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### FIRST WORD: AFFIRMATION

PASTOR STEVE RASMUSSEN

For this church year, we have undergirded our ministry with the theme, "Christ be out light."

Our theme hymn by the same name calls out:

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.  
Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.
5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

As we move towards the winter solstice (December 21st) the darkness begins to overwhelm the light here in Minnesota. (And Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 6, 2011.) But our church year moves us deeper into the light of Christ. It is as if we cling more deeply to the Light as we move to shorter days. We light candles for each of our loved ones claimed by God for eternal life on November 6th. On Christ the King Sunday, we celebrate the promise of Christ's return to shine his light into all of the world. When he returns he will expose once and for all the evil and brokenness of humanity, bringing goodness into the light forever.

As it is in our Church year is how it is in our Christian life as well. When it seems as if the light is fading in our relationships, in our personal and communal life, in our world, it is then that the light of Christ begins to shine most powerfully. We are reminded that "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5) and "The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light (Isaiah 9 and Luke 1:79).

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CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE I love the fall and winter sky. It seems the lights are more brilliant in the colder days. As I look up I see two types of light in the heavens: the sun and the stars, and the moon and the planets. The sun and the stars are sources of light, the planets and the moon show reflected light. The moon will never be a source of light! It will only reflect the light of the sun. We might think about our relationship with God and others in this way as well. As we look to Christ, we find that the Son of God is like the Sun. He is the source of light. When we look at those who are Christ's followers, we find reflected light. (You are the light of the world; A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Matthew 5:14.)

The moon, the greatest reflected light in the heavens, does not always reflect well. It sometimes does not reflect the light to earth at all. But the sun still shines! The same is true of Christians. There are times when we do a marvelous job of reflecting the light of Christ. There are other times when we fail miserably. No matter how hard we try, we cannot become the light, nor should we expect another human, other than Jesus, to become God's light for us. Christ's light does not change.

May we continue to seek Christ's light in our lives, and may our lives reflect the brightness of the true light into the lives of others.

See you in Church!

## NOTES FROM THE INTERN

VICAR BAILEY LANDA

Recently, for some reason, the only songs that I have going through my head are camp songs. Between going out to Shetek Lutheran Ministries for Fall Fantasy, to seeing some of the songs at Confirmation or in a Saturday service, here and there they will just pop in my head. The songs that I have known for so many years used to be fun little songs with catchy tunes, and a faith story in there as well. But recently I began thinking of how many of them that have scripture reference. For example the song "Do Justice", which refers to Micah 6:8- He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Or "Love Round" which refers to Luke 10:27- He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself,".

The songs have become like a devotion, sharing a little message in each of them, in a new way for each of us to hear. A moment where you can stop and praise God for the song that you are singing out loud or in your heart. As I am reminded of those songs that I have had memorized for so long, to stop and listen to those messages in the songs. Do Justice, Love Round, The Rock, and so many others.



### Postcard from Vacation

God is so gooooo!! Travel was fine with lots of God moments that are always a gift of grace. Thank God for friends who like to share an adventure and time of renewal and rest. I strongly recommend that we all take time each day to vacation with God by sitting down and conversing in prayer.

Love, Pastor Julie

# PASTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Worship	Education	Meetings	Pastoral Acts	Visits
19 - Sundays Worships Total	10 - Bible/Book Study	7 - Council/Meeting	2 - Funeral	28 - Home
5 - Nursing Home	1 - First Communion	1 - WELCA	2 - Baptism	3 - Hospital
7 - Saturday Night	1 - Acolyte Training	1 - WXY	6 - Counseling	5 - Public Events
	4 - TFA	4 - Synod	2 - Wedding	
		1 - Worship Plan		

## NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

<i>Worship Times Change</i>	Peace (8:30)	Bethany-Elim (8:30)	Grace (10:30)	Bethany (8:30)	St. Paul (10:30)
<b>Sat, Nov 5</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>				Landa	
<b>Sun, Nov 6</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	Landa	Anderson	Anderson	Anna Rudberg	Anna Rudberg
<b>Sat, Nov 12</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	Rasmusson				
<b>Sun, Nov 13</b> <i>Service of the Word</i>	Rasmusson	Landa	Landa	Anderson	Anderson
<b>Sat, Nov 19</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>		Anderson			
<b>Sun, Nov 20</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	Anderson	Juanita Harberts	Juanita Harberts	Landa	Land
<b>Sun Nov 20</b> <i>Thanksgiving Worship</i>			Anderson @ St Genevieve		
<b>Wed Nov 23</b> <i>Thanksgiving Worship</i>	Rasmusson	Anderson @ St Peter & Paul			Landa @ Hope
<b>Sat, Nov 26</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>			Rasmusson		
<b>Sun, Nov 30</b> <i>Service of the Word</i>	Anna Rudberg	Landa	Landa	Rasmusson	Rasmusson

### SPECIAL WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MONTH:

**Anna Rudberg Speiser** is awaiting ordination as her husband Pete Spieser is serving his internship at Shalom Hill Farm and Prairie Star Parish. Ms .Rudberg Spieser has recently completed her internship in Slovakia and will share about the ministries of the Lutheran Church there. She will be at Bethany and St Pauls for All Saints Sunday and at Peace for the first Sunday in Advent.

**Pastor Juanita Harberts** serves as Campus Pastor at Southwest Minnesota State University. She will share about the vital ministry that is done with our students at the State schools of higher learning by Lutheran Campus Ministry. She also will invite us into a deeper supportive relationship with our area college ministry. She will preach at Bethany Elim and Grace on November 20<sup>th</sup> as Pastor Rasmusson assists with the SWMN Synod Jr. Hi. Youth Gathering.

## 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 Bethany-Elim number (507-694-1353) is usually forwarded to the pastor on call and can be accessed from the 1238 voicemail.



# BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

## SUNDAY TEXTS FOR STUDY

Date	Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel	Theme
Nov 6	Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25	34:1–10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12	Saints: Old and New
Nov 13	Judges 4:1-7	123	1 Thessalonians 5:1–11	Matthew 25:14-30	Divine Justice
Nov 20	Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24	100	Ephesians 1:15–23	Matthew 25:31-46	Sheep & Goats
Nov 27	Isaiah 64:1-9	80:1–7, 17–19	1 Corinthians 1:3–9	Mark 13:24–37	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 4	Isaiah 40:1-11	85:1–2, 8–13	2 Peter 3: 8-15a	Mark 1:1-8	Second Sunday of Advent

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:** Men are invited to gather at 7:30 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at Rusty's in Taunton and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in Ivanhoe at Bethany-Elim Lutheran Church.

**FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST STUDY:** Come to Bethany in Arco at 7 am for breakfast and Bible study.

**Wednesday morning Text Study** at 8:30 am at Grace Lutheran in Lake Benton includes a reading and discussion of the upcoming readings for the Sunday worship.

**Old Testament Study on Second and Fourth Tuesday at 10 am** will begin by focusing on the Old Testament readings that review for us the faithfulness of God's plan for the upcoming weeks. When the readings are suspended for the early seasons of the church year we'll pull out the Serendipity Bible or a book or two for study.



## YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES

These policies have been adopted to provide security for youths in the program. In addition, they serve to protect adult leadership from situations in which they are vulnerable to allegations of abuse. Will include a couple each month for your information as an annual review for our ministry.

**Contact an authority** (pastor, superintendent, or council member) to report suspicions or u. **Discipline is to be Monitored** by pastors, superintendents, and councils

**Two Deep Leadership:** Two adults should be the minimal requirement for each group and additional adults added depending on size of group and the activities. Additional adults (over age 21 years) for every 5 children.

**No One on One:** One on one contact of adult and child should be avoided but in the event it is needed for conference or consultation, it should be done in sight of others. If a child needs to be removed from a situation two adults will accompany child to the custody of a parent or guardian.



# MISSION EMPHASIS: LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

## CARING FOR THE AFFECTED

The Lutheran Disaster Response Mission Statement reads: "To demonstrate Christ's compassion for people by promoting hope, healing, and wholeness for disaster survivors." A vital component of this holistic care is the spiritual and emotional well-being of those affected. There are many ways in which LDR offers Spiritual and Emotional Care to survivors of disaster, meeting them in their journey towards recovery.

