



September 2010

# CrossWinds

Newsletter of Winds of the Prairie

*Winds of the Prairie Ministry*

## **FIRST WORD:**

**PASTOR STEVE RASMUSSON**

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." Henry Ford*

*"If you would attain to what you are not yet, you must always be displeased by what you are. For where you are pleased with yourself there you have remained. Keep adding, keep walking, keep advancing." Saint Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 AD*

Every spring and fall I have the opportunity to teach an "Elder Hostel" at our Bible camp at Lake Shetek. They come to learn about our SW Minnesota history and the great religions of the world. I am amazed at the vitality of the minds of these people that gather from across the States. For the most part these are life long Christians. They find deep enjoyment in discovering how their faith can be deepened in dialog with the world.

Life long study of the world and the Word of God keeps a mind active and growing. As we have been often reminded, when a living thing stops growing, it dies. The same is true of our faith. When we stop feeding our being we die. Dead churches don't study the Word. Dead churches don't need to learn about the world to which they were called to minister. But growing, living churches do.

Our parish offers numerous possibilities to deepen our understanding of God's world and His Word. We are invited every Sunday to listen to our ministers open the Word to us in their sermons. But there are more ways to get God's word into us and to feed our being. Check out our numerous Bible studies available weekly and monthly.

One of the best ways to learn the Word is to teach it. To these who teach the word I say thank you! Thanks to all those who are taking up the challenge to be Sunday School Teachers. Thanks go to those "Table Parents" for our youth who are training for Affirmation of their Baptisms. Thanks go to our internship committee members as they strive to nurture our intern in her growth in pastoral identity. Thanks go to the parents who make their home a place for our children to learn about God through daily devotions and prayer. Thanks go to those church members who write letters of spiritual support to our young adults at college and in the armed forces.

Learning and leading go hand in hand. I would like to challenge all who are not participating in life long learning of God's Word to join those who have take up the study of the mysteries of life with God. If you would like to grow, I invite you to feed your whole being with the gifts of God that give eternal life. By doing so, you will teach others how important it is to know the crucified and risen Lord and his truth (Know Jesus, know truth / no Jesus, no truth...).

I leave you with this quote to ponder:

Learning is not a product of schooling but the lifelong attempt to acquire it

[Albert Einstein](#), (1879 - 1955) Physicist & Nobel Laureate

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

		St Paul – 8:30	Peace – 8:30	Bethany – 10:30	Grace – 8:30	Bethany-Elim (10:30)
Sunday, September 05, 2010	Holy Communion	Braun	Rasmusson	Rasmusson/Braun	Anderson	Anderson
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<b>Worship Times Change</b>		<b>Bethany (8:30)</b>	<b>Grace (8:30)</b>	<b>Peace (10:30)</b>	<b>St. Paul (8:30)</b>	<b>Bethany-Elim (10:30)</b>
Saturday, September 11, 2010	Holy Communion			Intern/Rasmusson		
Sunday, September 12, 2010	Service of the Word	Anderson	Braun	Braun	Rasmusson	Anderson
Saturday, September 18, 2010	Holy Communion					Rasmusson
Sunday, September 19, 2010	Holy Communion	<b>Supply Pastor</b>	Braun	Braun	Anderson	Anderson
Saturday, September 25, 2010	Holy Communion		Anderson		Rasmusson	
Sunday, September 26, 2010	Service of the Word	Anderson	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Braun	Braun
Saturday, October 02, 2010	Holy Communion	Anderson				
Sunday, October 03, 2010	Holy Communion	Anderson	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Braun	Braun
Saturday, October 09, 2010	Holy Communion			Braun		
Sunday, October 10, 2010	Service of the Word	Braun	Anderson	Anderson	Rasmusson	Rasmusson

## PASTOR'S REPORT FOR TO JULY 17, 2010 TO AUGUST 15, 2010

Worship	Education	Meetings	Pastoral Acts	Visits
5- Sundays Worships @ 5 congregations 4- Nursing Home 4- Wednesday Worship	4- Bible/Book Study 2-TFA 1-VBS 0-Continuing Education	1- Council/Meeting 2-WELCA 2-WXY 0-Synod 0-LCC 8-Public Event	0-Funeral 1-Baptism 6-Counseling 1-Wedding (non-member) 0-Affirmation of Baptism	11- Home 8-Hospital

## CHECK OUT THE WEB!

Start at our website, [www.windsoftheprairie.org](http://www.windsoftheprairie.org). There you will find our most recent newsletter, worship times, prayer opportunities, activities and stories of faith. Look there for the weather related announcements that are a part of our Winds of the Prairie experience.

