

CrossWinds

Newsletter of Winds of the Prairie Ministry

Bethany: Bethany-Elim: Grace: Peace: St Paul

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First Word

October is harvest time. My favorite time of the year. Crisp autumn evenings followed by frost dancing over the harvested fields. Cool mornings with clouds of fog hanging in the lowlands. Bright colored days with the smell of newly turned earth. Beautiful.

The greatest and most beautiful gift of fall is the knowledge that, although winter is soon coming, the gifts of God will see us through. Harvest is a season of hope.

Even so, with low grain prices this year and fixed expenses for inputs for last spring and this fall, many in our area will not see the net income anticipated this spring. Prices were high, land in soil-bank was put into production, and the end result is a forecast for record yields this year. Our US harvest forecasts show us that we are blessed with more than we can use, sell or barter.

What does this mean for our local economies? What might this mean for our families? What does this mean for our elders? What does this mean for planning the budget of the church? Well, it all depends upon how you look at it.

If we follow the ways of this world, and listen to the dire predictions for income levels this fall, we might assume the worst. This will cause us to seek all different ways to reduce expenses, which is never a bad thing. But what do we do when we are already running lean?

We might take a clue from the Bible stories that are our focus for learning and worship this month. During the first week of October we learn of how, when the Israelites were adrift both physically and spiritually in the wilderness of Sinai, our God presented them with direction through a code of conduct which we know as the Ten Commandments. During the second week we learn that even though Israel did not keep the covenant with Moses and Abraham, God remembered and delivered them into the Promised Land. The third week recounts the story of David, whose successes made him think he was above the law himself, and how God brought him to repentance and renewed the covenant again. And during the last week of the month we recall how Solomon asked for the wisdom and direction of God to aid him in guiding his people.

These Bible Stories mark a movement from self-dependency to divine dependency. The focus of Solomon was to seek God first, and all the other blessings which came from God were then seen to be just that- blessings.

Self-dependency creates an attitude of entitlement. "I worked for it, I own it" is our attitude. It's not too far from I worked, therefore I deserve. When we follow this thinking, our lives are I never full, our future is never fully hopeful or thankful. I don't have time here to list the many ways that this attitude will lead us to despair. Far better to flip it on its head and say, along with Luther's meaning to the first article:

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

When you are tempted to look at this falls abundance of harvest, and grieve over the low prices, sing this song: Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Pastor Stephen Rasmusson



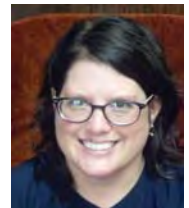
Intern's Intonations

When I was a school teacher, I spent as much time planning for transitions from lesson to lesson and activity to activity than I did planning the lessons and activities themselves. So I wonder.....why don't I spend time attending to transitions in such a thoughtful way in my everyday life? Our journey is really a daily transition from life to death. After all, who was it that said that there are two things we can be sure of death and taxes?? But as we have learned from reading about Abraham this last week, and Noah the week before, there is another thing that we can be sure of **the promise of new life and blessing**...the promise between God and God's people(us!) We can be sure of that, willing to embrace this transition of life to death, because there is a promise that we as God's people do not transition from life to death, but rather from death to life!! **Daily this happens for us.** In all of the changes that happen in our crazy, ordinary lives-no matter how difficult and devastating and often surprising, **life in Jesus Christ**, our resurrected Lord, **wins** for us, and in us, and through us!

I experienced this shortly after I moved to Ivanhoe. This transition to internship has been challenging and many times very draining. There was, however, a special day in which I abundantly found new life in my life through the community of Winds of the Prairie. On Wednesday, August 20, there was a wonderful welcome for me, your new intern, from this community through worship, fellowship, and a pounding (if you are wondering about this pounding, please talk to me....I had never heard of this either!!!) I want to **thank you**, Winds of the Prairie, for providing the life that God promises when we live as a community in God's name. When we transition in the promise of God, transition really becomes transformation and that is something we cannot plan for-that is the promise of our great and holy God, who comes to us as Creator, Savior, and Spirit who works in us and through us every day. We are blessed to be a blessing and what a blessing this ministry is in God's creation! Amen!

