



## First Word

## An Attitude of Blessing

*In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. —John 16:33*

I was struck the other day when I saw this devotion. “In C. S. Lewis’ book *God in the Dock*, he wrote: “Imagine a set of people all living in the same building. Half of them think it is a hotel, the other half think it is a prison. Those who think it a hotel might regard it as quite intolerable, and those who thought it was a prison might decide that it was really surprisingly comfortable.” Lewis cleverly used this contrast between a hotel and a prison to illustrate how we view life based on our expectations and attitudes.

Our Sunday texts have been exploring the promised blessing of God this fall. We have seen God’s blessings used in a variety of ways. We have seen two attitudes of people in all ages, one assumes that blessings are enough. The other sees them to be a taste that creates a desire for more. How soon they and we forget that the blessings are meant to bless not only us but others. Part of our spiritual training creates a responsiveness of “I get to bless,” rather than “I have to bless others.”

The different ways that we express and live out our lives is often a matter of how we see and experience life. Our language names our view of the world. Some of the different titles we use give us ways to describe how the kingdom of God is coming about and around us each day:

Jesus uses the image of **Servant** and/or **Son** in His teaching. In this world the servants in the household are given tasks which build the household in the name of the master. The Son (child) of the household is the one who inherits from the Father and is the image used of our relationship in the heavenly kingdom of God. With either one there is an honor and identity associated with being part of a greater whole.

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 1 John 3:1*

**Saint** and/or **Sinner** is the image Martin Luther used for humanity. We are a sinner for we are not able with the best of our efforts to uphold and carry out the Law. Our sainthood comes because we are claimed by God as His people, redeemed or saved from the consequences of Sin by the death and resurrection of the Son, our brother, Jesus. *For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ... For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me... Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin. Romans 7:14-25*

**Member** and/or **Disciple** as a term to describe us has meaning both in the Bible and from our culture today. The descriptive term “Member” is not in the Bible in the way we think of it. In our culture it creates an identity that often comes at a commitment of time and money to maintain the organization we voluntarily join and is descriptive. The Apostle Paul understands “member” as being a part of a whole, something that has a function in a larger organization. We are individually part of the body of Christ and *members* of it. Disciple is an active term, describing one who studies or learns of the teachings of a leader. It is one who is active in following the example of the teacher to deepen their understanding of life and implies a relationship. *And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, \* you did it to me.” Matthew 25.40*

Do these terms identify you? Yet, my question is whether you see the choice of ‘**or**’ instead of the inclusion of ‘**and**’? When we use ‘**or**’ there is the implication that we can have only one choice and when one stands alone they are often overcome. However, when we use the ‘**and**’ we become multi-dimensional, adaptable and anchored.

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*Continued from last page...* Our culture says we should expect that life will be happy and pain-free. But that is not what the Bible teaches. For the believer, this world is a place of spiritual development through both good times and bad. Jesus was realistic when He explained what to expect in life. He told His disciples, *“In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33).

In receiving life’s blessings and lessons, we can have the inner peace that God is directing events according to His sovereign plan of which we are an important part. We are to live our life based on God’s expectations and have an attitude or mind/will that blessing is all around us. When something feels like a prison, look again and see if God is merely gifting you with the basic needs of hospitality. May we all be blessed in our daily lives with a mind and heart of blessing. Pastor Julie A. K. Anderson

## **Intern’s Intonations**

Greetings to you WOTP Parish from your Vicar, Another month is quickly passed, the season is changing from brown soon to be white and the temperatures will drop to chill our bones. (Although as I write this the weather is a beautiful fall day!)

Among these constant changes we must adapt and adjust to stay in the game-and I wonder, what is the thread that remains constant in our days? During our weekly meetings, Pastor Stephan has encouraged me to work on a personal mission statement to scour my soul for my purpose in life...how do I live out God’s purpose for me in this world? What is my purpose or mission as I move into the future from this wonderful place of ministry?

My wonderful professor at Luther Seminary, Rolf Jacobson, describes mission as: *The greatest party ever; what God is up to for you, for your neighbor, and for all creation; your participation and presence are boldly requested.* As Lutheran Christians we are

saved by grace and boldly invited into God’s mission or purpose in the world to proclaim so that others too may know of the forgiveness and freedom from sin that we experience. Just as God is a life giver we too can be life-giving to others in our relationships in our families, in our work places, and in our communities. This we do not because God commands it, but because it brings great joy to God and to others. When our mission and God’s mission become one there is a depth to our purpose that saturates the soul with joy and wholeness. We grow into *little Christs* as Luther says, living out God’s grace in the world. So here is your invitation to join me in finding your mission:

Vicar Janna

PS. Thank you Bethany Lutheran for sponsoring Team Vicar in the Crop Walk. I walked in honor of you and your generous donation to stifle hunger in our world! Mange-tukk!



## **AN INVITATION TO YOU**

**Who:** You( and **all** saints and sinners)

**What:** God’s mission to love, save, bless and free all of Creation from the power of sin. It is a party of cosmic proportions and ultimate significance. And joy!