### Lutheran Disaster Response Chaplain Network

LDR is proud to announce the formation of the [LDR Chaplain Network](#), a team of trained and certified disaster chaplains able to be directly deployed into disaster-affected regions.

### For Children

Lutheran Disaster Response has a special concern for the spiritual well-being and emotional care of children in disaster. We support programs that assist children recovering from the experience of a disaster.

### New Every Day Devotional Guide

LDR has a new resource for disaster survivors, titled *New Every Day*. The devotional guide is a collection of 40 devotions meant to meet survivors where they need help. [Request a copy through Augsburg Fortress.](#)

### *Light Our Way: Emotional and Spiritual Care in Disaster*

This NVOAD resource on Emotional and Spiritual Care in Disaster is not intended to be one more training manual or another "how to" book for disaster response. Our intention is to encourage standards of best practice for all of us, whether we care for children, give spiritual counsel, help survivors sort through the remains of their home, or answer phones at a call-in center.

[If you would like to make a contribution you may make a check or envelope out to your congregation and note that it is for Lutheran Disaster Response \(LDR\).](#) We did \$2500 for a well, how about exceeding that for LDR by the end of the year. Your donation will help people rebuild after disaster and all that goes along with it.

## PASTORAL TASKS 2011-2012



It is the nature of the office of pastor to have certain tasks associated with it. These are laid out in a document called "Visions and Expectations" which sets for these tasks which are then adapted to the place where the pastor is called to minister. We thought we would share these eight areas of ministry with you over the next few months so you all understand what the Personnel committee has helped the pastors to determine as the needs of the Winds of the Prairie Ministry congregations.

<b>TASKS</b>	<b><u>ASSOCIATE PASTOR</u></b>	<b><u>LEAD PASTOR</u></b>
<b>Active Evangelism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discovery Classes –</li> <li>• Social Action – Living out faith</li> <li>• Parish Emphases of outreach – Develop with input from lay leadership</li> <li>• Calling on new visitors to the congregations –</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discovery Classes – lead and co-develop with lead pastor</li> <li>• Social Action – Living out faith – assist in leadership</li> <li>• Parish Emphases of outreach – Develop with input from lay leadership and lead pastor</li> <li>• Calling on new visitors to the congregations</li> <li>• Community Presence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discovery Classes - lead</li> <li>• Social Action – Living out faith – lead</li> <li>• Parish Emphases of outreach – oversee development of training for outreach</li> <li>• Calling on new visitors to the congregations –</li> <li>• Community Presence</li> </ul>



# SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

God has given each Christian two vitally important gifts. The first is the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, his work of redemption, and thus forgiveness of sin. The second is the gift of one or more special abilities, which are to be used for the purpose of unifying the body of Christ and for the growth of God's Kingdom. These abilities are called spiritual gifts and they are received through our baptism.

Like other presents, it is impossible to fully appreciate and make use of our spiritual gifts until they have been opened. This tool will help you begin to open your spiritual gifts by guiding you through scripture review, scripture references, and self-assessment inventory.

Each month we'll give you the 3 inventory questions for several of the gifts. For each of the questions which follow, select the number that best matches how you perceive yourself.

Numeral scores are presented as:

- 4, consistently true
- 3, frequently true
- 2, occasionally true
- 1, infrequently true
- 0, rarely true

<u>Questions</u>	<u>Score: 0-4</u>
<b><u>Intercession</u></b>	
1. I know that God hears and responds to my daily prayers.	
2. I often become so absorbed in my prayer life that the doorbell or phone can ring and I will not hear it.	
3. Believers have asked me to pray for healing in their lives, and have evidenced God's healing power.	
<b><u>Total Intercession</u></b>	
<b><u>Knowledge</u></b>	
1. I feel compelled to learn as much as I can about the Bible and faith.	
2. Not one day would be complete without biblical study and thought.	
3. My study of the Bible has proven helpful to others in their faith journey.	
<b><u>Total for Knowledge</u></b>	
<b><u>Leadership</u></b>	
1. I am a take charge person. When others follow my direction, the goal or task will be completed.	
2. When I am in a group, others will often look to me for direction.	
3. People have said they like to work with me because the task will be successfully completed.	
<b><u>Total for Leadership</u></b>	

Scores of 7 or greater are considered strong gifts. Following are descriptions, biblical references and ministry suggestion for each gift. If any is a gift of yours use the resources below to learn more and discern how to use your gifts.

