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FIRST WORD: CHRISTIANS IN A CULTURE OF CONVENIENCE

PASTOR STEPHEN RASMUSSEN

READ JOB CHAPTERS 38-42

We live in a convenience culture. Wal-Mart has become our nation's general store, convenient packaging has made quick foods our nations home cooking. Gas stations are now full service convenience marts. Under the guise of convenience, major banks offer a broad variety of services, but without personal contact. Drugs are sold as magic cures for chronic ailments. And this is all in the name of convenience. We expect society to fulfill our every desire at the drop of a hat, and when it doesn't we accuse those people who haven't met our wishes. One stop, quick shop convenience – How can it be bad?

This convenience has its price. When our expectations of culture and economy are based on our personal whims, wishes and desires, without consideration of the effect on others in the greater community, there is a risk of creating a culture of selfishness.

As a result we are at risk of condoning some rather disturbing trends:

Health becomes a right rather than a goal. Expectations of good health without appropriate self care and healthy lifestyle lead to high medical costs to the greater population.

With the ability of modern medicine to control conception, even children can become objects of convenience. Under the guise of goodness we hear arguments like “We will have kids when we can afford them” or “We want kids because they will make our lives happier.” Parents continue this trend into child-rearing, becoming engaged in their children's lives only when it is convenient. Other adults, schools, community services then bear responsibility for their children's parenting and socialization.

Churches, civic organizations, non-profits and local governments are expected to meet the needs of the individual without cost to the individual. We are seeing a rapid decrease in support for non-profits across the board, with churches suffering along with other civic organizations. Yet the non-profits are viewed as full service organizations who are supposed to be at the beck and call of the individual in times of need.

Our communities are being entertained to death. Silence is a thing of the past in our culture. When it appears, we are quick to grab the latest audio device to fill the void. It is not convenient to be attentive to the world around us when we are able to be entertained instead. Have you ever tried to reason with someone with an earbud plugged into their i-pod? Why does the state need to enact laws about driving distracted? CONTINUED FOLLOWING PAGE

THANK YOU

LYLE AND JACKIE BRAUN
AND FAMILY

Thank you to the Winds of the Prairie Congregations for your thoughtfulness in sending the lovely peace lily plant. Lyle and I, as well as his father and siblings appreciated your kind support, and beautiful symbol in celebration of the life of Lyle's mother, Marcella Braun. Your words and prayers are not only a comfort but a source of strength. We consider ourselves so fortunate to be a part of such a caring and compassionate congregation. Thank you!

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Patience is at a premium. Our "get it done yesterday" culture will not allow for the time to do the job right. I love the sign I saw in a business the other day; "A lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part."

Convenience in itself is not the problem. Rather it is the expectation being bred into us that the entire society must cater to us like a great service organization.

Our convenience culture places us in danger of being wooed into the false assumption that it is all about me. The Greeks called this attitude *hubris*. The World English Dictionary describes this as "1. pride or arrogance and 2. (in Greek tragedy) an excess of ambition, pride, etc, ultimately causing the transgressor's ruin." The ancient Greeks determined that the worst form of hubris is found when the human expresses such arrogance towards God.

God, in the book of Job, challenges Job's *hubris* and demands "Who is it that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man. I will question you, and you shall declare to me... Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you might be justified?" (Job 38:2-3; 40:8). Job has argued that God is not fair in his treatment of humans, that God is not just in judgment and is false to His promises. God responds with his might and power, and Job responds with repentance and faith. And God responds to repentance and humility with blessing.

God's grace is not convenient, it is costly. And God's love is not for sale; it is freely given.