In Christ's service,

Vicar Janna



Elementary News and Upcoming Events

4th Graders will have acolyte training:

Grace on Sunday September 28 during Sunday School.

Peace on October 5 following Sunday School.

5th and 6th Grades look for Bible Boot Camp on the Old and New Testament starting on November 1. These classes will prepare you for the instruction in 7th and 8th grades called TFA. This will substitute or supplement your Sunday School instruction.



WITNESSES

A One Man Show with 8 different characters or should we say witnesses to the love of God .

Wednesday October 1 at 7 pm—Diamond Lake Chapel

Tickets \$10 for Adults \$6 for Students \$15 for Families

Seating is limited so please contact 507-694-1238 or 1-866-944-9687

Tickets are for sale at each of the churches—please sign up on the sheet and pay for your ticket(s). Please make sure that the number on the ticket coincides with the number on the sheet along with making sure that you put the amount you are enclosing for payment.



Painting and Prayers :

Sunday November 2 , from 1 to 4 pm

Bethany-Elim Lutheran of Ivanhoe

Ladies of all ages, come learn and paint this painting based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-22. No previous skill required. Paint a 16 x 20 for \$25 or an 11 x 14 for \$15. Register online from the website page or call the office 507-694-1238 by October 27.

PASTOR'S ACTS

Report for August 2014



Marriage- Alicia Lawrence & Lance Tykwinski at Bethany-Elim by Pastor Stephen Rasmusson on August 30, 2014

Funerals— Vernon Haraldson funeral on August 6, 2014 at Peace Lutheran Church of Ruthton with Pastor Julie Anderson presiding.

Neoma Rasmussen burial on August 9, 2014 at the Arco Cemetery with Pastor Julie Anderson presiding.

Gary Richards memorial service on August 16, 2014 at St Paul Lutheran Church of Minneota with Pastor Stephen Rasmusson presiding.

Norman Jean Johnson funeral on August 29, 2014 at Bethany-Elim Lutheran Church of Ivanhoe with Pastor Julie Anderson and Pastor Stephen Rasmusson.



CROP Hunger Walk

Lincoln-Lyon County CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 12, 2014 • Minneota, MN

Registration starts at 1:15pm with the walk starting at 2pm at Hope Lutheran church in Minneota.

http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR?fr_id=19934&pg=entry

Wednesday Night Activities

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

Bible Studies

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

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

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

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

RALLY DAY October 5– Peace begins Sunday School following 8:30am worship.

October 2014 Preaching Schedule	Peace 8:30	Bethany 10:30	St Paul -8:30	Bethany-Elim 8:30	Grace 10:30
Sunday, October 5, 2014	Holy Communion Anderson (Acolyte)	Supply	Supply	Bader-	Bader-
Covenant & Commandments		Exodus 19:3-7;20:1-17		Psalms 119:9-16	Matthew 5:17
Sunday, October 12, 2014	Service of the Word Anderson	Anderson	Bader-	Rasmusson	Rasmusson
Joshua Renews the Covenant		Joshua 24:1-15		Psalms 63	Matthew 4:8-10
Sunday, October 19, 2014	Holy Communion Rasmusson	Rasmusson/ Bader	Anderson	Bader-	Bader-
Nathan Accuses David		2 Samuel 12:1-9		Psalms 51:1-9	Matthew 21:33-41
Sunday, October 26, 2014	Holy Communion/ Reformation Bader-	Rasmusson/ Anderson (Confirmation)	Anderson	Rasmusson	Bader-
Solomon's Wisdom/Reformation Sunday		1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15) 16-28		Psalms 119: 129-136	Matthew 6:9-10
Sunday November 2 is All Saints Day when we remember those who have died in the past year. As a sign of our need for healing from the many hurt and grief of this world the service this day is dedicated to healing.					

Confirmation at Bethany Lutheran of Arco

On October 26 three young women will make affirmation of their faith.

Lacey Blegen

Katelyn Jorgensen

Natalee Possail

Secretary's Corner

The WOTP staff attended the "Boundaries" workshop in Redwood Falls on Tues. September 16 which was open to all church staff. This was a fabulous workshop once again & it nice to be able to talk with staff from other congregations as to what works for them to help better the church communities. I think we all left with a lot of helpful information once again! If you get the chance to attend this workshop next year, please do so, you won't regret it!