**Intercession:** the gift that enables a believer to pray with the certainty that prayer is heard and when requests are made, answers will come.

*Biblical References:* Matthew 6:6-15, Luke 11:1-10, Ephesians 6:18. *Suggestions:* Prayer Chain, Prayer Partner, Prayer Families/Prayer Circles

**Knowledge:** the gift that drives a person to learn, analyze and uncover new insights with regard to the Bible and faith.

*Biblical References:* I Corinthians 12:8; I Corinthians 14:6, Romans 12:2.

*Suggestions:* Parish Resource-Library Coordinator, Nominating Team, Long Range Planning Team, Congregation Council

**Leadership:** the gift that gives a believer the confidence to step forward, give direction and provide motivation to fulfill a dream or complete a task.

*Biblical References:* Romans 12:8, John 21:15-17, II Timothy 4:1-5.

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Next month: mercy, music- vocal and instrumental. All questions from the Spiritual Gifts Assessment at [elca.org](http://elca.org).

## FAMILY FAITH

NANCY KROG

The Krog family is full swing into harvest. The weather has cooperated perfectly and our kids are old enough now to get into the FUN of harvest. Our oldest daughter Jennifer has learned to run the grain cart. She loves helping Kelly in the field and feeling a part of the team. Her Uncle Matt gives her pointers about driving the grain cart and they both enjoy a new person to the team with new information to share...and Jennifer loves to talk on the radio and offers up great entertainment to the guys! Molly and Megan take turns riding in the combine with Kelly. Kelly does a great job of listening to their adventures and giving them one-on-one time when it's their turn to ride along. Molly and Megan like to ask "trivia questions" while on the radio and trust me, Molly knows her multiplication facts faster than her dad and uncle! Of course to the kids, "packing a lunch" is also a highlight of harvest. Mom says "yes" a little more easily now and it's basically a cooler packed with cookies and candy rather than a sandwich and an apple. I love watching the girls cheer for Kelly as he gets one more field harvested and moves to another. Enjoy the family devotion below and continue to ask God for patience, not only through harvest, but in our everyday lives.

## FALL OBSERVATIONS

TODAY'S READING: JAMES 5:7-9

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.

FAITH WALK:

Walk along a country road or other place where crops are planted. What are the fields like? Are there still crops in the fields or have they all been harvested?

FAITH TALK:

The farmer plants the seeds, nurtures them, and waits for the crops to mature. Growth does not happen overnight or even in a few days. It takes a whole season for the plants to mature. The farmer must be patient as he waits for the autumn harvest.

We too must be patient as we wait for the Second Coming of Christ.

Have you ever had to wait for something exciting to happen? Maybe you have had to wait for a birthday party, Christmas or a vacation. The time seems endless. The hours and days drag by slowly. But finally the long-awaited event comes.

As Christians we are waiting for the Second Coming of Christ. One day we will see Him return and He will take us with Him to heaven where we will live forever at a party celebrating the Lord.

It is even harder because we do not know the day or hour in which Christ will return. But we have Jesus' promise that He WILL return. As we wait eagerly for Christ, we wait in hope.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE:

Dear Christ, Lord of the Second Coming, Please help us to be joyful at the hope of Your Second Coming, yet patient as we wait, knowing that You will return as You have promised. In Your name, Amen.

*(Family Faith Walks, By Kelly J. Haack)*

# WINDS EXTREME YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING:

Fourteen of our members are signed up to attend the Junior High Youth Gathering on Friday, November 18 through Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Willmar Holiday Inn and Conference Center. Adult advisors will be Tracey Kuhlman with Ilana Peters (special honorary member from Danebod), Stephanie Kuhlman, and Shanelle Buffington in room one, Nancy Krog with Kathy Richmond, Kira Gifford, Jennifer Krog and Bailey Munsterman in room 2 and Tony Munsterman, with Ethan Krier, Devon Buffington and Travis Torke in room 3. Yes, you read correctly. There are five in each room, but the adult gets the bed!