**When:** Now and ‘til the cows come home, all the colors bleed into one (copyright U2) and time quits tickin’.

**Where:** Wherever the power of sin is causing bondage, despair, brokenness, loneliness, meaninglessness, sinfulness, and many other kinds of -ness. Groups are meeting in local congregations, homes, and on the street.

**Bring:** Your God-given gifts and talents. Come as you are, but expect to be changed. No special attire is needed, but you may find yourself going an extra mile, sharing an extra coat, or offering your neighbor a cup of cool water in Christ’s name.

**RSVP requested. Please contact the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Rolf A. Jacobson. (2008). *Crazy Talk*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Books.

A Note from Bishop Anderson for the sake of good order:

Vicar Janna Bader has not been ordained as a pastor. She is in her internship year as a seminarian. At the request of your parish leadership, she has been authorized by the synodical bishop to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion in your congregations. For this ministry, she will be in consultation with an ELCA pastor. The authorization is granted in accord with the ELCA's guiding statement, *The Use and the Means of Grace*, which says, "In witness that this sacrament is a celebration of the Church, serving its unity, an ordained minister presides in the service of Holy Communion and proclaims the Great Thanksgiving. Where it is not possible for an extended period of time to provide ordained pastoral leadership, a synodical bishop may authorize a properly trained lay person to preside for a specified period of time in a given location only."

Jon V. Anderson

Bishop Southwestern Minnesota-ELCA

**5th and 6th Grades** look for Bible Boot Camp on the Old and New Testament starting on November 1 followed by February 14, 2015 and May 2, 2015. These classes will prepare you for the instruction in 7th and 8th grades called TFA. This will substitute or supplement your Sunday School instruction. *Register off the Winds website by October 29 or call Pastor Julie (507-215-2388) for more information.*



## PASTOR'S ACTS

### Report for September /October 2014

**Marriage-** Lance & Alicia(Lawrence) Tykwinski on August 30 at Bethany-Elim Lutheran Church .

Garrett & Caitlin (Vermaat) Petersen on October 18 at Grace Lutheran Church.



#### **Funerals—**

#### **1st Communion—**

**September 21 at Bethany-Elim—**Brady Gifford & Tyler Schmidt with Pastor Julie Anderson

**October 5** at Grace— Brock Hefti & Austin Johnson

#### **Baptism—**

**September 6** at Bethany-Elim—Jacobi Conner & Scott Conner with Pastor Stephen Rasmusson

**September 20** at Bethany—Noah Popowski & Nathan Popowski with Pastor Julie Anderson

**October 26** at Bethany-Elim— Andrew Nuy with Pastor Stephen Rasmusson

#### **Affirmation of Baptism-**

**October 26** at Bethany— Lacey Blegen, Katilynn Jorgensen, Natalee Possail

## **Wednesday Night Activities**

Place	Meal	Instruction and Activity Time
Grace @ Lake Benton TFA Instruction	6:30 to 6:50	6:55 to 8:00
Hope @ Minneota TFA & GLOW(God's Love on Wednesday)	5:30 to 6 pm	6:00 to 7:30– Worship
Bethany @ Arco WOW for all Generations	6:00 to 6:30	6:50 to 7:30

**We ask that 3 parents/adults stay and help with TFA each week at Grace, please take your turn.**

**Be sure to get your weekly sheets done and handed back in to the Pastors along with your sermon notes. You need 18 total in before May.**

## **Bible Studies**

Living the Word at Home and the Study inserts on the back of each weeks bulletins will give households a resource for daily devotion and discipleship training.

Monday Bible Study at Divine Providence Nursing Home at 10:00 am (9 on the 4th Monday) will look at the texts for the upcoming Sunday and may have a few surprises now and then.

Wednesday Bible Study at Grace at 8:30 am will look at the texts for the upcoming Sunday. We begin on September 3.

Friday Morning Breakfast Bible Study at 7 am in Arco at Bethany continues.

## **Training for Affirmation**

Mark your calendar for the Jr High Gathering on November 20-21 and the retreat at Faith Fest 2015 February 7-8 at Augustana. This is part of your instruction so plan on attending.

Dear Pastor Steve,

Aug. 31– 2014

I finished the last two churches today—Arco & Minneota. THANK YOU for the privilege of presenting the Gideon story in all five WOTP churches. The total of the five offerings for the Gideons was \$2421.00 which we really appreciate. Thanks again.

Your fellow laborer, Dick Berreth

## Holiday Schedule



### Thanksgiving

**Sunday November 23 @ 7 pm** Lake Benton Community Thanksgiving Service at St Genevieve followed by fellowship.

**Wednesday November 26 @ 7 pm**

Arco/Ivanhoe/Wilno service at Bethany Lutheran in Arco, MN. Followed by fellowship. **Minneota at Hope Lutheran** will host the Minneota Community Service of Thanksgiving. **Peace in Ruthton** will host the Community thanksgiving service followed by fellowship.

