both were brought up with vastly different backgrounds. Both grew in faith and practice apart from each other when Jews (including Jewish Christians) were expelled from Rome for a time. Upon their return, there was a great deal of tension built up between the two.

Paul saw his mission was to bring the good news of the salvation from sin and death offered through Christ's death and resurrection to Gentiles throughout countries near and far. He had started many churches, although he did not start the church that grew in Rome. It was his plan to visit Rome one day to be mutually strengthened in faith and to help resolve some of the conflicts there.

God's Righteousness

Paul taught that humanity had broken the covenant with God through its sin, but that God refused to let that brokenness be sustained. Through God's righteousness, the bond between God and humanity was restored. Salvation comes to us through faith made possible by a loving God.

The Question of Sin and Evil

If Jesus Christ has already defeated sin and death, then why does sin seem to persist in this world? Paul writes with an already/not yet perspective. Sin and death can no longer separate us from God's love. At the same time, we continue to battle daily with the pull toward sinful behavior. For those in our congregations who are suffering from what may look like the outcome of sin or evil (illness, death, loss of job, other tragedies), this question is prevalent. Where is God in the midst of suffering? One might answer by proclaiming where God is not: God is not responsible for making people suffer for any reason (even to strengthen faith... our God is not so cold). God is not absent, standing idly by able, but unwilling to intervene. Because God has given this world freedom to live, to choose, and to reject, things happen in this world that God does not control. Where is God, then? God is by our side, keeping with us, strengthening us by God's presence, and promising that, ultimately, suffering will not prevail.

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Worship Notes, Continued

Themes in the Psalms

Psa 1:1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Psa 1:2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

God's law is good news

Sometimes people think of God's law as bad news for them; a way for God to catch them at doing evil and punish them for their sins. But here God's law is good news. For those who live in God's law (which is not to say they are perfect, but that they strive to live according to God's will), they are like trees planted by streams of water. God's love is like the water that nourishes the planted tree, giving it life and the ability to produce fruit. Those living in God's law are like trees being nourished by God's love. As people grow, they produce fruit that nourishes the world.

Promise for the present, not the future

The first line of twenty of the psalms does not say, "Happy will be..." but "Happy are..." These psalms are not as much about eternal judgment and promise as they are about the condition of the living. For those who follow the advice of the wicked, life does not produce happiness. We know this to be true... living in sin is a miserable state and produces terrible suffering. On the other hand, those who delight in the law of the Lord and meditate day and night are happy. Indeed, those who set their minds on God day and night find peace and contentment in the presence of a loving God. Copyright © 2014 Clergy Stuff. Used with Permission.

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CANews FROM CAMP

Mark Your Calendar

Spring clean-up day- May 2nd
Pre-marriage Retreat – May 2nd
Discovery Day – May 16th 10-4pm
Volunteer Luncheon-
May 23rd 12:00p.m.
1st week of Camp – June 7-12th
Peder Eide Concert –
June 13th 5pm
Summer Service –
June 20th 5:30pm
Golf Tournament – June 22nd
Quilt Auction preview – June 26th
Quilt Auction – June 27th



Shetek Lutheran Ministries XVII (GOLF) Great Outdoor Lutheran Fundraiser

June 22nd, 2015

Where: Slayton Country Club

8:30 Registration

9:30 18 hole scramble

Lunch on the go...grilled hotdogs & hamburgers

3:00p.m. refreshments, door prize, and awards

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The following of our Winds of the Prairie Ministry are marking milestones in their educations.

Elkton/Lake Benton High School- May 17 - Brandon Hefti

Minneota High School- May 16 –Devon Buffington, Megan Boerboom, Allison Bloch

Canby High School- May 22- Emily Clarke

RTR High School- May 16- Michelle Kuhlman, Colton Lawson, Josh Skorczewski,
Dante Baartman

Sioux Falls Seminary- Rev Julie A. K. Anderson to receive Doctor of Ministry on
May 16.

Luther Seminary- Vicar Janna Bader to receive Master of Divinity on May 17

A graphic with the text "Class of 2015" in a bold, sans-serif font. The text has a yellow-to-blue gradient. The word "of" is smaller and positioned between "Class" and "2015". There are two yellow stars to the right of the text.