Our theme this year is “gracebook”, and focuses on 1 Corinthians 10:13: *“No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down: he’ll never let you be pushed past your limit; he’ll always be there to help you come through it.” (The Message)*

Planned activities for this year include:

- Speaker: Arielle Mastellar, former Youth Advisor on the ELCA Church Council and Board of Lutheran Youth Organization, SW MN Synod LYO board member, and current student at Mankato State University.

Band: Justin Anderson of Mainstay.

- Nightlife featuring dancing, games, swimming and much more!!
- Lots of fun during mass gatherings, worship, singing, spiritual growth, relationship building and hanging out!

## ST. NICHOLAS DAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 3RD

The Youth in Training for Affirmation are planning a St. Nicholas Day party for December 3rd at Bethany Lutheran in Arco. All kids are invited with a parent or guardian. Some great activities are planned by our four small groups in TFA. We are excited to share these fun games and crafts with the kids of Winds of the Prairie. Parents, plan to come and bring your children and friends! The cost for admission will be a canned or non-perishable food item for our local food shelves. Each child is encouraged to bring a plain t-shirt in their size for one of the activities.

## YOUNG ADULTS AT COLLEGE?

Do you have children or grandchildren away at college? Chances are that they are heading into the “crunch” time of their term during November. Nothing makes them feel more loved than a care package and a note from you. Let them know you are praying for them, bake them some cookies, send a few packets of their favorite tea or coffee or hot chocolate, and ship off something for them to hang up to get ready for the Advent Season. And let your church know their address and contact information. We can put them in touch with their campus ministry and also invite them to a gathering during the Christmas season break (if we are not up to our ears in snow!).



# TRAINING FOR AFFIRMATION (TFA) 2011-2012

After school on Wednesday the middle school age students meet for instruction, fellowship and fun. We are working through the WATERS of Baptism for group work.

**Sixth Grade** in November is looking at the Exodus story with all its adventure and why it is the story that keeps repeating God's faithfulness in response to humanity's unfaithfulness.

**The Bible's Big Story:** sixth graders and those senior students who are interested will attend a special class on the basic framework of the sweep of the narrative story. The Prairie conference is sponsoring this event on November 12 from 9 am to 3pm at the Religious Center at SMSU in Marshall. Rev Juanita Harberts will facilitate this day for students and parents based on the Crossways International program of Biblical education. Reservations can be made with Pastor Julie at the SPLASH event and a charge of \$5 per student covers lunch. Will arrange carpools at the SPLASH. It is a fun day of getting the Big Picture of the story we all share.

**Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Graders** will be looking in the New Testament Gospels to discover how Jesus challenged people's familiar understanding to see what God planned for humanity.

**SPLASH** for November:

Parents and Mentors are invited to the "Great Banquet" on November 2 at 5:30 for dinner and a presentation of the Torah (the Jewish name for the laws of Moses) by the TFA students and their families.

**Mentor Orientation:** New or existing mentors that would like a review are invited to stay after on November 2 for a time to learn and discuss about mentoring the TFA students.

No TFA on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving on November 23.

## BETHANY, ARCO

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JULY

**USHERS:** Glen & Ilene Sorensen

**ALTAR GUILD:** Ruth Rasmussen

### BETHANY NEWS

GAYLE RASMUSSEN

Fall is here, weather has been great, harvest is almost finished, and a successful chicken dinner make this a great season, with more to come. The WotP youth are active and planning some events. Check the calendar for them.

With the holidays coming, we all should see what we can do to help Bethany celebrate.

Go with God.

# BETHANY-ELIM, IVANHOE

## BETHANY-ELIM BOARD HAPPENINGS

SHARON RASMUSSEN

At the October 18 board meeting, it was voted to pay off the operating loan with the proceeds from the auction. THANK YOU to all who helped with the auction and the fundraisers for our church!

We are also implementing a policy on Memorial Gifts and uses. Watch for Memorial Envelopes showing up at church and a Memorial Book, which will list Memorial contributions back to the early 1960's! We are really excited about this project.

NEW! We are going to hold "Get Acquainted" Sunday Brunches on the fifth Sundays of the month. We want all members, new and old, those who come all the time, and those we haven't seen in church for a while to come to our brunch and get to know new members, visitors and mix and mingle! In order to share Christ's love with each other, we should get to know each other!