Our webmaster is Emilirose Rasmusson and can be reached at [wotpweb@frontier.com](mailto:wotpweb@frontier.com). If you have any information that ought to be on the website, please contact her via email.

You may also want to check out the activities of our Synod at [www.swmnelca.org](http://www.swmnelca.org).

For daily devotionals go to [www.luthersem.edu](http://www.luthersem.edu)

## ACTS OF THE CHURCH AUGUST

### Baptisms



**Kaylee Marie Schmidt** daughter of Justin and Elishia Schmidt at Bethany-Elim on August 1 by Pastor Julie Anderson

### Deaths

**Harvey LeRoy Noble's** funeral held at Bethany on August 19 with Pastor Steve Rasmusson officiating.

## BIBLE STUDIES TO FEED US



Are you hungry for God's Word? There are multiple opportunities to gather with fellow disciples of our ministry to learn and study the Bible.

No previous experience or training is necessary to be part of these gatherings.

**Bad Girls of the Bible:** A study of some of the women of the Bible. After studying several women we will read one of the chapters of Francine Rivers' *Lineage of Grace*. \$10 covers the study guide and book otherwise they are \$6 a piece, so let Pastor Julie know as soon (September 5) if you want to partake and which books you need.

2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 10:00 am at Bethany-Elm

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

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

**Friday Morning Breakfast** in Arco at 7:00 am continues to traverse through the Bible making stops along the way.

**Men's Bible Studies** at 7:30 am on the second Saturday at Rusty's in Taunton and at 8:00 am on the third Saturday at the Buffalo Ridge Trading Co. in Lake Benton.

If anyone is interested in another time and place for a Bible Study contact a pastor for help in getting one together.

## NEW MEMBER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We begin new member classes on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran. If you are interested in a refresher course on the faith of the Lutheran Church, or if you are interested in bringing another to learn more about salvation in Jesus, join us at the church at 3:30. The gatherings will offer a chance to ask questions about the faith as we examine how Christians read the Bible, Worship, share their God-given gifts and make a difference in God's world.

## EVANGELISM TEAM

Our Winds of the Prairie Evangelism Team will be meeting on Monday, September 20 at Grace Lutheran Church in Lake Benton. We will start with supper at 6:00 and will share stories of caring and sharing from the past summer. Our task for the evening will be the distribution of the Daily Bread devotionals to those who have not picked them up at the church.

Our plan is to continue to meet monthly with a specific task of outreach for each evening or afternoon meeting. The tasks are not difficult, and we will go out two by two, as the Lord sent his disciples. It is a great way to meet new people, celebrate God's amazing power of love and touch others with the good news of salvation. Might God be calling you to this very important ministry?

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

The **Lutheran Malaria Initiative** is part of a comprehensive international effort to reduce infant and child mortality by two-thirds and reduce overall incidences of malaria in Africa by 2015. The initiative mobilizes U.S. Lutherans in the global fight against malaria and is a movement led by the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#), [The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod](#) and [Lutheran World Relief](#). The Lutheran Malaria Initiative is made possible through support from the [United Nations Foundation](#).

Christ calls us to work for justice, peace and healing in the world. By joining with Lutheran churches and partners in other countries, we can help communities lift themselves out of poverty. With proven strategies to fight malaria, we can make a real difference in the fight against this terrible disease. **Together we can help restore health and inspire hope for millions of people.**

## MEMORIAL AWARD

On September 2nd, Vicar Jackie Braun will receive the 18th annual Rev. Alfred Weisser Memorial Award from Sioux Falls Seminary. This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated a high interest and made outstanding contributions in the field of Educational Ministries.

## YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING FOR THOSE WORKING WITH YOUTH

Those who will be participating in Christian Education such as Sunday School Teacher, TFA mentor or leader and/or work with WXY this coming academic year should attend one of the **Youth Protection Training** in early September.