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Preaching Schedule

May	2015	Peace 8:30	Grace 10:30	St Paul 8:30	Bethany-Elim 8:30	Bethany 10:30
05/03/15	Holy Communion	Bader-	Bader-	Anderson	Rasmusson	Rasmusson
Roman's Salvation Message- Matthew 9:10-13; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:11-17						
Sunday, May 10, 2015	Service of the Word/6th Easter	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Supply	Bader-	Bader-
Roman's Love Message-Matthew 11:28-30; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11						
Sunday, May 17, 2015	Holy Communion/7th Easter	Anderson	Anderson	Rasmusson	Supply	Rasmusson
Hope of the Resurrection-Matthew 6:24; Psalm 124; Romans 6:1-14						
Sunday, May 24, 2015	Service of the Word/Pentecost	Bader-	Bader-	Anderson	Rasmusson	Rasmusson
Pentecost/Spirit's Help-Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:1-14; Romans 8:18-39						
Sunday, May 31, 2015	Service of Word/Holy Trinity	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Bader	Anderson	Anderson
Holy Trinity/Psalm 1- Psalm 1 and Introduction to Psalms						

Summer Worship at Diamond Lake Chapel

Mark your calendars for June 17 when we begin our summer worship at Diamond Lake Chapel at 7 pm. The summer worship will be crafted around the theme ***Called, Gathered and Sent***. We will have an opportunity to explore the identity, context and purpose of our congregations and ministry. Look for more information in the summer issue of CrossWinds.





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Calendar

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Friday, May 1	7:00am Bethany Bible Study				
Saturday, May 2	9:00am Pre Marriage retreat at Shetek Lutheran 1:30pm Helen Olsen 100 th Birthday Party at Bethany				
Monday, May 4	10:00am Book and Bible study at Divine Providence in Ivanhoe				
Wednesday, May 6	10:00am Divine Providence Worship 1:30pm GLCW 6:00pm Faith 5 at Bethany 7:00pm TFA at Grace 7:00pm P3 at the Parsonage				
Friday, May 8	7:00am Bible Study at Bethany				
Sunday, May 10	Mother's Day! Graduate Recognition during Service!				
Tuesday, May 11	10:00am Book and Bible Study at Divine Providence in Ivanhoe				
Wednesday, May 12	8:30am Bible Study at Grace 2:00pm PLCW 6:00pm Faith 5 at Bethany 6:30pm DC Trip Parent Meeting at Bethany-Elim 7:00pm P3 at the Parsonage				
Thursday, May 14	10:00am Devotion at Sunrise Manor in Tyler 1:30 Bethany WELCA				
Friday, May 15	7:00am Bible Study at Bethany				

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Saturday, May 16	PASTOR JULIE GRADUATES WITH HER DOCTORATE!				
Sunday, May 17	VICAR JANNA GRADUATES WITH HER MASTER OF DIVINITY!				
Monday, May 18	10:00am Bible and Book Study Divine Providence 6:00pm VBS in Minneota at St. Ed's				
Tuesday, May 19	6:00pm VBS in Minneota at St. Ed's 7:00pm Bethany Council Meeting				
Wednesday, May 20	8:30am Bible Study at Grace 10:00am Worship at Divine Providence in Ivanhoe 6:00pm Faith 5 at Bethany 6:00pm VBS in Minneota at St. Ed's 6:30 DC Trip Meeting at Bethany-Elim 7:00pm P3 at the Parsonage				
Thursday, May 21	2:30pm Minneota Manor Worship 6:00pm VBS in Minneota at St. Ed's 7:00pm Grace Council Meeting				



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Friday, May 22	7:00am Bible Study at Bethany				
Sunday, May 24	2:30pm Worship Service at Sunrise Manor in Tyler				
Monday, May 25	10:00am Book and Bible Study at Divine Providence OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY				
Wednesday, May, 27	6:30pm DC Trip Parent Meeting at Bethany-Elim 7:00pm P3 at the Parsonage				
Friday, May 29	7:00am Bible Study at Bethany				
Sunday, May 31	6:00pm VBS at Grace in Lake Benton				



Newsletter Title

WOTP Secretary's Corner

Hello All!