### Advent



**Saturday December 6** *Advent Activity Fair* at the Diamond Lake Hall (Weather Permitting: means if there is lots of snow and cold things will be mainly in the hall and parking can be limited. Check the website and radio if in question)

2 to 5 Activity Fair with projects for children of all ages to assemble and learn about GOOD GIFTS in the Hall

3 to 4:30 pm a Live Nativity in the Shelter

5:30 Advent Worship : A to Z

### Christmas



**Sunday's during Advent** our pastoral staff will each be taking an Advent text and preach a unique sermon at all 5 of the congregations.

**Sunday December 14** Christmas Programs at each Congregation

**Wednesday December 24**

10 am Christmas Eve Service at Divine Providence Nursing Home Chapel

2 pm Christmas Eve Service at Hendricks Nursing Home Chapel

4 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Holy Communion

At Grace Lutheran of Lake Benton, Peace Lutheran of Ruthton and

St Paul Lutheran of Minneota

6 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Holy Communion

At Bethany-Elim Lutheran of Ivanhoe

10:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Holy Communion

At Bethany Lutheran of Arco

## **JOB OPENING**



WOTP is looking for someone who is interested in the Parish Administrative position of 20 hours per week . Applications and description of the position are available by contacting either of the Pastors or the Winds Office . Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

## New Saints on the Rolls from November 2013 to October 2014

### Baptisms

Emilee Ann Deutz on December 29, 2013 at Grace  
Richard Lennon Rhode on April at Bethany  
Online Ollion on May 30 at Grace  
Wyatt Kronbach on June 1 at Grace  
Scott and Jacobi Connor on September 6 at Bethany-Elim  
Noah & Nathan Popowski on September 20 at Bethany  
Andrew Nuy on October 26 at Behtany-ELim



### Funeral , Deaths and Burials

Kurt Dougherty on November 1 at Bethany  
Steve Johnson on November 8 at Grace  
Mildred Burkman on November 9 at Bethany  
Milicent "Millie" Hansen on November 9 at Grace  
Steven Arnold Palmer on December 6 at St Paul's  
Daniel Larsen on January 10 at Grace.  
Larry Johnson died on January 16 and was buried at Diamond Lake Cemetery on July 29  
Irene Rost on March 24 at Bethany-Elim  
Paula Jacobson on May 30 at Grace  
Cheryl Kjergaard on May 31 at Grace  
Lucille Williams on June 17 at Grace  
Florine Bannick on June 21 at Grace  
Blanche Jorgensen on June 26 at Bethany  
Terry Miller on July 15 at Peace  
Vern Haraldson on August 6 at Peace  
Neoma Rasmussen burial on August 9 at Bethany  
Vernon Johnson died on August 11, a member at Bethany-Elim  
Gary Richards on August 16 at St Paul's  
Norma Jean Johnson on August 29 at Bethany-Elim

*I believe that **God created** me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that **God still preserves** me by richly and **daily providing** clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. **God also preserves** me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. **All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven**, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.*

Everything we “own” truly belongs to God, and comes from God through our labors or the labors of others. We begin with the knowledge about which we sing in the hymn:

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be,  
All that we have is thine alone- a trust O Lord, from thee.

This includes our money and earthly possessions, but also our will, our health, our mental and physical capabilities... Indeed it includes our very being in God's world. As such, God has given us a place in God's world, to be helpers fit for one another.

As I teach couples about their life together as married children of God, I teach about all areas of sharing with each other and the world. We cover the special place that God has for us in God's own heart, the created nature of the relationship of marriage, the place of sin, repentance and divine forgiveness in our closest relationships. We spend a chunk of time on financial and property concerns, dealing with the home as an economic entity under God's will. Over the next few months, I will share with you the basis of the teaching I use; a process of prayerful spiritual reflections that can guide our relationship to the financial aspects of our lives together. We begin with our being creatures of God who are called to “till and keep the earth,” and to be “helpers fit for” one another.

- **Know our place:** We are creatures made by God. We are placed here for a reason: to honor God by being helpers for one another. God has buried in our deepest hearts a desire to make a difference, to embody God's love for others, to care. Only the most broken psychopath does not share these common characteristics. If God has made us with a particular purpose in the divine economy, then our task begins with discerning God's will for our individual life.
- **Discern God's will:** Is there anybody who has not cried out, “God, You know I'd love to do your will. Is it possible that You might not keep it such a secret?” We discern God's will in our life through daily devotions and reflection - Bible reading, prayer, confession, and living in God's world.
- **Create a sense of purpose and mission:** Have a reason to get up in the morning. Move toward a dream that is yours and God's. I have used a resource available free on the web to assist couples to create a sense of purpose in their marriage and their personal lives. It is the mission builder found on <http://www.franklincovey.com/tc/resources>. Use this to create a working document that you can own as your statement of values and purpose. Such a statement should be a “living” document, open to change as you live it out.
- **Live in Community:** God says “It is not good that the human be alone.” We are made for community. My purpose/God's will for me is that I be turned outward toward others in my stewardship of self.
- **Manage our selves wisely:** We often hear of various models of “Time management” and “self-care.” In the light of the Bible, it might be more truthful to speak of “self-management” and “time-care.” Time is one of the most precious creations God has given. As finite beings – people who know our end on this earth will come – we are constantly aware of our limitations. Knowing how we use our time might give us an indication of our functional priorities in life. Make a record of how you “spend” the time God gives you. Note how much is spent on normal care for self and others. Note how much is taken up by activities that have no importance, which don't further your deepest will and desires for your life. Those times are wasted, and cannot be recovered. Note how much time is spent is activities that deepen relationships that are life giving for you, that meet the purposes and goals for your time on God's earth. Prune those which do not further your understanding of your place in God's world. Nurture those which do. This is good self-management.

