



CrossWinds

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FIRST WORD

HEAVEN IS FOR REAL!

“While 74 percent of Americans believe in heaven, only 59 percent believe in hell, according to the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. Among ELCA members, 89 percent believe in heaven and 75 percent believe in hell, based on data from the General Social Survey. “It is likely that more members of the ELCA believe in heaven and hell because they are more religious than the general population and because they are older,” said Kenneth Inskeep, executive for ELCA Research and Evaluation.”¹

But, of course we no more determine the truth of a commonly held belief through the vote of the majority than we can define weight without reference to gravitational pull. In order to shape our understanding of heaven we need to look at the actual statements of faith of a community. Like many Christian and Bible centered faiths, ELCA Lutherans find the best of their faith tradition embodied securely in the Bible. We also hold firmly to the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds as true declarations of the faith of this church.

1. Has there always been a heaven?
 - a. No— heaven is not eternal, only God is eternal. Heaven is creature, it has a beginning at the very beginning of everything. – Genesis 1:1, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - b. We are also told that the old heaven will not be around forever, for the Revelation of St. John promises a new heaven and a new earth. In a beautiful and oft quoted passage, John describes his vision of God’s future: “Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away” (Revelation 21:1-4, New International Version)

¹From the Lutheran Magazine of September 2009

2. What is heaven like?
 - a. Heaven is not like here only better-- just as Jesus is no longer to be understood as an earthly human, so also heaven will be inhabited by humans who are renewed as beings of body, mind and spirit. But these new humans in heaven will be different, resurrected, raised up. (1 Corinthians 15) .
 - b. All forms of human greed and selfish ambition will be stripped away, and the primary gift of life in deep relationship with God and humans will prevail. Isaiah hints that there will be no cause for sorrow or tears there (Is.65:19).
3. Who determines who gets to heaven?
 - a. The ticket to heaven is not punched by us, but is a gift given through faith in the resurrection Jesus. (Galatians 2:8-10).
4. OK – I know heaven is where I want to be after death, but how can I be sure I can get there?
 - a. There is only one who can make the decision regarding the eternal fate of the human, and that is the one through whom all humans were created, the one who grants life through His word of power, the one who himself has died and has been raised again. In Luther’s small catechism we read: “(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, delivered me from death and the devil; not with silver and gold, but with his holy and precious blood and with his innocent sufferings and death; in order that I may be his, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as he is risen from the dead an lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Pastor Stephen Rasmusson

THE INTERN’S INTONATIONS

Well, that was a roller coaster of a month, and I don’t think it’s over yet.

In a way, internship probably is like a roller coaster. Every day I’m learning something new about somebody or myself. I learn more about doing ministry in general and doing ministry here in the communities of WOTP and what is going on here in people’s lives. The last few weeks, it’s been a lot more than just the dynamics of internship.

So first of all, I'd like to say how thankful I am for all the love and care I received from so many of you in the wake of the loss of my step father, Bill Palm. When I let my pastor at my home congregation and the folks at seminary know about Bill's death, I can truly say I felt God's abundance in my life when I could tell them, without hesitation, that I was being well cared for in this new place.

Being a person who tends to work things out through writing, I'd like to share a little of what I wrote about Bill when he died. On October 6, my stepfather, Bill Palm of Chicago, died. He was 85 years old and had been an important and influential person in my life since I was 10 years old. He is one of the people who nurtured my love of music and art and education. He taught me to waltz. He was very tall, unlike anyone in my biological family, and I spent many days walking around Chicago trying to keep

up with him, about three of my short little strides to every one of his. I miss him madly, but I am comforted knowing he is no longer suffering and rests in the healing arms of our Redeemer.

When I first got to southwest Minnesota this fall, I was feeling very conflicted about leaving Bill in a nursing home in Chicago with little emotional support. As difficult as the situation was though, it turned out to be yet another learning experience. One day after talking with the medical staff caring for him in Chicago, I was feeling quite distraught over not being there with him at the same time I was jumping into this internship with both feet. Impossibly, I wanted both of those things. Pastor Julie looked at me and said "God has a plan." And that simple little statement got me through the rest of that part of the journey. It was the reminder I needed to hear and it woke me up to the reality that this internship is as much about learning to create healthy spaces for my personal life right alongside my life as a minister.