I hope you are enjoying the new changes you are seeing with the announcements. If there are any events that are going on in your church or community that you would like others to be made aware of, please get that information to my office so I can put it in the WOTP Announcements. The announcements are printed off every Thursday, so please have all information to me by Wednesday 1:30pm.

There are 4 manila folders on my desk as well, all of which are labeled. To keep the confusion to a minimum please leave your notes in the appropriate folder, along with your name and number. I am enjoying my position and love getting to know all of you!

God Bless,

Morgan Hoffman

WOTP Secretary

Office Hours: M-Thu 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Newsletter Title

Bethany-Elim

Jesus Christ is Lord

MEET YOUR NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER

I have started my responsibilities as Bethany-Elim's Church Secretary & Treasurer. I will be doing the Bulletin inserts so if you have anything that needs to be in the announcements please either call me 507-694-1788 or email me at dustin3kristina@outlook.com or belutheran@frontiernet.net

I thank all of you who have returned your talent survey's to me. I am trying to get a list of those who would like to share their talents either as Usher, Acolyte, Lector or become a member of the Alter Guild. If you didn't receive a note and would like to help Please contact me.

I am your contact to reserve the Church for personal events. If you would like to reserve the Church please contact me at the information above.

Thanks for letting me serve our Church

Kristina Richmond

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Worship Tasks

May 3:

EM: Angie Jerzak

Usher: Roger and Angie Jerzak

Acolyte: Brady Gifford

Lector: Angie Jerzak

May 10:

Usher: The Giffords

Acolyte: Kira Gifford

Lector: Cody Gifford

May 17:

EM: Susan Krier

Usher: The Krier Family

Acolyte: Jada Krier

Lector: Karen Richmond

May 24:

Usher: The Krog Family

Acolyte: Megan Krog

Lector: Karen Richmond

May 31:

Usher: Harvey and Murial Koopman

Usher: Tyler Schmidt

Lector: Donna Kurth

June 7:

Acolyte: Brady Gifford

Usher: The Giffords

Lector: Cody Gifford

EM: Marlene Lawrence

June 14:

Acolyte: Ben Schmidt

Usher: Gene Faulds, Bernie Aronson

Lector: Gene Faulds

June 21:

Acolyte: Jason Epple

Usher: Loren and Anna Epple Family

Lector: Anna Epple

EM: Mary Pederson

June 28:

Acolyte: Megan Krog

Usher: Elmer and Twila Koopman

Lector: Amy Clarke

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WELCA

Bethany-Elim and Bethany WELCA'S have been watching and discussing two Islamic DVD'S, which we found very interesting. The DVD's are sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

May 10th we will be honoring our Senior graduates with each receiving a quilt and a fellowship reception following.

We always look forward to the Ascension Day Breakfast, May 14th held at Hope Lutheran in Minneota. Also, that afternoon at 1:30pm Vicar Janna will be giving a program at our regular meeting!

Don't forget the WELCA Synod Convention June 19th, 220th in Morris, MN.

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Bringing Everybody Together by Helping, Accepting & Nurturing YOU.

HELEN OLSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Join the Olson family as they celebrate with their mother on her 100th birthday.

Date: Saturday, May 2

Place: Bethany Lutheran Church, Arco

Time: 1-4 p.m

Program: @2:00

Helen was born in South Dakota and moved with her family to a farm west of Lake Benton. She graduated from 8th grade at the Trautman School. After her formal education Helen did house work for local families, first in the Lake Benton area and then in NW Iowa. One of the women she worked for in Sioux City held a dance party in her home. Helen attended and met Odin Olson. They were married in 1933 and moved to the Olsen family farm outside of Arco. Odin's mother was ill and needed help. When Helen and Odin found a home in Arco to purchase they moved to town. The family lived in that house for over 70 years until Helen made the move to the Lincoln Villa Apartments in Hendricks in 2014.

There were four children born to Helen and Odin – Marlys, Robert, Gerald and Bonnie. Her grandson, Mike, also lived with her for 8 years. All graduated from Ivanhoe High School. Odin passed away in 1991.

In all the years they lived in Arco the family has been a member at Bethany Lutheran where Helen has been active in the life of the church.

Come and celebrate with her.