I can't believe it's already October & I still have things to do at home before the weather changes and I pray that the weather man is wrong about Winter! This seems to have been the busiest Summer yet, but then again, I say that every Summer.

The kids and I really, really enjoy getting to see everyone at Diamond Lake W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesdays) and catching up with everything that is happening with them and we also had some fabulous fellowship following worship (my waste line says maybe a few too many treats). I know that I talk about W.O.W. a lot in the newsletter and while I am out and about and this is why we love it so much... the church is much more to us than just church, we have gained a new family out at W.O.W. and with that I mean that so many who are there greet us with hugs and smiles that it overwhelms me at times. I feel so blessed to be able to go and soak in worship with those who have made us feel like family. I'm not there to work but to take it the word and receive the grace and support of the Christian community.

As I am getting the newsletter ready for another printing I am seeing a lot of fabulous reason to celebrate with members of our church families. Rick & Mary Midden celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, September 13th in Lake Benton. 50 years to date from the day they were married at Grace Lutheran (formerly known as First Lutheran) in Lake Benton. It was great to see everyone who attended their celebration that day. Esther Wayland's 100th Birthday party was celebrated on Sunday, September 14th at Bethany-Elim in Ivanhoe and I heard that there were 100 roses as decorations along with many smiling faces at the party. We also have Jerry & Faye Rochel from Lake Benton celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 4th at the Lake Benton Center Post. What amazing reasons to celebrate!

I want to say THANK YOU to everyone who has made my time as Winds of the Prairie secretary such a blessing! I will be leaving WOTP and starting a new journey with my last day being September 30. I have been extremely blessed to have gotten to know so many of you much better because of this journey and you have welcomed my children and I as part of your own & for that my family is forever grateful! I will hopefully see you at future WOTP events.

God's Blessings to you!

Brandee

Submit your email request to WOTPM@frontier.com to receive the newsletter via email. Each month I will do a drawing from all names that have requested an online copy of the newsletter. October winner for E-mailed newsletter is . Please pick up your gift at church.
Thanks so much!

An adjustment to office hours began in September. The Winds of the Prairie Ministry office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 2:30pm and at Grace in Lake Benton on Wednesdays from 12:30pm to 6:30pm. Please keep us informed of the happenings with at least 7 days notice.

REMINDER that we are always working 2-6 months ahead of the actual date for all 5 congregations. Please get your articles and meeting dates in ASAP so that we can include it in our newsletter.

Winds of The Prairie's Website
www.windsoftheprairie.org

Lutheran Response to World

From the Lutheran Disaster Response Blog:

"Ebola outbreak: 'The church has to help'" (9/18/2014)

The 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa is the largest and longest-lasting Ebola outbreak in recorded history. To further understand the scale of this disease, the Ebola outbreak is actually the first Ebola epidemic the world has experienced, as the virus has spread to multiple countries, including Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. More than 2,400 people have died from Ebola during this epidemic.

The spread of Ebola presents several more complications than just battling and containing the virus itself. People in infected areas have been quarantined to their homes as towns shut down to try to limit the disease from spreading further. As a result, people are not able to work, harvest fields or purchase food. Other countries that ship food to the region are afraid to dock their ships to deliver food for fear of contracting the virus. The lack of food has been a growing concern as people are now dealing with food security issues that have been exacerbated by the spread of Ebola.

"We need food," says the Rev. D. Jensen Seyenkulo, Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Liberia. "Our workers from all across the country are being asked to take off work during the crisis. The quarantined communities and stranded travelers are crying for food and water. The treatment centers need food. There is a saying around now that goes like this: 'If we do not die of Ebola, we will die of starvation.'"

In August, Lutheran Disaster Response committed \$10,000 to assist Global Health Ministries in the shipment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Liberia. Lutheran Disaster Response is now committing \$90,000 to assist with food distributions in Liberia and Sierra Leone and with Ebola sensitization and prevention in Liberia, the country that currently has experienced the highest number of Ebola cases.