And then that part of my learning plan was punctuated with the day Bill died – a day only God could have imagined into reality. Only minutes after receiving the call that he had died, I headed out the door to lead Sunday worship at Grace and Peace, where the words of the liturgies we used were comforting me and connecting me to people here. There is such power and hope in the words we pray over the bread and wine. "Take and eat, this is my body given for you," and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin." I heard the power in those words of our Savior and then saw the hope in them when Emma, Zach, Tristen, Jaxon and Caul received the gifts for the first time.

And then I headed over to Ruthton where I had the privilege of leading the congregation there in the baptism of a little man named Harper. Even though I wasn't even born yet, I could remember Bill's baptism as I poured the water over Harper's head and I felt the healing comfort in the words as I traced the cross of Christ on his head and said "Harper Ainsley Evans, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ ... forever,"

Truly, only God could have imagined and created that beautiful roller coaster of a day, so steeped in the expressions of love in this life – love felt in the loss of someone, the love received from God in our Redeemer, the love the Church of Christ working through all the communities of Winds of the Prairie.

For all of this and so much more I am truly thankful and looking forward to the remainder of this roller coaster ride.

VICAR ANN GONYEA

T-SHIRTS ARE IN!!!

They are available for \$15 each at the WOTP office. Please contact us with your size (Youth, Ladies & Adult). Please send your payment of \$15 to the WOTP office. The WOTP logo is on the front corner, and the hands are on the back.



BETHANY NEWS

Ushers for November - Glen & Ilene Sorensen

Altar Guild for November - Ilene Sorensen

Lector

3 Ilene Sorensen
10 Marie Henriksen
17 Ron Madsen
24 Morgan Possail

Nov 14 - 1:30pm WELCA - Bethany at B-E
Nov 20 - 9am Women's Bible Study

BETHANY-ELIM NEWS

Bethany-Elim WELCA

Many Thanks to all who helped in any way that made our Soup-Sandwich/Bake Sale so successful! Thanks to the planners, donators of food, money & workers. Thank you to all who attended! It was a great day.

December 15 - Sunday School Christmas Program during 10:30am worship (please note time change, for this Sunday only). Holiday potluck and fellowship to follow program.



Picture names left to right: Madison Lawrence, Megan Krog & Jady Krier

GRACE LUTHERAN NEWS

Ushers for November

Gary Williams
Dennis Willert
Bob Worth
Jon Worth

Altar Guild for November - Juliene Prosch

Acolytes for November

3 Emma Czech & Zach Miller
10 Brandon Hefti & Brock Hefti (shadow)
17 Steven Czech & Caul Harstad (shadow)
24 John Sutherland

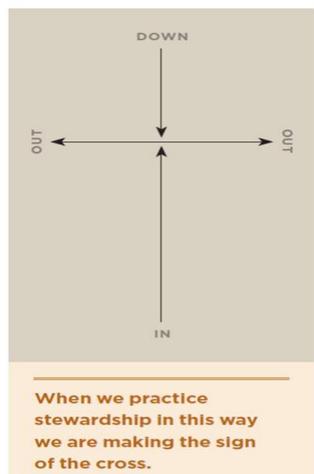
Deacon/Lector for November: Tonia Czech

Gracious Words submitted by Karen Lichtsinn

Stewards of God's Love - (excerpts taken from the ELCA publication, "Stewards of God's Love")

What is Stewardship? Starting off an article with that statement may turn off some individuals.....but maybe this brief article can provide a different perspective on stewardship for you. Please read on.....

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "stewardship"? Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? A grateful response to God? What about love?



For many congregations of the ELCA, stewardship means "the church is asking me for money" or it means nothing at all. If it draws to mind anything, it is that annual fall campaign to ensure there is enough money to fund the budget for the current year and hopefully the next.

But stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is a way of life. It calls for integration between our faith and the way we live our lives. Stewardship is a mindset, a culture and a discipline that can never be contained in a campaign or a pledge card. According to Clarence Stoughton, former president of Wittenberg University, stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe." It is the way in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and our neighbor. If we want to talk about the bottom line.....STEWARDSHIP IS ABOUT LOVE.

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 - Stewardship begins at creation, where God first comes down to us. In Genesis, God forms humankind and commands them "to be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it." A steward is someone who cares for someone else's property. From the beginning, humanity was not created as an owner, but as a steward of what God has created and shared with us. God's love comes down to us in Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." God loved us so much that he sent Jesus to die for us to bring us salvation and new life. God also comes down to us in the sacrament of baptism. In baptism, we are claimed as children of God. We belong to God and all that we have belongs to God. Stewardship begins with God coming down to us in love and sharing some of what is God's with us.

IN - God has skillfully created us and blessed us with more than we could ever imagine. We are fearfully and wonderfully made! God has entrusted us with an abundance of tangible and intangible resources - time, talents, treasure and so much more. While our gifts may seem meager, put in the

hands of God, these gifts can become so much more. God gives in abundance that we might share in abundance. When we realize that all we have belongs to God and not to us, we can't help but give it away in thanksgiving, for God's generosity to us. We give joyfully, graciously and sacrificially because we know that our resources are not ours to keep but are God's to share.

OUT - We look out to see how God is calling us to love our neighbor with all that God has entrusted to our care. We are a church that believes Jesus is God's "yes" to us. Our lives can be a "yes" to others. Stewardship is one way that we can be that "yes" to others. We are called to love, not just with our words but with our whole lives. Stewardship is the way we use all of our resources - time, talents, possessions and money - to love God and our neighbor. Stewardship transforms God's commandment to "love our neighbors as ourselves" from a religious expression into a way of life.

THE SHIFT - The new approach to stewardship is not primarily about paying the congregation's bills. Instead stewardship is about how the congregation together can do God's work. It is about how the congregation can together live out God's call to love God and our neighbors. Stewardship is directly tied to discipleship. It is no longer about the congregation's need to receive; but about the giver's need to give. Stewardship is a way of life. It is not just about what is given to the congregation, but about how generous we are with all that God has entrusted to our care, both inside and outside the church walls and in our homes.

Deacon/Lector for November: Tonia Czech

Next Council meeting date: Thursday November 21 at 7 PM at Grace.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

Tuesday, Nov. 5

9:30 a.m. - St. Matthew Circle meets at the home of Shirley Knutson.

2:00 p.m. - St. Mark Circle meets at the home of Doretta Vincent

Mon. Nov. 11

5 p.m. - St. John Circle meets at the church

Wed. Nov. 13

2 p.m. - PLCW - Thankoffering Ingathering

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came to our Chili Supper.

On October 27, Hannah Buysse was confirmed.

Wednesday November 27- Minneota Community Thanksgiving Service at St Edwards at 7 pm.

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

Baptisms

September 1 - Jameson Ryan Reber son of Jason & Angela(Nelson)Reber at B-E with Steve Quist presiding.

September 8 – William Andrew Deutz son of Andrew & Betze(Paulson)Deutz at Grace with Pastor Julie Anderson presiding.

September 21 - Diamond Lake Dedication

FROM THE HOME OF VICAR ANN & LARRY

The Best Vegetarian Chili in the World (from allrecipies.com)

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil	2 (12 ounce) packages vegetarian burger crumbles
1/2 medium onion, chopped	3 (28 ounce) cans whole peeled tomatoes, crushed
2 bay leaves	1/4 cup chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin	1 tablespoon ground black pepper
2 tablespoons dried oregano	1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans, drained
1 tablespoon salt	1 (15 ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained
2 stalks celery, chopped	1 (15 ounce) can black beans
2 green bell peppers, chopped	1 (15 ounce) can whole kernel corn
2 jalapeno peppers, chopped	
3 cloves garlic, chopped	
2 (4 ounce) cans chopped green chile peppers, drained	