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Worship Assistants for May:

Ushers: Gayle & Ruth Rasmussen

Service Assistants:

Lectors

3 Matt Rohde

10 Marie Henriksen

17 Ron Madsen

24 Morgan Possail

31 Allan Lundberg

Assisting Minister

Dar Schruers

Allan Lundberg

Altar Guild: Jewel Noble

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 2: Helen Olson birthday party

May 14: 1:30 p.m., WELCA at Bethany-Elim, Program: Janna Bader

May 14: 9:30 a.m. Ascension Day Breakfast, Hope Lutheran, Minneota

WELCA SYNODICAL CONVENTION

Several In-Kind kits can be contributed at the 2015 convention to be held June 19 & 20. The Bethany WELCA has chosen to gather and contribute Personal Care Kits that Lutheran Welfare Relief hands out at time of need during the year. They hand out thousands every year. We are asking contributions for these kits over the next few weeks. A basket will be on the table in the Parish Hall to hold your contributions. Although you can bring items at any time, think about special items in the following weeks:

May 3 – light weight, dark colored bath towels

May 10 – 2 bath size bars of soap, in original wrap.

May 17 – A sturdy comb

May 24 – Metal nail clippers

May 31 – Adult size tooth brushes in original packaging.

WELC member will put the bundles together early in June. Thanks for your contributions.

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Peace

To spread the Gospel by being a community of believers that offer hope and hospitality to all

Monthly Schedule:

Tuesday, May 5

9:30 a.m. - St. Matthew Circle - Shirley Knutson's

2:00 p.m. - St. Mark Circle - Doretta Vinson's

Monday, May 11

5:00 p.m. - St. John Circle - at Church

Wednesday, May 13

2:00 p.m. - PLCW

Monday, May 18

9:00 a.m.—Quilting Day

Monday, May 25

9:00 a.m. - Quilting Day



St. Paul

Trusting in Christ, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

Come to the St. Edward's/St. Paul's/Hope VBS!

Place: St. Edward's Date: May 26 - 30 Time: 9 a.m.— 12 p.m.

Pre-registration is online at: www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stedsstpaulshope

Any questions call Cherri 507-530-7894

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Grace

To Love and Support Each Other, As We Grow in Faith

Gracious Words

By Karen Lichtsinn

God's Future Mission in the WOTP - During the next few months, all the WOTP congregations will be holding house meetings, to brainstorm about the future mission of the Winds of the Prairie and the participating congregations. As you may already know, Pastor Steve is planning for his retirement in 15 months (Aug 2016 not that we're counting), and as he starts his retirement planning, the WOTP will also begin thinking about our future plans. During Lent, we introduced the topic of our Lutheran traditions and revitalizing our mission. At this stage, the WOTP Parish Board needs direction from each congregation, about how we should move into the future. This direction should come from all the congregational members, not just the church councils. The intent is to understand the needs and desires of the community and provide feedback on how we should move forward as a community of faith. The brainstorming process will provide a comfortable, open atmosphere, where individuals can share any and all ideas without fear of being judged or criticized. The intent is to gather ideas, not to determine if or how they will work.....that will come later. Right now we need to enter into this process with open minds to follow God's leading. Pastor Steve once quoted a driver's education instructor who said, "Knowing what is behind you that might cause you trouble is the only reason for looking in the rear view mirror. If you want to arrive safely you'd better keep your eye on the road ahead." The meetings will not only recall our traditions, but take the next step of sharing concerns and formulating a new path for our ministry as the WOTP. The goal is to ensure that our congregations and WOTP parish ministry can continue doing God's Work, Our Hands within our community. Please think and pray about this topic, and join your congregations at their house meetings, to openly share your ideas and suggestions. With God's help, we can work together to pave the way for our ministry well into the future. "The 1st of these meetings will be held Sunday April 26th after worship. All are encouraged to attend this beginning discussion as well as some delicious egg bake!"

Altar Guild Opportunities Available - The Grace Altar Guild is still seeking volunteers to serve during the months of January, April, June and September. **Please give consideration to serving on the altar guild.** It is not difficult and the leads are always available to help. We encourage individuals to partner with a friend or family member to form a team for their month. The responsibilities include preparing the communion table for worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and clearing the communion table following worship. We now have a sink in the altar guild room which makes cleanup much easier. The altar guild also assists in changing the altar paraments as appropriate for each liturgical season and for managing floral arrangements for the altar and worship area. An altar guild training session is being planned for all volunteers in the near future. Please contact Anne Lichtsinn or Karen Lichtsinn if you are interested in serving in this area.