September 1 at 5:30 to 6:30 at Diamond Lake Hall

September 2 at 7 to 8 pm at Bethany-Elim

September 7 at 7 to 8 pm at Hope in Minneota

September 8 from 7:30 to 8:30 at Tyler and Hendricks after the TFA class.

This training is to help all who work with youth to be caring, concerned adults who represent the community of Christ in a world that is promoting an atmosphere that sees relationships as a product and not a life-forming experience. For the sake of our kids in this sinful world please attend as well as for your own wellbeing.

## WINDS EXTREME YOUTH NEWS

✠ Our first organizational meeting for WXY will be held on Sunday afternoon, on September 12th at 4:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran in Lake Benton. After the election of Junior and Senior representatives from each congregation we will divide into small groups to brainstorm ideas for service, social and learning activities for the year. Don't worry, there will be snacks!

✠ The big fall event for Junior Hi is the Synod Gathering. We will go on Friday November 19th for the big overnight at the Willmar Holiday Inn and Conference Center. The theme this year is "Are You Hungry?" Our band and speaker will be AGAPE - a great Christian Hip Hop artist whose youth ministry experience will wow you. Check him out at: <http://www.hiphopoutreach.com/>

Registrations will be \$60/person and are due by September. Be sure to check with your congregational leaders about possible scholarships.

✠ **SLEEPOUT** - Senior High youth are invited to join us in an overnight at Gustavus Adolphus College. You are invited to join your youth leaders along with Pastor Grady St. Dennis and political science professor Dr. Richard Leitch in spending one night without a home.

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of homelessness and learn about hunger issues, and think about what is being done and can be done to end hunger and homelessness in our communities. Giving even one night will make a difference!

On the night of the event, participants must check-in by 7pm in Christ Chapel. Each participant is asked to bring a non-perishable food gift for the local food shelf. Cardboard boxes will be available for those who would like to sleep outdoors. The Chapel will be open the entire time and participants are welcome to sleep indoors. Participants should wear appropriate clothing.

This event will occur rain, snow or shine. There is NO COST to participate except for transportation- however; all Youth Leaders must pre-register the group by November 8.

"The King will reply, „I tell you the truth, what-ever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."  
- Matthew 25:40

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## TRAINING FOR AFFIRMATION IS TAKING A STAND



It is a new year for TFA and a new format for preparing our 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up youth for becoming full disciples of the Church. Instruction will be held locally based on school districts with our sister Lutheran churches of Lincoln and Lyon (Minnesota) counties. We will be using the **Here We Stand** program.

All students and parents as well as mentors will be meeting at their sights on Wednesday September 8 at their sights for a meal and orientation at 5:30 pm until 7:30. The following week instruction begins with the following schedule.

Date	RTR/Pipestone/Elkton-Lake Benton @ The Rock in Tyler	Lincoln HI @ Christ Lutheran in Hendricks	Minnesota @ Hope Lutheran in Minnesota
September 15	<i>The Greatest Prayer with Pastor Lyle Snyder</i>	The Sacrament of Baptism with Pastor Doris Weber	Creed Overview with Pastor Steve Rasmusson
September 22	<i>God's Kingdom and Will</i>	Word with Water	Article One
September 29	<i>God Gives and forgives</i>	The Sacrament of Communion with Pastor Tom Kolden	Article Two

Sunday September 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 ***Students, Parents and Mentors*** will all gather in Lake Benton at Grace Lutheran for the monthly gathering. We begin with a supper created by the group that meets in Tyler followed by some fun learning about *Martin Luther and the Reformation*.

If you would like to help as a mentor, small group leader or meal preparer contact Pastor Julie (507-215-2388) for more information.

## STEWARDSHIP IS NOT SPELLED WITH ONLY A \$



The term stewardship carries with it the responsibilities to care for all that is in our life. This includes how we use our time, talents and the treasures that God has bestowed upon us. The ownership is God's, the caretaking is our part as children of the kingdom. This understanding frees us to not be burdened with being tied to and down by things but to know that God takes care of us. One of the ways we affirm this is to give of the first fruits.