Directions:

- Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Stir in the onion, and season with bay leaves, cumin, oregano, and salt. Cook and stir until onion is tender, then mix in the celery, green bell peppers, jalapeno peppers, garlic, and green chile peppers. When vegetables are heated through, mix in the vegetarian burger crumbles. Reduce heat to low, cover pot, and simmer 5 minutes.
- Mix the tomatoes into the pot. Season chili with chili powder and pepper. Stir in the kidney beans, garbanzo beans, and black beans. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, and simmer 45 minutes. Stir in the corn, and continue cooking 5 minutes before serving.

NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER		Grace - 8:30	Peace - 10:30	Bethany- Elim - 8:30	Bethany - 8:30	St Paul - 10:30
Sunday, November 03, 2013	Holy Communion	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Gonyea	Anderson	Anderson
Sunday, November 10, 2013	Martin Luther's B-Day	Anderson	Anderson	Rasmusson	Gonyea	Gonyea
Sunday, November 17, 2013	Service Of the Word	LAY SERVICE	LAY SERVICE	Anderson LAY SERVICE	LAY SERVICE	LAY SERVICE
Sunday, November 24, 2013	Holy Communion	Supply	Gonyea	Gonyea	Anderson	Anderson
Sunday, November 24, 2013	Thanksgiving	Anderson/ Gonyea 7 pm at United Methodist of Lake Benton				
Wednesday, November 27, 2013	Thanksgiving (7 pm)		Anderson (Country Church in Ruthton)	Rasmusson-(St John Cantius in Wilno)		Gonyea- (St. Edward of Minneota)

2013 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY WORSHIPS

Lake Benton: Sunday November 24 @ 7 pm Lake Benton United Methodist Church

Arco/Ivanhoe/Wilno: Wednesday November 27 @ 7 pm St John Cantius in Wilno

Minneota: Wednesday November 27 @ 7 pm St Edward Catholic Church

Ruthton: Wednesday November 27 @ 7 pm Country Church in Ruthton

Fellowship and food follows all the services. Offerings will be given to local agencies for the benefits of the needs in the communities.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 24, 2013

Bethany Lutheran of Arco: Candlelight Service at 10:30 pm

Bethany-Elim Lutheran of Ivanhoe: Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm

Grace Lutheran of Lake Benton: Candlelight Service at 4:00 pm

Peace Lutheran of Ruthton: Candlelight Service at 4:00 pm

St Paul Lutheran of Minneota: Candlelight Service at 4:00 pm

Sunday December 15: Christmas Programs at all churches.

SUNDAY TEXTS FOR FAITH 5 DEVOTIONS & PREPARATION

These are the text that will be preached on in the month of November. Read them before coming to worship to prepare to hear the Word. Lectors, please use this to prepare for sharing the Word.



Date	Sermon Text from Old Testament	Psalm	Gospel Reference	Theme
November 3, 2013	1 Kings 19:1-18	149:1-9	John 12:27-28	Communion of Saints (All Saints Day)
November 10, 2013	Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24	70:12-19a	John 7:37-38	Justice like Water
November 17, 2013	Isaiah 9:1-7	96	John 8:12	Darkness & Light
November 24, 2013	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14	126	John 14:27	Plans for Your Future (Christ the King)

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

It is time to consider joining a Bible Study for the discipline of studying the Word. All are invited to one of the following or ask about forming a group.



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 10:00 am: Come to Activity Room at Divine Providence Nursing Home for a weekly study of the upcoming readings.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 8:30 am: Come to Grace Lutheran Fellowship Room for a weekly study of the upcoming readings along with coffee and fellowship.

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: November 11 at 5:30 at Bethany-Elm, November 25 at Grace at 5:30; A monthly study of women from the Bible lead by Pastor Julie.

WHAT IS THE FAITH5™?