So please come. All are welcome. The first Get Acquainted Sunday will be Sunday, October 30 (what a great way to celebrate Reformation Sunday, too!)

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the workers and donors for the "Soup 'N' Sandwich Luncheon & Bake Sale" and to everyone who attended the event. The support of the whole community was greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

Bethany-Elim WELCA

## B-E SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

NANCY KROG

The Sunday School children have been learning about the Lord's Prayer and Jonah and the Whale and in November we'll be covering Daniel in the Lion's Den. Thanks to our teachers who make these learning opportunities fun and creative for our kids! It's such a blessing to hear their excitement each week!

Christmas Program practice will begin on November 13. Our Christmas Program is entitled "We're On The Air" and is scheduled for December 11 at 10:30 a.m. worship (note time change) and potluck to follow. If your child will not be able to be present for most practices or not available for the 12/11 program, please contact Nancy ASAP, as I will be assigning roles very soon.

November 13<sup>th</sup> the children will walk over to the nursing home to share their talents with the residents and spread some sunshine!

Thanks to our committed prayer pals who pray and encourage our children at Bethany-Elim...you are making a difference!

# GRACE, LAKE BENTON

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JULY

**USHERS:** Gerry Rochel, Jason Miller,  
Blaine Maranell

**ALTAR GUILD:** Garnet Petersen

**ACOLYTES-** 6<sup>th</sup>-Jayla Prosch 13<sup>th</sup>-Tyson Weets  
20<sup>th</sup>-Brandon Hefti 27<sup>th</sup>-John Sutherland

## GRACIOUS WORDS

### CHANDRA PROSCH

As we head into fall, a number of events took place in October including our Fall Community Event on October 22nd. The Sunday School and youth helped local members clean up their yards for fall. Following the yard cleanup the kids enjoyed games and supper followed by our Saturday worship. Grace will be hosting the 4th Saturday worship monthly. Thank you to all who helped with the event and came out help rake!

The GLCW sponsored a 5th Sunday brunch that was enjoyed by all. Thanks to those who helped with it.

## TO GRACE MEMBERS

A reminder to all Grace Lutheran Church Members. The annual GLCW fundraiser is now underway. It's been a very trying year in many ways, but we still can be thankful for so many things. If you haven't already turned in your donation, please do so as soon as possible so that the end of the year planning can begin.

Thanks.

## GRACE LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### PAT JOHNSON

Thank you to Jeanette Nelsen for the monetary donation and also to those who donated the darling stuffed animals and books for our church quiet bags. They will be put to good use.

On Oct. 2, we took the Sunday school children to our Shetek Bible Camp for their Fall Festival. A total of 22 children and 11 adults enjoyed a very fun afternoon together. We packed our lunches during our Sunday school time and ate them during our bus ride to camp. Thank you to our Church for covering our admission fees and the gas expense. Thank you to the Wildcats for use of

## DATES:

**Wed, Nov 2** – GLCW. Program is “You Make a Difference.” Devotions: Romelle Pritchett; Hostesses: Jeanette Nelson and Pastor Julie Anderson

**Wed, Nov 9** -- Bible Study. Hostess is Garnet Petersen.

**NO BLOCK DAY OR DO DAY IN NOVEMBER**

Also during the months of September-December, Grace will direct our mission offering to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Going into November, Grace will be participating in an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on November 20th at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church in Lake Benton. We look forward to seeing you there for our Thanksgiving service!

God Bless.

their bus and to Brandee Miller for driving the bus. The children had a great time playing the games, going on the rides, and getting to see our camp.

Now that we have enough Secret Prayer Pal volunteers, I hope to get this project started by November 1. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. I pray that you and your child will both be brought closer to God and each other because of this commitment.

**Upcoming dates:** November 27 - no Sunday school (Thanksgiving vacation)

# PEACE, RUTHTON

## NOTES AND DATES

**Tuesday, Nov. 1,** 9:30am – St. Matthew Circle

**Tuesday, Nov. 1,** 2pm -- St. Mark Circle meets at the home of Deloris Dagal

**Wednesday, Nov. 2,** 7pm – Church Council meeting

**Wednesday, Nov. 9,** 1pm – PLCW Executive Board Meeting

**Wednesday, Nov. 9,** 2pm -- PLCW

**“No Quilting” in November at Peace.**

**Monday, Nov. 14,** 5:30pm – St. John Circle meets at the Church

### PLCW Notes

There is still time to get your Fundraiser Donations in. The Love Box is in the Narthex. Wednesday, November 9, will be our Thankoffering Ingathering.