The first fruits are the initial gathering from the harvest, the bounty of our time, talents and treasures. God gives us the bounty, a sign of God's faithfulness, which often comes at a time when the basics of life appear short. As a sign and reminder of our faith God asks us to give back a portion of these first fruits as a means of worship and for doing the kingdom's work now. Often the term, tithe is used which means 10%, leaving us with 90% to take care of. Stewardship is how we care for all of it and especially that we understand the 90% is still God's but we get to use it and care for it.

One example of a first fruit is our sending out of our first intern. She was sent to us and we all put time and energy into her education as a pastor. We now send her back to finish her education and become a pastor. What we did will bear fruit elsewhere and help to grow the Church. This is stewardship, doing our part in the caretaking and then passing on to the next so that all may come to know and experience God's many gifts for us all. We are all rich in faith when we depend upon God and respond to each other with as much care as the Father responds to us. As we come to the time of harvest may we rejoice in the bounty and give thanks to God for it and the wonderful things that can be done when God places in our hands the means to do God's work.

## BETHANY NEWS

### By Gayle Rasmussen

We are coming to the end of summer. Crops are growing great and it looks like it will be a good harvest. How many times have you mowed your lawn this year?

Now school starts and a new year of learning begins. We also start a new season of our Christian education, starting with Rally Day on September 12. We encourage students to study and learn the lessons offered.

This is also the Sunday that we change our worship times for the next year. REMEMBER that the new worship time is 8:30am on Sunday, September 12. On Rally Day we will worship at Anderson Park on Lake Stay. There will also be a pancake brunch following worship services at the park. Please bring a lawn chair.

The Chicken Dinner committee has been meeting and getting all of the preparations done. Let's work to make this the usual great dinner. We welcome all to come and enjoy.

Welcome to Vicar Jackie Braun, as she continues her education and continues learning. I feel that we will also learn from her.

Thank you to the Lee Richmond family for the table and chairs for the parish hall, in her memory. They are nice!

I heard about a slogan that could be used on a church sign: "Our Sundays are better than Baskin Robin's."

God has given us many gifts. We should take the time to say thank you!

## BETHANY DATES AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

September 9<sup>th</sup> – WELCA, 1:30 p.m.

September 19<sup>th</sup> – Chicken Dinner, 11 a.m. To 1:30 p.m.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Ushers - Tom & Beth Daniels

Altar Guild - Ruth Rasmussen

## BETHANY RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 12, 8:30 am at Anderson Park, Lake Stay. Come for worship services and a pancake brunch. Bring a lawn chair

## BETHANY CHICKEN DINNER

We welcome ALL to Bethany's Chicken Dinner Sunday, September 19, 11am-1:30pm. Serving Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, and Desserts

## "THRIVENT CHOICE" VOTES

Last week I received my letter about my eligibility to vote for "Thrivent Choice." If you have received the same kind of letter please don't ignore it. Four of our WOTP churches plus WOTP itself are on the list of the potential 600 to vote for. Please seriously think about choosing one of the four churches or WOTP to receive your dollars. If you have questions ask your congregational advocate.

## BETHANY'S SEPTEMBER WELCA MEETING

September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Bethany WELCA invites any of the women of WOTP to join us on that afternoon for the program and lunch. Our speaker will be Judy (Barber) Nelson, who grew up in the Arco area and was a member of Bethany, will tell about her church's mission work in Mexico. She will show pictures and tell about the feeding programs among the very poorest as well as the ingathering of supplies to take with them for distribution. This sounds like a wonderful mission effort.

## RALLY DAY AT BETHANY-ELIM

### By Nancy Krog

We welcome all Sunday School students, their family and our congregation to Rally Day, September 12, 2010!

We will present our preschoolers with their own special Bible during worship service on Sunday, September 12. Please keep the following preschoolers in your prayers as they begin their Christian education: Karrie Richmond and Jada Meyer.

Bethany-Elim third graders will receive their new Bibles on behalf of their parents and congregation in late September. The grandparents and baptismal sponsors of the third graders have secretly signed the Bibles, written a sincere note, and highlighted a special Bible verse in their new Bible, as a part of the Passing on Faith program. Third graders to receive their Bible: Kimberly Bloch, Cody Gifford, Molly Krog and Madison Scholten.