So, your assignment for this month, as we seek to grow into Christians whose life is godly and Christ-like, is to seek out your mission in God's world. Find out how you can re-discover the exciting sense of being God's hands in God's world. Realize your unique place as a member of the body of Christ and as a student disciplined in faith.

## **Lutheran Response to World**

ELCA provides \$100,000 to help contain Ebola

Thanks to generous gifts from ELCA members like you to Lutheran Disaster Response, the Lutheran Church in Liberia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone are training health care workers, providing Ebola education about prevention, and distributing food to the many people isolated by the outbreak. See [www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/7699](http://www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/7699).



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

For a personal view from ELCA missionary Brian Palmer of the Ebola tragedy in Liberia, see [www.ELCA.org/Living-Lutheran/Blogs/2014/09/140918-The-toll-of-Ebola-in-Liberia](http://www.ELCA.org/Living-Lutheran/Blogs/2014/09/140918-The-toll-of-Ebola-in-Liberia).

To view a Lutheran Disaster Response video about the need for assistance, see <http://bit.ly/1CoHq6R>.

To find out what you can do, see [www.ELCA.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Ebola](http://www.ELCA.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Ebola).

### **East Jerusalem: Documentary features ELCA supported hospital**

"Healing in a Holy Land," a film about Augusta Victory Hospital, offers "a stark contrast to the images of war and death by holding up tangible evidence of positive work being done on the behalf of ELCA members," says the producer of the film, Tim Frakes. See [www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/blogs/NewsBlog/58](http://www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/blogs/NewsBlog/58).

### **Central America: Ministry is a team effort**

Through the universal priesthood of all believers, the churches in Central America are getting God's work done. Teams of volunteer lay leaders are assuming roles that have been reserved for a paid pastor in more traditional church settings. See [www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/blogs/HandInHand/442](http://www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/blogs/HandInHand/442).

### **Zimbabwe: Building the church**

In the second largest city in Zimbabwe, there is an exciting Lutheran outreach initiative underway as part of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. Read what six ELCA visitors learned on the recent ELCA Global Church Sponsorship trip at [www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/blogs/HandInHand/447](http://www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/blogs/HandInHand/447).

### **Mission of the Month: New life for children in Tanzania**

Children in rural Tanzania are getting the medical care they need thanks to ELCA missionaries Dr. Stephen Friberg and his wife, Bethany Friberg. But "mission doctors know it is God who does the healing," they say. Share this inspiring story with your congregation. For a colorful Word document to display on a bulletin board or use in a newsletter or PowerPoint presentation, visit [www.ELCA.org/resources/globalchurch](http://www.ELCA.org/resources/globalchurch).

### **ELCA members join world climate change march**

Hundreds of ELCA members were among the more than 400,000 people who participated in the People's Climate March in New York City on Sept. 21. See [www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/7698](http://www.ELCA.org/News-and-Events/7698)

### **Malaria videos show impact**

The ELCA Malaria Campaign has three new short videos that help demonstrate the impact of your gifts. Share these videos with your family, friends and people in your congregation. View and download each at <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNDmVwhz-M34LjJ69ByRllqmQcyGc3Ykn>.

### **Expand opportunities for women!**

Women represent 70 percent of the world's population living in poverty, yet in church and society, they are often underserved by a lack of access to education and training to develop their leadership skills. Watch this video highlighting the ELCA's new initiatives to empower women: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RKNqr6-Q3s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RKNqr6-Q3s). To help support this program or to learn more, visit: <http://www.ELCA.org/InternationalLeaders>.

### **Zambia: Serving the young church**

Former ELCA missionary Arden Strasser reflects on his eight years of working with the members and leaders of the Lutheran church in Zambia. To watch a video of his reflections, see [www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7ySj336f0k&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7ySj336f0k&feature=youtu.be).

### **Zionism and the world today**

The issue of Christian Zionism is debated within the church and society. "Comprehending Christian Zionism," available from Fortress Press, brings together an international consortium of experts to reflect on this critical subject. See <http://store.fortresspress.com/store/productgroup/759/Comprehending-Christian-Zionism-Perspectives-in-Comparison>.