Food Distributions in Liberia and Sierra Leone

We will work with our companion church, the Lutheran Church in Liberia, to activate food distributions in six targeted areas of Liberia that will assist 999 households with a month's supply of oil, rice and fish.

In Sierra Leone, we will work with our companion church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sierra Leone, to provide food assistance also consisting of oil, rice and fish to 3,000 individuals.

"With no way to buy food, the church has to help," says the Rev. Thomas Barnett, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sierra Leone.

Ebola Sensitization and Prevention in Liberia

Liberia has seen the highest number of Ebola cases since the outbreak reached the country in March. Since the disease presents a 90 percent fatality rate, raising awareness about symptoms and prevention is vital. With our partner, ACT Alliance, we will work with Lutheran Development Services and the Lutheran Church in Liberia to provide Ebola sensitization and prevention training to 4,500 individuals in Lofa and Bong counties.

In addition to the training program, we will work with our companions and partners to construct an isolation unit at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing. This unit will provide significant contributions toward the containment of the disease and the ability to provide life-saving care.

Bethany-Elim WELCA are hosting their annual **Soup N Sandwich Luncheon & Bake Sale on Wednesday, October 1st**. Homemade baked goodies will be available starting at 10:30am. Lunch will be served starting at 11am and going until 1pm. A menu of assorted homemade soups, a sandwich assortment with bars & coffee for \$7.



Buffalo Ridge Chorale In Concert
Sunday, October 19th 4:00 PM
St. John Cantius Church Of Wilno
Dr. Russell Svenningsen, Director
Professor of Choral Music at Augustana College
\$5 General Admission - Children 14 & under free
***A 'free will' light evening meal will be served by the Wilno Parish following the concert.**

This concert is made possible through a grant from the SWMN Arts Council

Mark Your Calendar

- *EE Program Bird Raptor - October 5th 1-4pm 2014
 - *OCTOBERFEST - October 17th & 18th grade 4-6
 - *Timber Banquet - October 19th 2014
 - *Toddlers and trees family fun day Oct 26th 2014
 - *Confirmation Retreat - November 7-8
 - *Lutefisk supper - December 7th 2014 5:30pm
 - *Stargazing Cross-country skiing- December 19th
 - *Snowshoeing - December 28th
 - *Winter Fun Day - December 29th grade 3-6
- Any questions call (507) 763-3567 or
 Check out our website at www.shetek.org

CANEWS FROM CAMP



Thank you to all who continues to support your camp, Shetek Lutheran Ministries! We are so fortunate to have friends like you who value our accomplishments, commitment and mission. You are truly making a difference for youth and families coming to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. As we look forward to the future we are excited about all that is ahead as God continues to lead us in new directions.

May God richly bless you for your support!!

Shetek Lutheran Ministries
A place for all seasons
Come visit us this Fall!!



UMN Raptor Center Presentation!
 Bird Crafts and Activities for All Ages!
 Call or go online to register:
 507.763.3567 - www.shetek.org



Shetek Environmental Learning Center
Fly into Fall!



Shetek Lutheran Ministries
 Activity Center
 14 Keeley Island Dr. Slayton, MN 56172
 Sunday, October 5th, 2014
 1:00-4:00pm
 Admission by Registration Only!

The Hurricane

The Newsletter of WXY

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VENTURING · BSA®

WxY & Venture Crew meets on the 4th Sunday of the month from 3 to 5 pm. **Venturing** is a youth development program of the **Boy Scouts of America** for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age. WxY is for 6th to 12th grade youth to have fun with service and

fellowship.

We meet October 26 out at the Diamond Lake Chapel.

Remember the CROP Walk on October 12.

First Communion

First Communion Training was completed by the following on August 23, 2014.

Brady Gifford & Tyler Schmidt of Bethany-Elim on September 21.

Brock Hefti and Austin Johnson of Grace.

Jayden Houselog of Peace.

Look for them to celebrate their First Communion in late September or early October.



ACCEPT ALL, EXCEPT NONE -Romans 15:7

Jr High Youth Gathering– November 21-22 at Willmar

Grades 6 to 9 from Southwestern Minnesota gather for the largest youth event of junior high ages disciples in the nation.