All Sunday School students will enjoy a jazzy song jam session and outdoor games to play. Please wear your purple VBS t-shirts! If you don't have one yet, one will be waiting for you on Rally Day! Let's join together as a fresh new year begins to learn about and love our Lord...and remember that God's Word Will Amaze You!

## BETHANY-ELIM TO HOLD SERVICE AUCTION!

Bethany-Elim is having an auction—a service auction. This will be something new for all of us! This will be something FUN for all of us! Kevin and Andrew Swanson have agreed to be our auctioneers for this event. EVERYONE at Bethany-Elim is invited to donate something to be auctioned off. We DON'T want old appliances, furniture, or antiques; we want your talents or gifts. The auction will be held on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon, following Rally Day, and will be open to the public as well as our church family. Lunch will be available. We have listed a few examples and ideas to get you to start thinking. We have a church full of talented people, so we are hoping to have a large list of items to auction off—

GET THINKING NOW and be as creative as possible.

It is no secret that our church family is in debt. We need to all come together and search our hearts and find our talents that God has blessed us with.

Donation forms are being mailed to members, but extra forms will also be available at Bethany-Elim. Watch the posters for a listing of the services and items to be auctioned.

This auction is for EVERYONE. Contact your Council members if you have questions. They are Sherry Rost, Kyle Krier, Loretta Lundberg, Bernie Olsen, Brandon Gifford, and Sharon Rasmussen.

Here are some ideas to get you thinking:

Senior High Youth

Work 1 ½ Hour (Labor to be agreed upon)

Other Donors --

Movie Tickets

Babysitting Services

Surprise Baskets

Pies

Cookies

Decorated Sheet Cake

Carrot Cake

Homemade Bread or Rolls

Large Packages of Gummy Bears (KIDS ONLY bid)

Afghans or Quilts

Weed Spraying Service

Driveway Snow Removal

Brownie Sundaes (to serve 24?)

Will Paint 1 Room—buyer furnishes paint

Christmas Cards created by donor

Will Mow Lawn twice at your home

Homemade Jellies or Jams

Easter Morning Rolls

Singing Telegram

Home-Canned Dill Pickles

Breakfast, Lunch, or Supper for 4 people

Homemade Christmas Candy Tray

*Put on your thinking caps--the possibilities are endless!*

## BETHANY-ELIM CLEANING

Bethany-Elim would like to encourage everyone to assist in our annual Church Cleaning Event scheduled for September 16, 17, and 18. You are welcome to come anytime during these days as your schedule allows. Cleaning supplies will be furnished. Duties will be posted on doors and please remember to check off your name and duties as they are completed. The Sunday school rooms will be completed by the teachers. Thanks you for your assistance. Kyle Krier

## ATTENTION BETHANY-ELIM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

2010 marks the 125th anniversary of the forming of our church. The committee is compiling a book that will be available for sale later this fall. We are also planning a celebration on October 2, 2010! Please plan to come and celebrate with us on October 2 at 2 pm.

Also needed are memories, artifacts and any other item you wish to share.

Please let Bernie Aronson know if your family donated a memorial gift to the church that commemorates your loved one, such as crosses, bible stands, communion ware and other tangible gifts made in the name of your loved one. We want to be sure we include these gifts in our book. Bernie's number is 507-694-1266.

Thanks for your help and support. See you on October 2! - The 125th Committee

## FAMILY FAITH

### By Nancy Krog

I believe purchasing new flip-flops at the beginning of summer is more fun than purchasing new school shoes in the fall. You've heard me say this before, but I do believe that summer vacation goes faster and faster as each year goes by! As the yellow school bus brings your children to the first day of school and as you bring your children to the first day of Sunday School, please enjoy the family devotion below. And know that God loves you and guides your family!

### **Prayer:**

Dear Lord Jesus, you have asked us to grow in our faith through worship and service, Bible reading and learning. May this school year and church school year provide our child with the opportunity to grow in your love. Amen.

### **Bible Text:**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Psalm: 1, 4-5

### **Reflection:**

Invite each person to reflect on memories of summer fun, past church school experiences, servant trips, past school year experiences...and hopes and fears for the coming year.