Look at your hands, they usually have 5 fingers with a pair of hands that mirror each other. That is what we are going to do this year with FAITH 5, mirror our life as a community of faith in our homes and vice versa. The FAITH 5 connects church to home, faith to life, spouse to spouse and parents to kids in a powerful way. The five steps of the FAITH5 are:

Step One: Share highs and lows. Name something good and bad you experienced today. Can't think of a personal one? Check out the headlines from the news and teach empathy and compassion for the broader world.

Step Two: Read a verse from your Bible. (Use the text from Sunday, as found in the chart in the newsletter, during your week or the readings on the back of the bulletin).

Step Three: Talk about how the verse relates to highs and lows. Unpack the verse a bit. What does it mean in your own words? How might it relate to where you are today in your highs and lows?

Step Four: Pray for one another's highs and lows, for your family, and for the world. Simply talk to God, thank Jesus for the good, and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in specific problems.

Step Five: Bless one another. Trace the sign of the cross on one another's forehead or palm as a reminder that you belong to God and to one another.



As communities of faith we are going to encourage the practice of FAITH 5 as a means to connect home and church, Sunday to weekdays, and our life in church and the world. Each month we'll look at one of the points from the perspective of each place.

STEP 3 SHARE, GIVE & SERVE: It should be evident to people that the Word of God affects your life. This is best seen when our actions and words reflect what we have read and heard. Our words of reflection are especially powerful witness to our new life in Christ.

At home the daily reading from the Bible becomes a source of comfort which reminds us of God's faithfulness and presence in our lives. When we share how we see God active in our lives in the highs and lows of life we experience and witness to not only the effect on our life but that of our family members.

When we take that promise of God's faithfulness into our world as the Church we do so by what we give through our time, treasures and talents. We model the servant attitude of Christ by applying our work as service that is intended to build the life of others so they become curious about this promise found in Jesus. When we serve in Jesus' name as his body the Church we show the world how God's plan is the best option. This stewardship, sharing and caring, is where we get to use our hands for God's work.

As we go through the week sharing how God's promise, found in the Bible readings, continues to change our life daily we begin to see that the highs and lows of life are meant to reveal

God's love and grace. This joy then leads us to see the other as one who needs to have this same experience by sharing our joy with them. The daily practice of Faith 5 gives us our daily dose of spiritual vitality that not only gives us life but gives the world around us life.

AREA CHURCH NEWS

Once again this year Danebod will be celebrating the start of the Christmas season with the Old Fashioned Danish Christmas event to be held on Saturday, December 7, at the Danebod Campus in Tyler with "Christmas Shops", Coffeecakes, the Traditional Danish Supper, and free holiday evening entertainment.

More details will be provided later, but we wanted to get this notice out so you can SAVE THE DATE and hopefully keep December 7, 2013, on your church calendar open so that you can celebrate with Danebod.

Thank you for your attendance in past years. Old Fashioned Danish Christmas Committee

ON OCTOBER 31, **Lutheran Social Services is celebrating** 40 years of providing nutrition to the body & spirit with good eating, good friends & good times. Join us at the LAKE BENTON SENIOR DINING CENTER to celebrate. The meal is served at 11:30am. The cost is \$3.85 for anyone under 60 years of age & \$6.70 for those over 60 years. The school children will be coming to sing at 12:30pm & we will be playing BINGO afterwards. Come join us and bring a friend.

Please call 507-368-9564 for a reservation by 9:00am. Meal includes: Chicken Breast, Veggie, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Bread, Milk & Pumpkin Cake for dessert.

THANK YOU WINDS MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



I learned on October 9 before TFA of the death of my father, Erwin Kurtz. His two year struggle with poor health came to an end when his heart could no longer beat and sustain his earthly body. We laid him to rest on October 15 with most of the family there for the reunion with one person missing. I have lost one of my biggest supporters and my handyman consultant.

I would like to thank you for the beautiful plant in his memory and your many cards, hugs and well wishes. My heart is broken but heals with the promise of one day seeing him again with our Lord and Savior.