Registration is by group and begins October 1, total cost is around \$75 and a \$25 nonrefundable deposit along with the medical/photo release form will get you on the list. Get it to the office or a pastor by September 29 for the registration goes in the mail on the 30th. Scholarships and assistance are available from congregational councils upon request.

Keep In Your Prayers

Bethany, Arco

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

Bethany-Elim, Ivanhoe

Gretchen Suhr, Esther Wayland, Sarah B, Carol Olsen, Anna Zafft(granddaughter of Harvey & Muriel Koopman), Richard Ellis, Ray Johnson, Rhoda Larson, Bruce Kelm (brother of Gretchen Suhr); Mike Kropp (son-in-law of Ken Swanson); Jackson & Mary Grace Nelson (children of Ryan and Kate); Nancy Resmen (sister-in-law of Bernadine Olsen), Ralph & Lynn Holland.

Grace, Lake Benton

Gen Sportel, Jeanette Nelsen, Allan Johnson, Norma Nielsen(Wanda Nordmeyer's sister), Marian Bennett, Mary Haugen, Naomi Enke, Norma Burdick, Annette Fehrman, Joan & Earl Klitzke.

Peace, Ruthton

Lynnette Lingen, Jean Lundholm, LeRoy Hartson(Rosmary's son), Bonita Fuhrmann, Carolyn Holck, Rosmary Hartson, Edwin Ewald, Ellen Hansen, Edna Haraldsen, and Cliff Kittelson.

St.Paul's Minneota

Mary Buysse, Jeff Kompelin, & Clara DeRoode

Tyler Nursing Home

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

Hendricks Nursing Home

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

Divine Providence Nursing Home

Mabel Dressen, Elsie Barber & Dagmar Blegen (Bethany)

Military

Pray for the leaders of this great nation & all nations of the world that seek peace. Pray for those who have family & friends who serve in the military or reserve forces. Especially: Kyle Stensgaard, Jesse Zafft, Lucas Oerter, Jon Dougherty, Christian Vizecky, Danielle Thomsen, Michael Colman, Ross, Ryan, Angela & David Nelson, Allan Peterson, Derrick Linne-man, Todd Board, Kyle Shiek, Alyson Bylone, Jim Pedersen, Justin Schmidt, Adam DeRoode, Pam Gregor, Paul Gregor Jr., Corey Gregor, Christopher Gregor & Paul Gregor.

Pray for the family of
Vangie Nelson - (Roger's wife) from B-E

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





NEWS FROM THE PEWS

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Assisting Ministers

5 Glen Sorensen
12 None
19 Ilene Sorensen
26 None

Lector:

5 Morgan Possail
12 Allan Lundberg
19 Ardis Henriksen
26 Beth Daniels

Ushers: Don & Delores Oerter

Alter Guild: Marie Henriksen

October Dates:

Oct 9 - WELCA, 1:30 p.m. - BE at Bethany

Oct. 22 -- Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

Thank you to all the workers from Bethany who helped make the Chicken Dinner a success. Thank You to everyone who attended the Annual Chicken Dinner at Bethany on Sunday, September 21st. We appreciate your support!

70th Wedding Anniversary for Carsten & Luella Madsen will be held on Sunday, October 12th from 2pm-5pm at the Bethany Lutheran church in Arco. Please feel free to join them in celebrating this joyous occasion. NO GIFTS please.



BETHANY-ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

October

Ushers

5 Val Whipple & Bernie Aronson
12 Hank Bruns & Gene Faulds
19 Chris & Amy Clarke Family
26 Loren & Anna Epple Family

Lector

5 Chris Clarke
12 Emily Clarke
19 Anna Epple
26 Gene Faulds

Assisting Minister

5 Mary Pedersen
12 Sharon Rasmussen
19 Clyde Rost
26 Merle Rost

Acolyte

5 Molly Krog
12 Kathy Richmond
19 Kim Bloch
26 Shanelle Buffington

Bridal Shower Open House for Danielle Thomsen (daughter of Joe & Judy Thomsen) bride to be of Chad Westrum will be on Saturday, October 11 from 2pm-4pm in the Bethany-Elm Fireside room. They will unite in marriage on Saturday, October 25th in Dell Rapids, SD.