### **Glocal Mission Gathering, Nov. 7-8, Nov. 14-15**

For worship and workshops on God's work in today's global and local realities as well as their "glocal" intersections, attend the November ELCA Glocal Mission Gatherings in Chalmette, La., and Excelsior, Minn. For details and to register, visit [www.ELCA.org/glocal](http://www.ELCA.org/glocal).



**CROP WALK raises over \$2,500 on October 12 in Minneota. Thank you all for helping to exceed our goal!!!**



## Winter Weather Advisory

Just a review, to the best of our ability and technology in the due to weather consult the following media for notification:

**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](http://windsoftheprairie.org), [marshallradio.net](http://marshallradio.net), [www.keloland.com](http://www.keloland.com) for weather related announcements. Send an email to [trainingfo@mail.remind.com](mailto: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

Just a couple of reminder of schedules from the pastoral staff:

## Sabbath Days

Mondays are the usual Sabbath Days for Pastor Steve and Vicar Ann. 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.

## Communications

When calling the Winds of the Prairie Ministry Office please use either the 507-694-1238 or 1-866-944-9687 (WOTP). Outside of office hours the number is usually forwarded to the pastor on call .

## Preaching Schedule

NOVEMBER	2014	Peace 8:30	Bethany 10:30	St Paul 8:30	Bethany-Elim 8:30	Grace 10:30
Sunday, November 02, 2014	All Saints Day Healing Service	Rasmusson (Holy Communion)	Anderson	<b>Schley</b>	Anderson	Rasmusson
Elisha & Naaman		Matthew 8:2-3, Psalm 130, 2 Kings 5:1-14				
Sunday, November 9, 2014	Service Of the Word -Talents	Anderson	Anderson	Rasmusson	Bader-	Bader-
A Ruler from Bethlehem - Stewardship of Talents/vocation		Matthew 9:13, Psalm 72, Micah 5:2-4; 6:6-8				
Sunday, November 16, 2014	Service of the Word	Dana-Shetek	Bader-	Rasmusson	Bader-	Dana-Shetek
Promise of Jerusalem		Matthew 5:14, Psalm 15, Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-6 then 2:1-4				
Sunday, November 23, 2014	Christ the King/Holy Communion	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Bader	Anderson	Anderson
Jeremiah's Call		Matthew 21:12-13, Psalm 89: 5-37, Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11				
Sunday, November 23, 2014	THANKSGIVING	Anderson/Bader				
Wednesday, November 26, 2014	THANKSGIVING	Peace/Anderson	Bethany/ Rasmusson	Hope/Bader		
We Give Thanks.						
Sunday, November 30, 2014	Service of the Word/ First Advent	Anderson(Esther)	Anderson(Esther)	Bader (Habakkuk)	Rasmusson (Confirmation) - Isai- ah 42:1-9	Rasmusson - Isaiah 42:1-9
First Sunday of Advent		Matthew 26:36-38, <b>Habakkuk</b> 1:1-4;2:2-4; 3:17-19 - Matthew 5:13-16, <b>Esther</b> 4:1-17	Matthew 12:15-21, <b>Isaiah</b> 42:1-9			or

<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>Peace 8:30</b>	<b>Bethany 10:30</b>	<b>St Paul 8:30</b>	<b>Bethany-Elim 8:30</b>	<b>Grace 10:30</b>
Sunday, December 7, 2014 Holy Communion/2nd Advent	Rasmusson - Isaiah 42:1-9	Rasmusson - Isaiah 42:1-9	Anderson(Esther)	Bader Habakkuk	Bader Habakkuk
Matthew 26:36-38, Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:2-4; 3:17-19 - Matthew 5:13-16, Esther 4:1-17 - Matthew 12:15-21, Isaiah 42:1-9					
Sunday, December 14, 2014 Christmas Program/3rd Advent	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson	10:30 Anderson	Bader
Matthew 26:36-38, Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:2-4; 3:17-19 - Matthew 5:13-16, Esther 4:1-17 or Matthew 12:15-21, Isaiah 42:1-9					
Sunday, December 21, 2014 4th Advent	Bader-Habakkuk	Bader Habakkuk	Rasmusson - Isaiah 42:1-9	Anderson(Esther)	Anderson(Esther)
Matthew 26:36-38, Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:2-4; 3:17-19 - Matthew 5:13-16, Esther 4:1-17 or Matthew 12:15-21, Isaiah 42:1-9					
CHRISTMAS EVE					
Wednesday, December 24, 2014	Peace 4 pm	Bethany - 10:30 p.m.	St Paul-4 p.m.	Bethany-Elim 6 p.m.	Grace 4 pm
	Anderson	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson/Bader	Bader
Shepherd's Visit The Coming of the Messiah					
Christmas Day/ December 25	Isaiah 9:2-7 ,Psalm 96:10-13 , Titus 2:11-14 , Luke 2:1-20				10 am Christmas Day at Diamond Lake ?
Sunday, December 28, 2014	Service of the Word - First Christmas	Lay	Anderson	Rasmusson/Lay	Rasmusson/Lay
The Magi, Gifts & Music Matthew 2:1-12, Psalm 96:10-13					

THANK YOU ~ Bethany-Elim WELCA hosted their annual Soup N Sandwich Luncheon & Bake Sale on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Homemade baked goodies were available with lunch served from 11am-1pm. With a menu of assorted homemade soups, a sandwich assortment with bars & coffee .