PASTOR JULIE K ANDERSON

Celebrate the Child

***A delightfully touching drama that is perfect for the
Advent/Christmas season.***

Written By Curt Cloniger

Performed by Jonathan Swenson

DECEMBER 18, 7:00 p.m.

Lake Benton Opera House

Celebrate the Child blends six different characters (each reflecting on the birth of Christ) with thematically chosen Christmas carols sung by the congregation or audience. Written by Curt Cloniger and performed with his permission by Jonathan Swenson, Celebrate the Child fits well for your youth & family groups, community organizations and businesses; and for the cap to your annual Christmas parties or just wherever you are looking for a fun, unique and meaningful Christmas celebration. Join us at the Lake Benton Opera House on Wednesday evening, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. for this heartwarming celebration of the best of the season.

Watch for more information regarding tickets and reservations.

Sponsored by members of Winds of the Prairie Ministries

PRAYER CONCERNS

BETHANY, ARCO

Buck Barber, Dorothy Bunjer, Norma Renken, Harvey & Blanche Jorgensen, Dagmar Blegen, Travis Noble, Connie Clausen(mother of Brenda Possail), Elsie Barber.

BETHANY-ELIM, IVANHOE

Donna Kurth, Davey Lundberg, Ray & Ruth Johnson, Jeff Neyens, Rhoda Larson, Bruce Kelm (brother of Gretchen Suhr); Gabriel Johnson (Grandson of Norma Jean Johnson); Leigh Jerzak (Sister-in-Law of Roger & Angie Jerzak); 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

Faye Rochel, Norma Nielsen(Wanda Nordmeyer's sister),Marian Bennett, Brian Evers (son of Don & Diane Evers), Cheryl Kjergaard, Mary Haugen, Naomi Enke, Norma Burdick, Annette Fehrman, Nancy & Steve Johnson, Carol Mensen (daughter of Arlyn & Garnet Petersen), Paula Jacobson (Daughter of Wayne & Annette Fehrman), Earl Klitzke, Chet Borresen.

PEACE, RUTHTON

LeRoy Hartson(Rosmary's son), Bonita Fuhrmann, Carolyn Holck, Rosmary Hartson, Edwin Ewald, Ellen Hansen, Edna & Vern Haraldsen, and Cliff Kittelson.

ST.PAUL'S MINNEOTA

Clara DeRoode. Those away from home. Those with silent health issues& undergoing treatments away from home.

TYLER NURSING HOME

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

HENDRICKS NURSING HOME

Ila Rasmussen(Bethany), Norma Burdick (Grace), Ruth Josephson (B-E)

DIVINE PROVIDENCE NURSING HOME

Mabel Dressen, Elsie Barber & Dagmar Blegen (Bethany)

MILITARY

Pray for the leaders of this great nation & all nations of the world that seek peace. Pray for those who have family & friends who serve in the military or reserve forces. Especially: Jesse Zafft, Lucas Dougherty, Christian Vizecky,

Danielle Thomsen, Michael Colman, Ross, Ryan, Angela & David Nelson, Allan Peterson, Derrick Linneman, Todd Board, Kyle Shiek, Alyson Bylone, Jim Pedersen, Justin Schmidt, Adam DeRoode, Pam Gregor, Paul Gregor Jr., Corey Gregor, Christopher Gregor & Paul Gregor.

2013 ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

DEATHS OF SAINTS

Eldon Earl Nordmeyer at Grace

Caroline Vera Thomssen at Grace

Dorys Mae Richards at St. Paul

Ann Kruse at Grace

Leonard Richards at St. Paul

Dorys Richards at St. Paul

Chrystal Gawereki at Bethany-Elim

Ruby Koopman at Bethany-Elim

Thorvald "Toddy" Jensen at Peace

Charmaine Louise Lundberg at Bethany-Elim

FAMILY COMING HOME FUNERALS

Leola Petra Wagner at Grace

James Michael Fifield at Arco

Nellie Josephson at St. Paul

Joyce McColm at Grace

Mary Ellen Josephson at St. Paul's

FAMILIES OF

Kurtis Dougherty (Brenda Possail's son), Charmaine Lundberg (B-E), Bill Palm (Vicar Ann's Stepdad), Erwin Kurtz (Pastor Julie's father).