Peace and Grace, Pastor Steve Rasmusson

NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

	Bethany (8:30)	Grace (8:30)	Peace (10:30)	St. Paul (8:30)	Bethany-Elim (10:30)
Saturday, November 06, 2010	Braun				
Sunday, November 07, 2010	Anderson	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Braun	Braun
Saturday, November 13, 2010			Braun		
Sunday, November 14, 2010	Anderson	G. Anderson	G. Anderson	Braun	Braun
Saturday, November 20, 2010					Anderson
Sunday, November 21, 2010	Braun	Rasmusson	Rasmusson/ Braun	Gene Anderson	Gene Anderson
Saturday, November 27, 2010		Rasmusson		Braun	
Sunday, November 28, 2010	Braun	Anderson	Anderson	Rasmusson	Rasmusson

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 TO OCTOBER 17, 2010

Worship	Education	Meetings	Pastoral Acts	Visits
5- Sundays Worships @ 5 congregations 1 - Congregational anniversary 5- Nursing Home 5-Saturday Night	12- Bible/Book Study 5-TFA 4-Continuing Education 1 - Shetek ElderHostel	7- Council/Meeting 3 - Parish committee Meetings 2-WELCA 2-WXY 1-Synod 1-Public Event	2-Funeral 1-Baptism 5-Counseling 2-Wedding 0-Affirmation of Baptism	10- Home 5-Hospital

NOTES FROM THE INTERN

BY VICAR JACKIE BRAUN

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

2 CORINTHIANS 1: 3-5

Paul is writing to the church of God in Corinth. He begins his second letter to them with the first half of the chapter about God's comfort and the second half explaining his change of plans to visit. Imagine that! Words of God comfort and words of change in the same section. I think Paul might be on to something. Let's face it, change is a part of life and without it we would remain stagnant and eventually die. It is only through change that we can experience new life. Where would summer be without winter? Just as the switch to the winter winds and cold can be difficult, change can be hard and bring about its own set of challenges -- that's why there are so many books written on the topic. Topics range from how to lead through change, how to recognize how people are responding to change and my personal favorite, "Who moved my cheese?"

Change can be challenging, arriving without warning; such as a diagnosis of cancer, or the loss of a loved one through death, or the loss of income through job loss. Then again change can give us plenty of preparation and time to anticipate and maybe even time for worry as we wait 9 months for the birth of a child, to plan for a wedding, or anticipating the first or maybe the last child to leave the family nest. The other difficulty with change is that it often makes us delve into the unknown and tread areas not yet walked on or explored. We can choose to dread what

comes before us or we may discover opportunities to do or think differently.

Paul understood very deeply the effect of change having heard the word of God – hitting the dirt road on the way to Damascus, when faced with Christ. Christ changed his life forever – calling him, a faithful Jew, to proclaim the love of Christ to all and for all. I have often wondered what he thought and felt, when first faced with sharing Christ with the Gentiles and eating among those considered unclean. Did this change come easily for him? Did he adjust quickly and without fear and doubt or did he too say, "Hey, who moved my cheese?" So how do you respond when confronted with change? I once prided myself on being very flexible until a close friend and co-worker pointed out that I was adaptable as long as the change didn't affect me personally. Once the change affected me and forced me to do or think differently, then I usually resisted as strongly as the others I had judged as being inflexible or maybe even rigid.

Throughout his journey, Paul experienced times of tremendous change, trouble and despair and observed that in those very times it led him to depend even further on God. And Paul speaks to our need for comfort, writing words of hope and offering encouragement, giving words of wisdom in his letters from his own experiences of despair and still boastfully proclaiming of hope in God's grace through Jesus Christ. It is Christ calling us to live into His grace for us and for the world. It is Christ who calls us into this life of change a new way of living, sharing His promise with others and offering comfort to those in trouble and despair. And how is it that you respond to the call of change? It is through Christ only that we can give and receive His comfort and to this we can all say Amen to the glory of God.