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# CANNEWS FROM CAMP

*Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers*

## Mark Your Calendar

- \*Confirmation Retreat - November 7-8
- \*Lutefisk supper - December 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 5:30pm
- \*Stargazing Cross-country skiing- December 19<sup>th</sup>
- \*Snowshoeing - December 28<sup>th</sup>
- \*Winter Fun Day - December 29<sup>th</sup> grade 3-6

Any questions call (507) 763-3567 or  
Check out our website at [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)



## Wish List

- Heavy duty outdoor extension cords
- Vehicles- preferably good condition mini-vans  
(Work well for day camp teams) or late model sedans
- Canister Vacuum – powerful, but portable
- Lifejackets – all sizes
- ELW Hymnals
- Microphones and microphone stands
- Kitchen towels - new
- Bath towels – new
- Bed sheets – new (twin & double)
- Box fans
- Eureka Timberline 4 person tents
- Window air conditioners
- Flat screen TV for the Lakota fireside room

## **Thank you for your Support!!**

A BIG thank you to all of our Shetek supporters!  
With your support we together are transforming lives and nurturing Faith-filled leaders for tomorrow.  
Your gift makes a difference for all who comes to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. It enables us to offer outstanding programs, maintain the day to day operation, provides camperships and continually update our facilities.  
May God richly bless you for your support!

# The Hurricane

The Newsletter of WXY

November/December 2014



VENTURING · BSA®

**WxY & Venture Crew** meets on the 4th Sunday of the month from 3 to 5 pm. **Venturing** is a youth development program of the **Boy Scouts of America** for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age.

WxY is for 6th to 12th grade youth to have fun with service and fellowship.

We meet November 23 out at the Diamond Lake Chapel.

**ACCEPT ALL, EXCEPT NONE -Romans 15:7**

**Jr High Youth Gathering– November 21-22 at Willmar**

15 of our youth from Grades 6 to 9 *will* gather with others from Southwestern Minnesota for the largest youth event of junior high ages disciples in the nation. Prayer for them and their adult leaders will be appreciated.

**Summer 2015 Trips:** Washington D.C. June 19 to 28– contact Pastor Steve for more details or check out at [www.windsoftheprairie.org](http://www.windsoftheprairie.org) for details and to register.



TFA students are doing a fabulous service project called Operation Christmas Child. Our Goal is to send 100 boxes to children around the world to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! -We need your help! - If you are able to share in our giving please stuff a plastic shoe box or (regular sized shoe box) with items and bring it to worship by **November 16**. Look for more information in the weekly bulletins or contact Janna. Let us open our hearts to share 100 gifts!

**Gift Suggestions:**

**TOYS:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring books, etc.

**NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**ACCESSORIES:** t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**A PERSONAL NOTE:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

**Saturday December 6 Advent Activity Fair** at the Diamond Lake Hall (Weather Permitting: means if there is lots of snow and cold things will be mainly in the hall and parking can be limited. Check the website and radio if in question)

2 to 5 Activity Fair with projects for children of all ages to assemble and learn about GOOD GIFTS in the Hall

3 to 4:30 pm a Live Nativity in the Shelter

5:30 Advent Worship : A to Z



# Keep In Your Prayers

## **Bethany, Arco**

Les Blegen, Aaron Delp, Beth Daniels, Eloise Hauschild, Buck Barber, Dorothy Bunjer, Norma Renken, Harvey Jorgensen, Travis Noble, Connie Clausen(mother of Brenda Possail)

## **Bethany-Elim, Ivanhoe**

Gretchen Suhr, Esther Wayland, Sarah B, Anna Zafft(granddaughter of Harvey & Muriel Koopman), Richard Ellis, Ray Johnson, Rhoda Larson, Bruce Kelm (brother of Gretchen Suhr); 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**

Jeanette Nelson, Brent Bressler, Jeanette Nelson, Allan Johnson, Norma Nielsen(Wanda Nordmeyer's sister), Marian Bennett, Mary Haugen, Naomi Enke, Annette Fehrman, Joan & Earl Klitzke.

## **Peace, Ruthton**

Deloris Dagel, Lynnette Lingen, Jean Lundholm, LeRoy Hartson(Rosmary's son), Rosmary Hartson, Edwin Ewald, Ellen Hansen, Edna Haraldsen.

## **St.Paul's Minneota**

Jeff Kompelin, & Clara DeRoode

**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: Kyle Stensgaard, Jesse Zafft, Lucas Oerter, Jon Dougherty, Christian Vizecky, Danielle Thomson, Michael Colman, Ross, Ryan, Angela & David Nelson, Allan Peterson, Derrick Linne-man, Todd Board, Kyle Shiek, Alyson Bylone, Jim Pedersen, Justin Schmidt, Adam DeRoode, Pam Gregor, Paul Gregor Jr., Corey Gregor, Christopher Gregor & Paul Gregor.