*I greatly appreciate all the wonderful wishes for my 100th birthday!
Many thanks and God Bless everyone.
Esther Wayland*

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Rebekah Circle is held every month on the 3rd Tuesday at 1:30pm

October 1—Soup N Sandwich Luncheon & Bake Sale Bake Sale starts at 10:30am with Lunch starting at 11 am-1pm Cost \$7

October 4—Fall Gathering for Prairie Conference at Bethany-Elim

October 9—Bethany-Elim hosts Bethany (WELCA Meeting)

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gracious Words by Karen Lichtsinn

Stewardship made easy - During the next few months, as we close out 2014, we will be hearing more about stewardship. Typically during the summer months our attendance and contributions diminish, and this year was no exception. But despite the desire to “take off” the summer from church, the financial commitments of the church continue during all 12 months of the year. To help “even out” the contributions throughout the year, there are automated methods available to help you make your contributions, even if you cannot be in church every Sunday.

Online or automated giving tools can help us grow into habits and commitments in our stewardship giving. The ELCA is encouraging congregations to offer online giving options for their members. Here are a few options available:

- **Simply Giving.** Simply Giving is an automated method of making your contributions, through various means such as automatic withdrawals from your checking or savings account, charging your credit card or debit card, or thru a mobile app for your phone. The online giving program is managed through Vanco, a long-time partner with Thrivent Financial Credit Union in the Simply Giving Program. (you don't have to be a member of Thrivent Financial to use this service!)
 - e.service@ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is Vanco's ACH (Automated Clearing House) service that securely and electronically transfers authorized donations or payments from an individual's checking and/or savings account into your congregation's bank account. You can setup recurring donations or one-time payments with this convenient and economical service. This option can be setup either online or with paper authorization forms.
- **Credit card contributions** - In an effort to make giving more automated, Grace also has the option of accepting your credit card for a contribution to Grace Lutheran Church. You can contact Anne Lichtsinn, the Grace Lutheran Treasurer, and she will assist you onsite with a credit card contribution using her online credit card reader (which works thru her tablet - how cool is that!). This is a secure method of making an online contribution, with a receipt available thru email.

So think about how automated giving could help you and your congregation, by saving time and money on checks, envelopes etc. If you have any questions please contact me or Anne Lichtsinn for more information. We would be happy to assist you.

October Deacon: Annie Weets

October Altar Guild: Darlene Willert

Church council - Thursday October 16 at Grace, 7 PM



50th Wedding Anniversary
Open House for Gerry & Faye Rochel will be held on Saturday, October 4, 1-5pm at the Center Post in Lake Benton.

Bridal Shower for Caitlin Vermaat bride to be of Garrett Petersen will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 4th from 1:30pm-3pm. Garrett & Caitlin will be married on October 18th.



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

Office Hours on Wednesdays from 12:30pm to 6:30pm.

USHERS for October

Brent Bressler

Ed Brockhouse

Carl Burk

Mike Czech

October Altar Guild: Darlene Willert

Acolyte:

5 Jaylen Miller

12 Austin Johnson

19 Tyson Weets

26 Adam Czech & Tristen Simonsen

October Deacon: Anne Weets

Grace Lutheran Sunday School News by Pat Johnson

Thank you to Annie Weets and Linda Sutherland for helping the Sunday school personnel clean and setup the Sunday school rooms in August. Also, thank you to the following for purchasing needed material: Faye Rochel, Romelle Pritchett, Diane Evers, Mary Paschke, & Barb Herschberger. The support given to our program is so wonderful.

Sunday school started on Sept. 7, 2014.

Thank you to the following for graciously volunteering again to be our Sunday school personnel:

Superintendent: Pat Johnson

Preschool, Kindergarten, & 1st Grade: Tanya Berkenpas

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grades: Mindy Johnson

5th & 6th Grades: Tonia Czech

We will be using new Sunday school material called "Whirl". It is a 3 year scope program that will take us on a journey through our church year. We are now in the green season of Pentecost - walking in the footsteps of Jesus by learning from his teachings and following with our actions. Study will be both from the Old and New Testaments and our TV will be put to good use in viewing weekly videos to tie the lessons together. September and October lessons will teach about forgiveness, generosity, action, rejection, encouragement, giving, and love. Also we will be watching for the changing of the paraments in our church sanctuary.