WOTP COUNCIL NOTES

KAREN RICHMOND, PRESIDENT

Our WOTP Council met in October to prepare the budget for 2011. First we reviewed where we stand in our 2010 budget and find we are well on track. As we worked to build the budget for 2011, we shared our thoughts on the valuable leadership our pastors are providing. A large portion of the WOTP budget deals with salaries and we realize how important these people are to our parish and its outreach. We also budget for expenses such as mileage and telephone and internet service as well as support staff and office supplies. We realize that each of our individual churches is stretching to meet their financial goals as well. So we tried to curb expenses where possible. Our goal was to keep next year's budget as close to the 2010 budget as possible. The Council will meet again in early November to finalize the budget and get it to each of the five churches to be included in their budgets. These will be presented at each church's annual meeting.

The work of our church includes lots of prayer, worship opportunity, Bible Study, and fellowship, but there are always the 'nuts and bolts' of cashflow, accounting and budgets that are necessary too. We are blessed to have leadership within our churches in both areas.

BUFFALO RIDGE CHORALE

Fall Concert

"Our Heritage"

Celebrating our Region's Musical and Artistic Legacy

Sunday, October 31, 2 pm

Christ Lutheran Church

Hendricks, MN

Admission \$5.00. 14 and under free

This event is made possible, in part, by a grant provided by the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council (SMAHC) and is funded, in part, by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008

WXY YOUTH GROUP MEETING

SECRETARY'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2010

The WXY Youth Group met on October 10, 2010 at Peace Lutheran Church in Minneota.

WXY officers were elected for 2010-2011. Tisha Burch will serve as president, River Lawson will serve as vice president, Emily Clarke will serve as secretary, and Colton Lawson will serve as Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by President Tisha Burch.

No secretary's report was given.

No treasurer's report was given.

In old business, an agenda was created. WXY meetings take place before the TFA gathering each month. October 23 was the date set for leave raking and the family fun day in Lake Benton. The final registration date for the Junior High Youth Gathering is October 11.

In new business, after October 23 raking, WXY members will help with activities at the church. Members are reminded to bring extra rakes. Mike Czech will provide a list of needed supplies. The decision made to make a Facebook page as well as a calling and e-mailing list. The decision was made to deliver Thanksgiving meals to the homebound in the month of November. Megan Clarke will call Muriel Koopman for more information. Child care and activities were discussed for the Holiday Bazaar in Ivanhoe in honor of the Festival of St. Nicholas. Caroling in Arco or Ruthton was discussed. Some discussion was made about winter activities in January; service projects were planned for February.

At next month's meeting, summer trips will be discussed as well as fundraising ideas.

River Lawson led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned and TFA members went to the monthly TFA gathering.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Clarke

STEWARDSHIP: MORE THAN MONEY BUT A WAY OF LIVING

THIS IS BY META CARLSON, COPIED FROM META'S BLOG [TANGLED BY GRACE](#).

IT IS A THOUGHTFUL OBSERVATION AND REFLECTION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A STEWARD AS PART OF OUR DISCIPLESHIP.

[FIVE REASONS TO PLEDGE](#) –MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009

In the season of stewardship, I am reminded how important it is to promise our generous hearts again and again. Revisiting what we value and what we can share is at the core of discipleship and spiritual growth. I am a big fan of this habit and here are five reasons you can be, too:

1. TAKING THE TIME

Reflecting about and discussing your gifts as a household or congregation is an important way to witness the way your life changes over time. It happens in a more stoic way when you fill out tax forms: you watch your education, income, investments and liabilities change with each passing year. Taking time to consider these responsibilities from a spiritual perspective can change the way you experience writing checks, paying bills and sharing your gifts.

2. SHARING, NOT LOSING

Whenever I sit in the pews and see the offering plate coming, I fumble through my wallet. It is an awkward moment while I hope for a bill that is "enough," but "not too much." I will admit that tossing that crumpled bill into the plate feels more like losing than sharing. Giving sporadically and last minute does not usually feel generous and that is because it comes from a moment of pressure that does not make time for the reflection I mentioned above. Planning to give connects us to the ritual in a thoughtful and joyful way that can transform our stewardship theology.