A note regarding the prayer list ~ In order for us to add a person to the prayer list in the future, we need the family of the individual or the individual themselves to call the pastoral staff or office to inform us of this. This is to avoid any miscommunication.



# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bringing Everyone Together by Helping, Acepting, and Nurturing You.

### Assisting Ministers

November 23 Jewel Noble

December 7 Katilynn Jorgensen

December 24 Dar Schreurs

### Lector:

November 2 Dar Schreurs

December 7 Marie Henriksen

November 9 Glen Sorensen

December 14 Ron Madsen

November 16 Gayle Rasmussen

December 21 Morgan Possail

November 23 Ilene Sorensen

December 24 Allan Lundberg

November 30 Katilynn Jorgensen

December 28 Ardis Henriksen

Ushers: November– Glen & Ilene Sorensen

December- Randy & Jewel Noble

Alter Guild: November—Lynette Madsen

December– Lynette Madsen

November Dates: November 13- WELCA at Bethany @ 1:30

The women of Bethany- Elim are invited to join the women of Bethany for their November meeting. We will begin our preparation for Advent. Each of us will make an Advent Candle centerpiece to either use at home or share by gifting to others. All supplies will be furnished, you need only bring a willingness to do the work. No special skills are needed. While working we will learn what the Advent Candles mean. Join us for an afternoon of fun and learning.

November 26—WELCA Bible Study @ 9am

December Dates: December 11- WELCA at Bethany-Elim @ 1:30

December 13– COOKIE WALK– 9am to Noon

December 17—WELCA Bible Study @ 9am

### Confirmation at Bethany Lutheran of Arco

On October 26 three young women made an affirmation of their faith.

Lacey Blegen

Katilyn Jorgensen

Natalee Possail

## Bethany Lutheran Annual Cookie Walk



**DATE:** December 13, 2014

**PLACE:** Bethany Lutheran, Arco

**TIME:** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Cookies will be available for sale. Coffee and cookies will also be available along with a chance to visit with friends.

# BETHANY-ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Mission Statement: Christ is Lord*

	<b>November</b>		<b>December</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	2	Gene Faulds & Roger Nelson	7	Kelly & Nancy Krog
	9	Brandon & Kristy Gifford	14	Dave & Marlene Lawrence
	16	Roger & Angie Jerzak	21	Robert & Bernie Olsen
	23	Elmer & Twila Koopman	24	Dale & Karen Richmond
	30	Kyle and Susan Krier	28	Dustin & Kristina Richmond
<b>Lector</b>	2	Brandon Gifford	7	Loretta Lundberg
	9	Cody Gifford	14	Christmas Program
	16	Angie Jerzak	21	Chris Rasmussen
	23	Donna Kurth	24	Karen Richmond
	30	Laura Josephsen	28	Margo Willert
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	23	Sherry Rost	7	Val Whipple
			24	Wendy Rost
<b>Acolyte</b>	2	Cody & Brady Gifford	7	Molly Krog
	9	Kira Gifford	14	Madison Lawrence & Jennifer Krog
	16	Kim Bloch	21	Christmas Program
	23	Molly & Megan Krog	24	Anna & Jady Krier
	30	Jason Epple	28	Kathy Richmond
<b>Altar Guild</b>				
<b>November</b>	—Ruth Mulder & Linn Whipple			
<b>December</b>	—Donna Kurth, Marlene Lawrence & Loretta Lundberg			

## **Bethany-Elim Sunday School Christmas Program** \_\_\_\_\_ by Nancy Krog

Looking ahead, our Christmas Program will be held on **December 14**. The program is entitled, “Christmas Play by Play”. The kids will be on the baseball team at Bethlehem Stadium and are about to meet Jesus, their newborn coach and savior! We have requested to change the time of church for that Sunday only, to worship at **10:30am** and potluck to follow. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors, the Sunday School kids have a wonderful story to share, bring a dish to pass and enjoy food and fellowship after the program.

## **Affirmation of Baptism—November 30 at 8:30**

The following confirmands will be affirming their faith:

Kira Gifford daughter of Brandon & Kristy

Ethan Krier son of Kyle and Susan

Jennifer Krog daughter of Kelly & Nancy

Tory Neyens daughter of Jeff & Kantina

Thanks for your generosity of Food. Since needed fresh food is purchased from the store, cash/check donations at this time would also be greatly appreciated. Drop off or mail to Bank of the West, PO Box 150, Ivanhoe, MN 56142.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER is November 22 from 11 to 1 at the Ivanhoe, VFW. Bring in non-perishable food items as your offering.

Thank You!!!