A special thank you is given to the family of Florine Bannick for the very generous donation given in her memory to the Sunday school. The memorial has been used to purchase 16 Whirl NRSV Bibles and 3 Whirl Story Bibles to go with our new material. What a blessing to our program.

Welcome to Angela Deutz, daughter of Betze (Paulson) & Andy Deutz for joining our Sunday school as a kindergartner.

During church on Sept. 7, our personnel were installed and our 3rd graders received their Bibles from Grace.

Congratulations to:

Colby Frahm - son of Chad & Sandy Frahm

Connor Simonsen - son of Jeremy & Bobbi Jo Simonsen

May your lives be blessed with the gift of God's Word.

On Sept. 28, Pastor Julie held an acolyte training after church for our 4th grade children: Breelee Berkenpas, Ellie Frahm, Gary Sutherland, and Autumn Tooley, and other children needing a refresher course. Thank you children - we look forward to having you participate in our church services.

Upcoming events: Oct. 19 - no Sunday school for MEA break



Grace Rally Sunday - September 7th, 2014
Children's message by Vicar Janna Bader



Grace 3rd Graders receiving their Bibles on Sunday, September 7th were Colby Frahm (son of Chad & Sandy) & Connor Simonsen (son of Jeremy & Bobbi Jo).

Left to right front : Elli & Colby Frahm, Connor Simonsen,
Back: Chad Frahm, Jeremy & Bobbi Jo Simonsen

Thrivent Annual Meeting -

Lincoln-Lyon Thrivent Annual Meeting -
Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 5:00pm.

Meeting will be held at the new Living Word Lutheran Church, 800 Southview St E. in Marshall, MN (turn at the HyVee corner – formerly the Schwan's Training Center visible on the west side of Hwy 23). The church has an elevator, or use the Youth entrance and follow the hallway downstairs. A roast pork dinner will be served by DeVos Catering at 5 PM, followed by entertainment from the Lake Benton Opera House Players and a brief meeting and elections. Come and meet the newest members of your Thrivent team and hear what is up and coming with Thrivent. Door prizes will be drawn for those members in attendance. Hope to see you there.

WELCA Prairie Conference will be held on Saturday, October 4th at Bethany-Elim with registration from 8:30am-9:30am with a program & meeting to follow.

There will be break out sessions for Officers.



Speaker: Shirley Sandberg "Save the Last Dance"

Registration fee is \$10 which includes a noon meal. Bring an "in kind" offering for WRAP... personal hygiene items (shampoo/conditioner/deodorant/toothpaste/toothbrush/razors/diapers/baby wipes/laundry soap etc.)

We hope to see many of you there!

Peace Lutheran Church

Tuesday, October 13—9:30 a.m. – St. Matthew Circle

2 p.m. – St. Mark Circle

Monday, October 27— 9 a.m. – Quilting Day

Tuesday, Oct. 7

9:30 a.m. – The St. Matthew Circle will join Ellen Hansen at Edgebrook Care Center in Edgerton.

2:00 p.m. – St. Mark Circle will meet at the home of Doretta Vinson.

Monday, Oct. 13

5:00 p.m. – St. John Circle will meet at the Church.

Monday, Oct. 27

9:00 a.m. – Quilting Day

PLCW Members Note:

Saturday, October 4 - Prairie Conference Fall Gathering at Bethany-Elim in Ivanhoe. Reg. and coffee begins at 8:30. Registration is \$10.00 which includes the noon meal. The In-Kind offering will be personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo/conditioner, diapers, baby wipes. These will be used for the WARD program. All members are invited to attend.

Sunday, October 12 is the day for our Fall Fundraiser. These funds are used for our Shetek Assessment and other mission organizations. Also local facilities such as our First Responders.

St Paul Lutheran Church



St Paul's makes a statement in the annual Boxelder Bugs Day Parade in Minneota.

Throwing candy and sharing Jesus what a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Chili Feed November 2, Mark your calendar.

JOB OPENING -

WOTP is looking for someone who is interested in the Secretarial position of 25 hours per week . Applications and description of the position are available by contacting either of the Pastors or the Winds Office . Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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