3. WORTHY GIFTS

Many people do not pledge because they don't think the amount they share is worthy of being proclaimed and promised ahead of time. Yikes! Whether you commit to sharing \$1 or \$1,000 a week, it matters and it makes a difference. Whatever you have to give is worthy of being shared.

4. WORD AND DEED

Making a promise and acting on it again and again is a physical lesson about God's love for us. Every time God forgives us and renews us through our baptism, God is keeping that big promise made through Jesus Christ. With each grace-filled act in relationship with us, God recalls the promise and it becomes new again. Pledging is a bold and simple way to respond to God's promise and action in our lives.

5. BODY OF CHRIST.

Have you ever watched pledge cards pile up in a basket or offering plate? Those promises add up to do miraculous things in the name of God. Committing to share your gifts means standing together with your Christian brothers and sisters in ministry and mission for a purpose beyond yourself. It means trusting that together our gifts are divine abundance, more than enough to change the world.

Lord, blessings abound in you. Teach us to trust that what you provide is more than enough. Open our hands and satisfy our hearts. Amen.

“SAVE A LIFE” MOVIE

This movie will be shown on **Sunday, November 7**, from 4-6pm, followed by discussion, food and conversation.

The movie will be shown at **Christ Lutheran Church in Hendricks**. Bring sandwiches or bars to pass--soup and beverages will be provided. This is sponsored by Christ Library.

RSVP by Nov 3rd to Christ Lutheran @ **507-275-3178** or **cluther@itctel.com**

FAMILY FAITH

NANCY KROG

As we turn our calendar to November, let us all focus on being thankful. May we remember all that God provides for us. Let us be thankful for our loving families who support and guide us through the trying days and good times. Remember our church family. Pray for those in need. Say “thanks” to those individuals who put forth effort to make the daily happenings of our church go so smoothly. Be thankful. Hug your kids and take a breath to enjoy God’s beauty throughout this beautiful fall season.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Bountiful God, you have blessed us in many ways, in the beauty and richness of our land, and in the freedom we enjoy. You have given us even greater gifts in our family who loves and cares for us and in the grace which allows us to know and believe in you. May we be grateful for all our blessings, not just today, but every day. Help us to turn our gratitude into action by caring for those in need and by working for a more just society. Bless this wonderful meal before us and each of us at this table. Be with all those we love who are not here. We give you thanks through Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

“THANKFULNESS MURALS”

Focus: Thankfulness

Scripture Reference: Luke 17: 11-19, tells the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers, nine who were healed and went on with their lives. One leper came back to Jesus simply to say “thanks”. When was the last time your family paused to say “thanks” to God? Use this devotion to encourage your family to make thankfulness a part of everyday life.

Equipment: butcher paper or a piece of construction paper for each member of your family, markers, and a Bible

Exploration: Spread the paper over the kitchen table. Have each family member take a seat around the table. Pass out markers to everyone and instruct them to make a mural full of pictures of things for which they are thankful. When everyone is finished, take turns sharing your pictures with the whole family. Then remove the paper from the table and hang it in the kitchen or hallway or another common area as a reminder of what they have been given.

Discovery: Discuss the following questions: Was it difficult or easy to think of things to draw? Why? Why did you choose to draw the things you did? What other things could you add to the mural? How do you show your thankfulness to God? To others?

Read Luke 17: 11-19 and talk about these questions:

Why do you think only one leper came back to thank Jesus? How would you have felt if you had been Jesus? Who in the story are you most like? What can we do to help ourselves become better at expressing our gratitude to God and others?

Prayer: Sit in a circle and ask everyone to hold hands. Have family members take turns telling one specific reason they are thankful for each person in the circle. Then close with a prayer of thanks for the way each family member contributes to your family as a whole.