# ST PAUL, MINNEOTA

## ST PAUL’S NEWS

SUSAN BUYSSE

Thank you to all who were involved with the Hunger CROP Walk that was held on October 9<sup>th</sup> in Minneota. Approximately 70 walkers (from Lyon and Lincoln Counties) participated in either a 5K or 10K walk for hunger on that beautiful October Day. The 10k represents the average distance people in developing countries walk for water, food or to take their goods to market **each day**. The goal for the Hunger Walk was \$4,000 and we are very close to reaching that goal. The many ways people at St. Paul’s were involved included: 1. Walking, 2. donating pledges to the walkers, 3. Making bars for the meal that followed, 4. Hosted at one of the information stops at St. Paul’s and St. Ed’s churches, 5. Helped at the registration table, 6. Helped coordinate the event, 7. Mental supporters. As you can see, many tasks were made possible by St. Paul’s members. Thanks so much!

Brook Boerboom and Sam Buysse took part in First Communion classes during the past few months. Sam received his first Communion on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to the Lord’s Table Sam.

The annual Chili Supper will be held at ST. Paul’s Lutheran on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm. Please come on over for a warm bowl of Chili and all the fixings and of course so good ol’ bars!

## ST. PAUL’S ANNUAL CHILI FEED

Everyone is invited to St. Paul’s Annual Chili Feed, which will be held on Sunday, November 13, from 5-7pm at St. Paul’s in Minneota.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### BETHANY (ARCO):

Pray for Elsie Barber, Kevin Hoftiezer (son of Ruth Rasmussen), and Harley Johnson (brother of Joan Lundberg)

### BETHANY-ELIM (IVANHOE):

Pray for Muriel Koopman, Rhoda Larson, Mavis Nielsen, Charmaine Lundberg, Dave Lawrence, Dennis Amundson, Ken Swanson, Brenda Sheik, Kevin Hoftiezer (brother of Dianna Weckert); Gabriel Johnson (Grandson of Norma Jean Johnson); Becky Paluch, Gladys Olson Watts (sister of Esther Wayland); Leigh Jerzak; Kelsey & Robin Hoffman; Michael Kropp; Jackson Nelson (son of Ryan & Kate Nelson); Kristi Morelan; Dareld Benz (brother of Mavis Nielsen); Nancy Resmen (sister-in-law of Bernadine Olsen); Linda Vlamnick (Sister-in-Law of Dave & Marlene Lawrence); and Mary Grace Nelson (daughter of Ryan & Kate Nelson).

### GRACE (LAKE BENTON):

Pray for Dorothy Henningsen, Norma Burdick, Robert Boll, Joyce McColn (sister of Carl Burk); Rev. Gary Kubly (MN Senator); Paula Jacobson (Daughter of Wayne & Annette Fehrman); Earl Klitzke; and Chet Borresen

### PEACE (RUTHTON):

Pray for the families of Mabel Green and Eldonna Peterson. Pray for Herb Vinson, Carolyn Holck, Edna Haraldsen, Lavonne Fuhrmann, Annalease Hofner, and Cliff Kittelson.

### ST. PAUL (MINNEOTA):

Pray for Niel Gunlogson, Lyall Gislason, Doris Richards, Clara DeRoode, & Crystal Gawarecki.

### TYLER NURSING HOME:

Marjorie Meyer, Grace Lutheran

Cliff Kittleson, Carolyn Holck, Harvey Christensen- Peace Lutheran

### DIVINE PROVIDENCE NURSING HOME (IVANHOE):

Mabel Dressen, Bethany Lutheran

Elsie Barber, Bethany Lutheran

Dagmar Blegen, Bethany Lutheran

### 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, 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, Justin Schmidt, Adam DeRoode, Pam Gregor, Paul Gregor, Jr., Corey Gregor, Christopher Gregor, Stephanie Christoffels, and Paul Gregor