### **Ritual Action:**

Parents make the sign of the cross on the forehead of child stating, "Child of God, may your heart be open to learning the love of Jesus".

### **Blessing:**

May God, who created all, open our hearts and minds to the knowledge of Jesus' story and love. Amen.

*("For Everything A Season", by the Nilsen Family, 1999)*

## GRACE NEWS

Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 12. We will have 22 young Christians starting Sunday School with us this year. Please keep Pat Johnson, all the Sunday School teachers, and the Board of Education in your thoughts and prayers with the beginning of a new year.

Here is one for the movie watchers. I watched a film recently called "Fireproof." It is about a troubled marriage with a wife and husband growing apart over the years of being married. It takes a 40 day approach to being Christian and have it be the center of the marriage. Check it out--it's a good Christian movie.

Til next time, God Bless.  
Darren Nelsen

## GRACE HELPERS & NOTES

September Ushers: Gary Williams, Dennis Willert, Bob Worth, Jon Worth

September Altar Guild: Karen Fredricks

Wednesday, September 1 -- GLCW (A Visit to Danebod--watch for details on rides and times)

Program: Roni Williams Hostesses: Deloris Johansen, Diane Evers, Mary Paschke

Wednesday, September 8, Bible Study: Hostess: Wanda Nordmeyer

## GRACE LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### By Pat Johnson

Rally Day for Sunday school will be Sunday, Sept. 12 during church. I ask that all children and their families please attend. Installation of teachers and blessings will be given during the service. Also, our 3 - 3rd grade children will be presented with Bibles. The parents, sponsors, grandparents, and friends are invited to be included in this presentation.

Welcome back to our Sunday school children. We will start on Sept. 12. Church will again be starting at 8:30am so Sunday school will be from 9:45 - 10:45am.

Classes will be held for children 3 years old through 8th grade. Please contact me if you know of a child/children who might be interested in joining us. Also, parents and church members are always welcome to help with our program.

We will be starting our studies with the book of Genesis and working our way through the Old Testament. Many fun activities will be used to reinforce our studies of God's word.

We will start our "Secret Prayer Pal" program on Oct. 1. It will run through April with the revealing party on May 1, 2011. A sign up sheet for secret pals will be passed in church or you can contact me if interested in participating. Duties for being a secret pal are to contact your child by sending a card or letter once a month, remembering the child on their birthday or special occasions, and especially to pray for your child (and let them know

this). Please keep gifts minimal. At this point, we should be in need of at least 22 secret pals. We've had great fun with this program for 2 years and many wonderful friendships have been created.

Does anyone have good used children books collecting dust at home? We could use new reading material for our church quiet bags. Also, I'd like to request new materials for the quiet bags and Sunday school. We could use new boxes of colors, construction paper, tag board, glue, glue sticks, decorated pencils, push pins, paper plates, foam cups, cotton swabs, craft sticks, colored chalk, spool of fishing line, colored tissue paper, food coloring, sponges, craft feathers, glitter, lace, buttons, sequins, ric-rac, paper lunch sacks, cheesecloth, coffee filters, little new or good used cars, trucks, tractors, animals, and dolls. These items can be placed in the quiet bag return box or given to me. Any help with these items would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to another exciting year learning about God and his Word. Thank you for all your support to this program and our children.

## GOD SIGHTINGS!!!

Thank you to the following Altar Guild Women at Grace who so faithfully each month prepare for communion, place and care for the flowers or plants, change paraments, and other tasks following the church calendar: Garnet Petersen, Anne Lichtsinn, Judy Thomssen, Nancy Johnson, Jeanette Nelson, Karen Lichtsinn Harris, Romelle Pritchett, Carole Larsen, Faye Meyer, Karen Fredricks, Darlene Willert, and Janel Stuefen. Your work and time given is very much appreciated.

## PEACE NOTES & DATES

Tuesday, September 7, 9 am – St. Matthew Circle meets at the home of Barbara Petersen.

Tuesday, September 7, 2 pm – St. Mark Circle meets at the home of Joyce Anderson

Wednesday, September 8, 2 pm – PLCW. Program – Lois Studemann; Hostesses – St. Matthew Circle

Monday, September 13, 5:30 pm – St. John Circle meets at the church.