TRAINING FOR AFFIRMATION: NOVEMBER



This is not your typical confirmation preparation. We are coming together with our fellow ELCA Lutherans in Lincoln and Lyon counties as the L3, to give our youth a richer, educational experience.

Groups meet on Wednesdays based on school districts with the following arrangement:

RTR/Pipestone/Elkton-Lake Benton meet at 5:30 pm to 7:30 in Tyler at First English Lutheran in Tyler.

Lincoln HI students meet at 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Hendricks at Christ Lutheran.

Minneota meet at 5:30 pm to 7:30 at Hope Lutheran.

SPLASH-The second Sunday of the month, November 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in Tyler at First English Lutheran for students, parents and mentors to learn about **Stewardship of Creation** around fellowship and fun.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION

Date	Tyler @ ROCK	Hendricks @ Christ Lutheran Church	Minneota @ Hope Lutheran Church
3-Nov-10	Article One-Pastors Steve Pastor Doris	Augsburg Confession:1-Pastors Julie & Lyle	Exploring the Commandments PartTwo- Pastors; Bogie, Tom & Vicar Jackie
10-Nov-10	Article Two-Pastors Steve & Doris	Augsburg Confession-2 Pastors Julie & Lyle	Exploring the Commandments Part Three- Pastors; Bogie, Tom & Vicar Jackie
11/17/10	Article Three-Pastors Steve & Doris	Augsburg Confession-3 Pastors Julie & Lyle	Exploring the Commandments Part Four- Pastors; Bogie, Tom & Vicar Jackie
24-Nov-10	Thanksgiving Break-	No Class	

BIBLE STUDY

Bad Girls of the Bible: A study of some of the women of the Bible.

2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10:00 am at Bethany-Elim

Weekly Lectionary Readings Reflection on Wednesdays at 8:30 am at the Buffalo Ridge Trading and Coffee Company.

Book of Faith and Breakfast at Café in Ivanhoe at 7:15 am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. We begin with a study of Genesis.

Friday Morning Breakfast in Arco at 7:00 am continues to traverse through the Book of Acts.

Saturday Men's Study - November 20

Join the Men's Discipleship and Prayer group in Lake Benton on Saturday, November 20, at 8 AM at the Buffalo Ridge Trading Company in Lake Benton (across from the Fire Hall). This is a non-denominational gathering, and all men are welcome to discuss issues and get acquainted over a cup of coffee, while studying the word of God! For information, contact J.R. Harris at (952) 288-4013 (email - gettfree4god@hotmail.com).

You are welcome to come to any of these studies. If anyone is interested in another time and place for a Bible Study contact a pastor for help in getting one together.

ACOLYTE TRAINING FOR 4TH AND 5TH



The road of life is marked by milestones, events that signal a new and deeper involvement in life. A new milestone for our youth is the opportunity to receive instruction in being a worship acolyte. Therefore the current 4th and 5th graders will receive instruction at their home congregations

in a 90 minute class at the following times:

Bethany and Bethany-Elim on November 7 following worship. Lunch served.

Peace on November 14 after worship. Lunch served.

Grace and St Paul on November 21 at 3:30 pm.

The current acolytes are invited to come to help instruct and as a refresher as well as sign up for Sundays to serve for the coming year. Once training is complete the new acolytes can serve as acolytes.

First Communion Instruction for 5th Graders is scheduled as a one day event from 9 am to 4 pm, on either January 22 or February 12. Let Pastor Julie or Vicar Jackie know if you have a preference of days otherwise the classes will be divided up between the two days.

BETHANY, ARCO

BETHANY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER

USHERS: Glen and Ilene Sorensen

ALTAR GUILD: Jewel Noble

BETHANY NEWS

GAYLE RASMUSSEN

Fall brings the busy time of harvest. The weather has been good for the gathering in of the crops. Thank you to God. The season has brought us a great color show that has been beautiful for all to enjoy.

Sunday school and TFA classes are in full swing teaching the students the many Wonders of God.