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mission Statement: "To Love and Support Each Other, As We Grow in Faith"

	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Milo Downs Don Evers Wayne Fehrman Martin Ritter	Michael Haugen Derek Haugen Gary Heffele Jim Herschberger
<b>Deacon</b>	Jerid Johnson	Jerid Johnson
<b>Acolyte</b>	2 Adrianna & Austin Johnson 9 Tyson Weets 16 Caul Harstad 23 Becca & Breelee Berkenpas 30 Blaine Hefti	7 Adam Czech 14 Christmas Program 21 Tristen Simonsen 24 Zach & Jaylen Miller 28 Autumn Tooley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Julienne Prosch	Anne Lichtsinn

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

**First Communion** Brock Hefti and Austin Johnson of Grace on October 5.

## Grace Lutheran Sunday School News by Pat Johnson

It's hard to believe Christmas will soon be here. We will start practicing for our Christmas program "All I Want For Christmas...Is Jesus" during Sunday school time starting Oct. 26. On Nov. 30 & Dec. 7, Sunday school will start at 8:30 a.m. for more practice time. Please plan on having a practice on Sat., Dec 13 after the Lake Benton Santa Day which is scheduled at 10 a.m.

This year's program will include the Sunday school children & teachers, parents, TFA students, and a couple surprise guests along with singing our favorite traditional Christmas songs. Come and hear the story of our Lord's birth retold with maybe a little twist.

Please join us for our program on Sunday, Dec. 14 to be held during our 10:30 a.m. church service. It would mean so much to all of us!

Upcoming dates: Nov. 30 & Dec. 7 - Sunday school starts at 8:30 a.m.

Dec. 13 - Christmas program practice after LB Santa Day

Dec. 14 - Christmas program during 10:30 a.m. church service

Dec. 21 - No Sunday school

Dec. 28 - No Sunday school

## ***Gracious Words* by Karen Lichtsinn**

During the time of harvest, we are thankful for all that God has given us, even though it may not be what we wanted or expected. As we give thanks for all the gracious gifts from God, let's also think about how we can give back and ways we can be stewards of God's grace in this world. Here are some memorable reminders about stewardship from the ELCA.

**Practicing Stewardship** - The practice of stewardship invites us to look in 3 different directions: **DOWN, IN and OUT**; like making the sign of the cross:

- **DOWN** - We begin by looking at how God has come **down** to us.
- **IN** - We then look **in** to discover all that God has entrusted to our care.
- **OUT** - We look **out** to understand the needs of our neighbors.

### **DOWN – Our relationship with God -**

- 1) **Stewards of God's Grace** - How does God's grace shape the way we live our lives?
- 2) **Stewards of the Story** - How might we be good stewards of God's work in our lives?
- 3) **Stewards of Creation** - How might we steward and care for the earth so as to sustain it for future generations?

### **IN - What God has entrusted to our care –**

- 1) **Stewards of Talents** - How is God calling us, as individuals and as a congregation, to steward our gifts and talents through our vocations?
- 2) **Stewards of Time** - How are we using our time? How might we best steward that time to love God and our neighbor?
- 3) **Stewards of Money** - How do we steward all of our money and make sure that the way we use money aligns with our values?
- 4) **Stewards of Stuff** - How might we be good stewards of the stuff we have by using it to love God and our neighbor? How might we challenge ourselves to live more simply for the sake of our neighbor?

### **OUT - Relationship with our neighbor -**

- 1) **Stewards of Justice** - How might we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to us to steward God's justice?
- 2) **Stewards of Local and Global Communities** - How is God calling us, as individuals and as a congregation, to use the resources that God has entrusted to our care to love God and our neighbors both locally and globally?

Stewardship is about so much more than money. Stewardship is about LOVE! It is one of the primary ways that we live out Jesus' commandment to love God and our neighbor. Go now as stewards of God's abundance; remembering the many ways that God has come **down** to you: looking **in** to celebrate all that God has entrusted to your care: and focusing **out** to do justice for the sake of the neighbor both near and far. Go in peace; share God's love through stewardship year-round! Thanks be to God!



**Thank you for helping us celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary, we appreciate everyone who came to celebrate with us.**

Gerry & Faye Rochel

## Peace Lutheran Church

*Mission Statement: "To spread the Gospel by being a community of believers that offer hope and hospitality to all."*

Tuesday, November 4—9:30 a.m. – St. Matthew Circle

Wednesday, November 5—2 p.m. – St. Mark Circle @ Delores Dagele (Note date change due to elections)

Monday, November 10 —5 pm St John Circle

Wednesday, November 12— PLCW

Monday, November 24— 9 a.m. – Quilting Day

Thursday, November 26—7pm -Ruthton Community Thanksgiving Service at Peace followed by fellowship.

Tuesday, December 2— 9:30 a.m. – St. Matthew Circle

2 p.m. – St. Mark Circle

Monday, December 8—St John Circle

Wednesday, December 10—2pm—First English Christmas Tea

Wednesday, December 24—4 pm-Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

First Communion Jayden Houselog of Peace on November 2.

## St Paul Lutheran Church

*Mission Statement: Trusting in Christ, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love*

### Annual Chili Supper

**Sunday November 2 from 5 to 7 pm**

**Come for Full Meal deal: Chili with fixings, bread/crackers, drink and bar for dessert.**

**Adults \$7.00**

**Kids under 12 \$5.00**