Monday, September 27, 9 am – Quilting Day

## SENIOR CITIZENS FUNDRAISER

The Ruthton Senior Citizens are having a fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 11:30am -1:30pm at the Senior Center. There will be raffle items and a silent auction. Menu will be BBQ's, baked beans, potato salad and dessert. Free will offering.

## BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

Open House 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday for Ellen Hansen of Jasper, formerly of Ruthton, will be held at the Ruthton Senior Citizens Center on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 2 pm to 4 pm. Let your presence be your gift.

## ST. PAUL'S NEWS

### By Sue Buysse

Looking back.... we want to again thank our WOTP friends for coming to our Pie and Ice Cream Social. It was a fun event and we appreciate the support from our brothers and sisters in Christ.

*"High Sea's Adventures"* VBS was held in Minneota on August 9-13<sup>th</sup>. This joint effort between the churches of St. Paul's, St. Edward's and Hope Lutheran in Minneota welcomed 120 kids from our community for the week long event. I want to thank Logan Johnson, Megan Boerboom, Jeanne Johnson and Pastor Julie for all they did during the week to make it such a success. Also to St. Paul's people who contributed craft and snack supplies through the Wishing Wave. It was truly a team effort and the organizers thank you deeply. I believe we will have a repeat effort next summer. ☺

September 12<sup>th</sup> St. Paul's/WOTP will have a float in the Boxelder Bug Parade in Minneota. Check with the council for details and if you can help decorate and/or ride the float. It is a huge parade and great for public relations.

The Chili Supper is set for Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 pm at St. Paul's. So mark your calendars for some good ol' chili.

Blessing to all who are finishing up with family vacation, heading off to school, gearing up for a harvest, or just moving on with a normal routine. May the Lord Bless you and keep you in His guiding care.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Bethany (Arco):** Pray for Randy & Jewel Noble and the family of Harvey Noble. Pray for Glen & Ilene Sorensen, Elsie Barber, and Carol Marin (Beth Daniels' Sister).

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

**Grace (Lake Benton):** Pray for Eleanor Worth and her family; Clyde Krog; Tony Skaar (Lorraine Krog's Great-Grandson); Linda Borresen (Sister of Gerry Rochel); Paula Jacobson (Daughter of Wayne & Annette Fehrman); Larry Neuberger; Joe Harris Sr.; Earl Klitzke; Leann Wadsworth; and Chet Borresen

**Peace (Ruthton):** Pray for the family of Audrey Ranheim. Pray for Lavonne Fuhrmann and Cliff Kittelson.

**St. Paul (Minneota):** Pray for Lyall Gislason, Reese Kompelien, Doris Richards, Clara DeRoode, and Crystal Gawarecki.

### Military

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Tyler Nursing Home:

Marjorie Meyer, Grace Lutheran  
Sigurd Nielsen, Grace Lutheran

### Divine Providence Nursing Home, Ivanhoe:

Elsie Barber, Bethany Lutheran  
Dr. Mary Bird, St. Paul Lutheran  
Pat Metzen, Bethany-Elim Lutheran

### Hendricks Nursing Home:

Hilda Herschberger, Bethany-Elim Lutheran

### Minneota Manor:

Clara DeRoode, St. Paul's

### Veteran's Home, Luverne:

Evelyn Rudebusch, Grace Lutheran

## WOTP COUNCIL MINUTES— AUGUST 10, 2010

A quorum was declared with the following people present: Randy Noble, Ron Madsen, Mary Gislason, Carole Larson, Carol Dahl, Deb Baartman, Sherry Rost, Phil Anderson.

Pastors Present: Julie and Steve.

Opening devotions by Pastor Julie. Who taught us to receive and how are we open to God's will.

We reviewed what is happening in each church:

Peace in Ruthton . Gospel fest on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Scraped and primed a house on Saturday. It is just waiting for the final coat of paint.

Bethany in Arco. The bell tower has been fixed. Looking forward to the Chicken Dinner on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Bethany-Elim in Ivanhoe. Looking forward to the Service Auction on September 12th.

Grace in Lake Benton has been working at house cleaning. They usually wait until after VBS and start in.