A big thanks for all that made the chicken dinner a successful event. It was really good.

The Christmas season is near, and we will be having an Advent event Saturday, December 4, at 2:30pm before the Saturday evening worship service. Come and begin the season in a meaningful and fun way.

God gave us his son's life, giving us eternal life. Now we must ask ourselves what we can give back to God.

BETHANY WELCA WILL MEET

The Bethany WELCA group will meet on Thursday, November 11th at 1:30 at the church. Women of Bethany-Elim will be our guests. A short program will be done by Marie about the Symbols of the Church and why symbols were and are important to our worship. We will also do a make-and-take craft item that you can use this fall (very, very easy.)

It is time to alert women of Bethany that we will be having our Cookie Walk once again this year. Set aside the date of Saturday, December 11th and begin planning what you will be making for our event. Further information will be sent out to all members.

BETHANY-ELIM, IVANHOE

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS AT BETHANY-ELIM

NANCY KROG

In October, we invited the third and fourth graders and their parents to an "Opening Your Bible Class". We practiced finding a variety of Bible verses, enjoyed comparing different Bible versions, and appreciated the Bible verses the kids' grandparents and family members highlighted or made special note of. Thank you to those who attended!

On November 7th our Sunday School children will sing during worship. They will also be collecting a noisy offering for our special Heidi Epple, who is working diligently to spread God's word and care for God's children in Africa.

On November 14th the children will walk over to Divine Providence Nursing Home and share our songs of praise.

We will begin Christmas Program practice on November 21 and would appreciate it if all Sunday School children could be in attendance.

So far the children have had lessons on creation, Baby Moses, and the burning bush. Thank you to our dedicated teachers, you are doing a great job and your creative ideas are helping our children learn God's amazing stories!

Have a blessed November!

GRACE, LAKE BENTON

GRACE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER

USHERS: Shawn Bennett, Brent Bressler, Ed Brockhouse, Carl Burk

ALTAR GUILD: Janel Stuefen

GLCW will meet Wednesday, November 3 at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Room. The program is "Stewardship" -- Bring you Thank Offering Boxes. Devotions by Darlene Willert. Hostesses are Pat Johnson and Mindy Johnson.

BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday, November 10, at 1:30pm, with Garnet Petersen being the Hostess

FINAL NOTICE TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS.

It is time that we bring our annual fund raiser to a close, so that end of the year planning can begin. Please turn in your contributions to your service group leader or to any member of the GLCW Executive Committee as soon as possible. Thank you.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH JOINT COUNCIL MEETING 10/19/2010

Members present: Anne Lichtsinn, Roxanne Nielsen, Faye Rochel

As not all members were present – members could not present and approve previous meeting minutes, or budget. This will need to be done at the next meeting.

The Thanksgiving Community Service is scheduled for November 21 @ 7:00 pm St Genevieve in Lake Benton. A WotP pastor will be assisting with worship as well as the priest from St. Genevieve.

The annual meeting is on our horizon so please be thinking about the past year and ideas for future planning and where as a congregation, we would like to head in the future.

PEACE, RUTHTON

SUNDAYS:

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Monday, November 1, 5 p.m. – St. John Circle meets at the church

Tuesday, November 2, 9 a.m. – St. Matthew Circle meets at the home of Carolyn Holck.

Wednesday, November 3, 2 p.m. – St. Mark Circle meets at the home of Valerie Petersen.

Wednesday, November 10, 2 p.m. – PLCW – Thankoffering Ingathering – Mission Action committee – program. Hostesses – St. John Circle

There will be NO quilting in November. However, we will be packing quilts instead on Monday, November 22.

RUTHTON THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

The Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at the Country Church this year. Be sure to mark this on your calendar!