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Gracious Words Continued

Seeking volunteers for the Grace Endowment Task Force - Grace is still seeking 5 members of the congregation to serve in a temporary role on the Endowment Task Force for the next 9-12 months, to assist in establishing the guidelines for an Endowment Fund for Grace Lutheran Church. We already have examples of other Endowment programs, so we need your help to refine those guidelines for Grace. We welcome members of all ages, shapes and sizes (HA HA). Anyone that may feel called to serve in this short term role please contact any council member. **We need your help!**

Garage Sale Reminder - Again this summer, Grace is planning a church garage sale fundraiser. So if you are spring cleaning, please consider setting aside items to donate to our garage sale. Donations are welcomed from all the WOTP congregations.

May Deacon: Annie Weets

May Altar Guild: Karen Lichtsinn



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Winter Weather Advisory

RADIO: KMHL (1040 AM), KKCK (99.7 FM), KARL (105.1 FM), KARZ (107.5 FM), KLOH (1050 AM), KISD (98.7 FM), KJOE (106.1 FM) These are the stations of Marshall Radio and Christensen Broadcasting who are the providers in our area.

ONLINE: Websites at windsoftheprairie.org, marshallradio.net, www.keloland.com for weather related announcements. Send an email to trainingfo@mail.remind.com with a title "Winter Weather".

TELEVISION: KELO, KSFY, KDLT If in doubt contact the president of the congregation or one of the pastors.

TELEPHONE & TEXT: Be certain that the office and leadership of your congregation has the correct home and cell numbers to contact you with. Send your text number to Pastor Steve at 507-961-2159 with message **@trainingfo** to be added to the text notification list.

Reminders

Prayer Lists We want to support each other in prayer in our times of joy and challenge. With something called HIPA we need to have permission from a person preferably to list their name on our prayer lists. Some people don't want to be so we must respect their wishes. Please get permission and if possible have the person or their close family call the office to be placed on the list. Also, it is helpful to have updates on people who are doing better so we can adjust our lists.

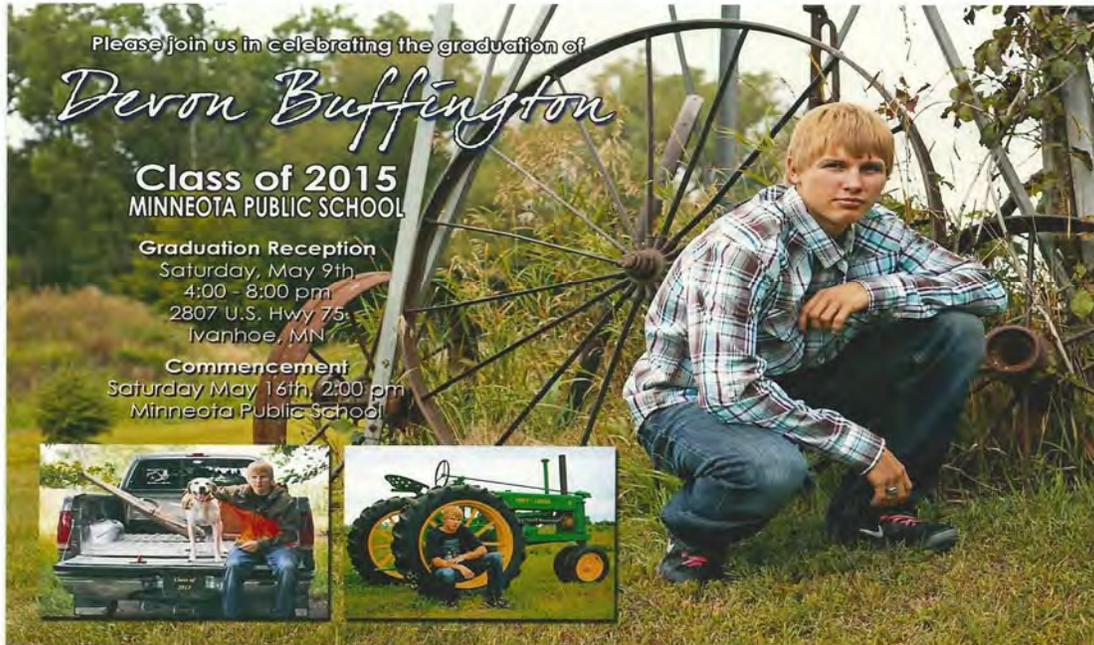
Sabbath Days Mondays are the usual Sabbath Days for Pastor Steve and Vicar Janna. Friday is Pastor Julie's Sabbath. In the event of needs or emergencies on those days, please call whomever is working instead of the person on Sabbath. If you do call them, don't be surprised if they don't answer their phone or emails until the next day; they need a day to recharge their batteries.