St Paul's in Minneota. Pie and Ice Cream Social went well. VBS going on this week. It is an effort between St Paul's, Hope and St Edwards and there are 100 kids participating.

A motion was made by Phil to approve the Secretary's minutes and seconded by Sherry. It passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ron to approve the Committee Written Reports and seconded by Carol. It passed unanimously.

Julie went over dates and times for individual Church Council Meetings, WOTP meetings, joint

council meetings and worship times. She also went over TFA reports.

Internship report. Vicar Braun will be here tomorrow. Would like someone from each congregation to adopt them for a day and show them your community. We had received 2 Thank You's from Luther Seminary for helping Vicar Jackie.

There are monthly events for training for Affirmation. Prior to that, they will have a meeting for Winds Extreme Youth.

Carol Dahl went over the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Ron to approve the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Carole. It passed unanimously.

At Bethany they had been paying \$80 per month for wireless internet but now have a wireless bridge from Marie's house and then pay half of the bill.

There have been inquiries from two congregations about the process of sharing pastors and ministry with WOTP. Christ Lutheran in Hendricks and Hope Lutheran in Minneota. In order to answer some questions that may come up, the Pastors came up with "Talking Points". It lays a foundation for discussion.

Emilrose would like to get the website for each congregation up and going but she needs a contact person from each congregation. There will be a calendar for each church.

We will start printing our own bulletins in Advent.

"Our Daily Bread Devotionals" have been ordered.

The projector has not yet been purchased. Waiting for the Fall Sale.

A trailer has been purchased. It is 4x6x5. It can

hold more than what the kids brought to Eagle Butte. It trailers very nice. Have \$300 invested in it.

We took a short break for Pastor Steve's birthday. He enjoyed opening his many little gifts. We all enjoyed his birthday cake and ice cream.

Sherry made a motion that the bill that is presented for Vicar Jackie's picture be paid and it was seconded by Mary. It passed unanimously.

Pastor Steve requested that we pay \$250 for World Hunger Training in Detroit for Tisha Burch and that his \$250 would come out of his continuing education fund. Ron made a motion that we fulfill that request and Carole seconded it.

It passed unanimously.

Pastor Steve brought up using the Saturday evening services for evangelism. It could include some type of event, i.e. ethnic meal, sledding, etc.

Pastor Steve said the closing prayer.

Pastor Julie mentioned that we could possibly have someone from each congregation go to another church on the Sunday following the WOTP Meeting and read to them something that was brought up at the meeting. That way we could see different faces from those churches.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with the Lord's Prayer.

## **BUFFALO RIDGE CHORALE -- ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Buffalo Ridge Chorale is preparing its Fall Agenda and invites anyone who enjoys singing to join the group. Currently we have members from seven towns along the Minnesota-South Dakota border. No auditions are necessary. All that is required is the basic ability to sing and the willingness to attend approximately eight rehearsals.

Beginning September 9 at 7 PM we start our preparation for the fall concert tentatively scheduled for October 31, 2010, 3 PM at Christ Lutheran in Hendricks. Our rehearsals will be at this site, and all are asked to use the North entrance to the Fellowship Hall where we will rehearse.

Steve Grives, SDSU Music Professor, will be with us in October to offer suggestions and assist with singing styles and techniques.

Looking ahead to the May 2011 Spring Concert, we will be using the facilities of Bethany-Elim for rehearsal and concert. Projecting further, the intent is to move to Lake Benton Opera House for a concert in the fall.

If you love to sing.....come and join us. For more information, contact Donna Kurth at 694-1662 or [dmkurth@frontiernet.net](mailto:dmkurth@frontiernet.net).

## **THE ROCK CHRISTIAN YOUTH CENTER RUMMAGE SALE**

The Rock Christian Youth Center in downtown Tyler will be having its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale on Friday, October 1, from Noon – 7pm, and on Saturday, October 2, from 8am – Noon (half price on Saturday morning). From 1-3pm on Saturday, everything is free.

If you would like to donate items they may be brought to The Rock starting September 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> and placed by the front door. Please no old microwaves, computers or broken furniture. If you want to help with the setup of the sale, contact Linda Barron at 507-828-6025 or Rietz Hannemann at 507-247-3831.

Thank you for your donated items and help. It is very much appreciated.