BAPTISMS OF SAINTS

Alexander Adam Krumweide on March 3 at Bethany-Elim

Sawyer Todd Prosch on March 30 at Grace

Jameson David Schaefer on May 5 at Peace

Odin Alan Rasmussen on May 18 at Bethany-Elim

Scott Joseph Nuy on June 9 at Bethany-Elim

Jade Marie Maranell on June 22 at Grace

Qyinnlyn J Nielsen on June 23 at Bethany-Elim

Ayden Riley Berkenpas on July 7 at Grace

Robert Worth on July 28 at Lake Stay (Grace)

Jameson Ryan Reber on September 1 at Bethany-Elim

William Andrew Deutz on September 8 at Grace

Harper Ainsley Evans on October 6 at Peace

SWMN JUNIOR HIGH GATHERING

November 22-24

Holiday Inn Conference Center, Willmar, Minnesota

Speaker: Eric Blake

Eric is the youth director at Salem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud. To find out more about his ministry go to their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SalemYouthPage

Band: Lightswitch

Since their inception, the internationally known alternative rock band, Lightswitch, has been rapidly gaining momentum. The 2007 release of their self-titled album "Lightswitch" (featuring their hit single "I wanna know"), has been followed by tours all across North America. They have shared the stage with many of the top names in Christian music, ranging from Sanctus Real and Tenth Avenue North to Kutless and Needtobreathe. With radio airplay, multiple appearances in CCM Magazine, HM, and their most recent appearance in Relevant Magazine, the band is becoming one of the most successful Christian Indie bands in the USA. Abraham, Gabe, Moisés and Sam Romo are the four brothers of Lightswitch.



"You did not choose me, I chose you." John 15:16

Our members attending

Friday through Saturday:

Adult Leaders: Vicar Ann Gonyea, Tracy Kuhlman, Nancy Krog

Youth - Jennifer Krog, Molly Krog, Kim Bloch, Ethan Krier, Jaylen Miller, Jayla Prosch, Adrianna Johnson, Stephanie Kuhlman and Lauren Johnson

Saturday through Sunday:

Adult: Mike Czech

Youth: Steven Czech, Adam Czech

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

God's Work - Our Hands: Be on the lookout for opportunities both in your neighborhood and through the church.

BOWLING FOR JESUS

Nielsen Lanes

November 3rd, 2:30 p.m.

People are hungry; bowling is the answer.

Denver-area high school

students show the way.

Members of the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod began a program called "Bowling for Jesus" to raise money for the ELCA World Hunger Program through their region of the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO). Youth in Wyoming, Utah and Colorado who attend "Bowling for Jesus" events are encouraged to bring a

donation equal to the bowling fees.

WXY youth and adults will be bowling for Jesus on Sunday, November 3 at 2:30 p.m. at the Nielsen Lanes next to Bethany-Elim Lutheran church. Cost per line including shoes and ball will be \$3.00.



We will also be raising monies for the Ivanhoe area food shelf and their Thanksgiving dinner. After the bowling we will meet for spaghetti over at the church, and plan our upcoming youth events.

Check out the website at www.elca.org/our-faith-in-action/stories-of-faith-in-action/bowling-for-jesus.aspx

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

And we have been asked to help!



WXY has been invited to create a *dramatic video production of the Christmas story*. Together with elders of the WOTP community reading the lessons for the , WXY is being asked to provide the music and acting for a Video "Readings and Carols of Christmas" to be presented at our churches and at the area nursing homes during the Christmas Season. We will shoot the video at the Divine Providence Chapel on Sunday, December 1st. Any youths who are willing and able to edit video on their computer, shoot video, act as characters in the pageant or provide music are invited to be a part of this project. Your video project will be a major part of worship on December 29 in all the churches.