School and Public Events With 5 different communities, 5 different school districts, and a variety of events the pastoral staff appreciates when we are informed of events that involve our members. It is best if we have a week's notice so we can work events into our schedules. Giving us something written like a note or email is best do we have a reference.

Hospitalizations If you would like the pastor to call on you when you are expecting a hospitalization, please let us know. With the number of hospitals that our congregations cover it is always handy to know which hospital a person is at and what name they are under, as well as the dates he/she expects to be there. Federal regulations are such that people can't just call and ask who might be there; we need to know names, especially if we know you by a nickname and you are listed under your legal name.

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Please join us in celebrating the graduation of
Devon Buffington
Class of 2015
MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Graduation Reception
Saturday, May 9th
4:00 - 8:00 pm
2807 U.S. Hwy 75
Ivanhoe, MN

Commencement
Saturday May 16th, 2:00 pm
Minneota Public School



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The Slope Open House is May 2 & 3 from 10:00am-5:00pm in Ivanhoe. Located Southeast of the Post Office



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Our first night of P3 was great! We had 4 students in attendance and enjoyed pizza, bible study and games. We are looking forward to many more Wednesday nights.

For any additional information please contact Vicar Janna (605) 228-4044 or

Morgan Hoffman (507) 530-3730

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Prayer, Praise, and Pizza at the Parsonage

Who: Senior High Youth-Grades 9-12 (Bring a friend)

What: Faith talk, bible reading and a significant amount of music

When: Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 8:30PM....Beginning April 15

Where: The Parsonage -214 South Norman

Why: _____ (You will have to fill this one in.)

Leaders: Vicar Janna and Morgan

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Pastoral Acts

Funerals:

April– Dagmar Blegen, LeRoy Harston, Lois Trout, Ingrid Gottskalkson

Baptisms:

April– Jackson Drietz

Prayer Concerns

Bethany-Elim

Pray for Cheyenne Hoffman, Kinsley Asmus, Michael Hunter, Bob Clausen, Gretchen Suhr, Sarah B, Anna Zafft (granddaughter of Harvey & Muriel Koopman), Richard Ellis, Ray 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.

Bethany

Beth Daniels, Mable Dressen, Les Blegen, The family of Aaron Delp, Eloise Hauschild, Buck Barber, Norma Renken, Dagmar Blegen, Travis Noble, Connie Clausen(mother of Brenda Possail), The family of Elsie Barber, Luella Madsen.

Grace

Family of Pastor Arlen Foss, Arlyn Petersen, Jeanette Nelsen, Allan Johnson, Joan Koster (Wanda Nordmeyer's daughter), Marian Bennett, Naomi Enke, Joan and Earl Klitzke

Peace

Lynnette Lingen, Bobbie Lensing and babies, Jean Lundholm, Rosmary Hartson, Edwin Ewald, Ellen Hansen, Edna Haraldsen

St. Paul

Jeff Kompelin and Clara DeRoode

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Tyler Nursing Home

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

Hendricks Nursing Home

Ila Rasmussen (Bethany), Norma Burdick (Grace), and Ruth Josephson (Bethany-Elim)

Divine Providence Nursing Home

Mabel Dressen and Esther Wayland (Bethany-Elim)

Missionaries

Pray for those who follow God's calling to spread His word and love.

Military

Pray for the leaders of this great nation and all nations of the world. Pray for those who follow the calling to protect our freedom . Pray for all of the families of military and government members.



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