ST. PAUL, MINNEOTA

LOOKING BACK...The Chili Supper was held on October 24th at St. Paul's. Thanks to all WOTP members who came to Minneota to enjoy some Chili. We hope everyone enjoyed the chili and conversation. It is always nice to see those familiar faces from Winds of the Prairie. Thanks to Pastor Steve, Pastor Julie and Victor Jackie for all the assistance with the supper. We are a small group, but can accomplish much together. Also a "Good Work" to our fellow St. Paul members for their commitment to this annual event.

St. Paul's was host the the monthly TFA event on October 10th. Over one hundred parents, sponsors and students were in attendance. The students and families from both Hope Lutheran and St. Paul's brought food and the variety was great!

Congratulations to Agnes Severson who turned 100 years on October 13th. We are all proud of you Agnes and wish you continued good health and happiness.

LOOKING AHEAD... St. Paul's will be hosting the Minneota Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 21st at 7:00pm. We look forward to giving thanks for the many people and things in our lives. Please come join us if you would like.

Our Christmas Eve Service is set for December 24th at 4:00pm.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for Vicar Jackie's family on the death of her mother-in-law, Marcella Braun.

BETHANY (ARCO): Pray for Glen & Ilene Sorensen, Elsie Barber, and Carol Marin (Beth Daniels' Sister).

BETHANY-ELIM (IVANHOE): Pray for Mavis Nielsen, Judy Thomsen, Dave Lawrence, Dennis Amundson, Ken Swanson, Greg VanOverbeke, Brenda Sheik, Kelsey & Robin Hoffman (Grandchildren of Gene & Alice Faulds); Michael Kropp (Ken Swanson's son-in-law); Jackson Nelson (son of Ryan & Kate Nelson); Kristi Morelan, and Leann Wadsworth; Dareld Benz (brother of Mavis Nielsen); Nancy Resmen (sister-in-law of Bernadine Olsen); Linda Vlaminc (Sister-in-Law of Dave & Marlene Lawrence); and Mary Grace Nelson (daughter of Ryan & Kate Nelson).

GRACE (LAKE BENTON): Pray for Joyce Knutson, Norma Burdick, Carolyn Venekamp, Eva Otkin, Chandra & Matt Prosch Family; Linda Borresen (Sister of Gerry Rochel); Paula Jacobson (Daughter of Wayne & Annette Fehrman); Larry Neuberger; Joe Harris Sr.; Earl Klitzke; Leann Wadsworth; and Chet Borresen

PEACE (RUTHTON): Pray for Lavonne Fuhrmann and Cliff Kittelson.

ST. PAUL (MINNEOTA): Pray for Doris Richards, Clara DeRoode, and Crystal Gawarecki.

MILITARY

Pray for the leaders of this nation and all the nations of the world that all may seek peace. Pray for those family and friends of the members of WOTP who serve in the military or reserve forces, especially Lucas Oerter, Scott Johnson, Anthony Nielsen, Jon Dougherty, Christian Vizecky, Jon and Jack Healy, Danielle Thomsen, Michael Colman, Ross, Ryan, Angela, and David Nelson, Allan Peterson, Brook Brown, Derrick Linneman, Todd Board, Kyle Sheik, Alyson Bylone, Steve VandeBerg, Jim Pedersen, Scott Lundberg, Aaron Darrel Lundberg, Justin Schmidt, Adam DeRoode, Pam Gregor, Paul Gregor, Jr., Corey Gregor, Christopher Gregor, Stephanie Christoffels, and Paul Gregor

TYLER NURSING HOME:

Marjorie Meyer, Grace Lutheran
Sigurd Nielsen, Grace Lutheran

DIVINE PROVIDENCE NURSING HOME, Ivanhoe:

Elsie Barber, Bethany Lutheran
Dr. Mary Bird, St. Paul Lutheran
Pat Metzen, Bethany-Elim Lutheran
Hendricks Nursing Home:
Hilda Herschberger, Bethany-Elim Lutheran

MINNEOTA MANOR:

Clara DeRoode, St. Paul's