

CrossWinds

Newsletter of Winds of the Prairie Ministry

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

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First Word

What are the most common questions that we get as pastors?

What is the seating capacity of a church?

Both pastors get this question. Our quick response is, "Let's fill it up this Sunday and find out!" We have to really think; How many came to that wedding or funeral when the church was packed?

What does it take to be a member of a church?

You need to be different: One needs to keep in mind that a member is a part of a greater whole. In the church we are 'the body of Christ' today and like a body each part has a different function to make the whole thing work. Therefore, it takes all types of people to make us the church. It is in the interaction with other members that the body becomes alive and grows.

You need to be committed: It takes a commitment to be an active part of the body to participate with one's time, talent and treasures. Before ascending back into heaven Jesus gave the disciples instructions, "*Go, make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*" *Matthew 28:18*

You need to be disciplined: Discipleship, the process of making disciples is one of imitation and participation. We imitate the life of Jesus by going to those who do not know that they are part of the body and showing them how they can be part of the body as one who is needed for life. It is often our imitation of Jesus' life that makes people ask why we can face the challenges of life with such trust and assurance. This makes them curious and gives each of us an opportunity to then share the story and promise of Jesus in which we trust.

You need to be constructive: The body is here to build the kingdom of God instead of a place to be entertained or having ones spiritual needs met because both of these are passive and the church is a place of action. The body is made stronger when it is challenged and does regular exercise to learn and grow.

You need to be a student: A disciple by definition means a learner and a doer. We broaden and deeper their faith and understanding through regular worship, caring for and sharing the gifts God has given to help people live physically. It is the continuous encounter with God's Word and people that deepen this understanding and faith along with what, why and how we believe.

So a member is someone who is committed to building the kingdom of God along with all the other disciples in the place where they are living. Membership is a willingness to let God work through your will and person to do the work of unconditional love, to accept each other as God's creation.

How can we get more people to church?

No longer do people seek out a church to attend regularly, they need to be invited or have a reason to come.

Why don't more people come to church?

Misinformation about what is expected of congregational members, thoughts that the church is just another place that is always asking for my money, old personality clashes and feeling like an outsider are often quoted as reasons for not coming to church.

One piece of misinformation is that you have to be good or perfect to come to church. Well, if that were so, all of us would have to think twice before we, but luckily the church is a hospital for the broken who are being reformed and made new.

We give an offering out of that which has been given to us to do God's work, not as a membership fee.

Every day it seems that on the street, at work or at school we meet people with whom we have a personality clash. Entering church will not change that. But your shared belief in Jesus and God's grace will give you common ground on which to live with each other in peace and help you both grow in understanding.

The church is seen as a club where you need an invitation so it is our responsibility as members to invite and

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nurture those who are coming looking for peace. Just imagine how you would like to be treated and walk with them as they find their place in the body. Just imagine if each member of our congregations made it a point to invite and nurture someone in the faith. Immediately we would double our sizes, deepen our faith by teaching and saving another from a self-centered focused life for one that is as big as the world. So let's fill the churches every Sunday. Then your pastors could easily answer that first question, how many people can your church hold?

How do we do all this?

Every time we say the Lord's Prayer we say, "thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". Let God do the kingdom work through you by looking outward to what God needs you to do. We are living in one of those times in history when you can just feel the Holy Spirit starting to enter the world with new life and energy. The time is right and we are all being called to empty ourselves so that the Spirit can fill us to overflowing which then flows into the lives of others renewing everyone it touches.

Pastor Julie A. K. Anderson



Intern's Intonations

Once upon a time there was a pastoral intern who was called out of her forest home into the prairie to learn about God's work in the world. Honestly, she was a bit fearful to start this new venture and prayed for courage and strength to make this big move.

When she arrived to her new community however, she was greeted with a kind smile and a homemade meal of soup, bread, and peach pie. She was welcomed to attend a delightful breakfast and Bible study within the first twenty-four hours of her stay. A neighbor brought tomatoes and informed her on which day she should put out the garbage and recycling. Another parish member called and stopped by to see if she was getting settled and if she needed anything. Another went for a walk with her and her dog. AND she enjoyed a beautiful prairie day at the Canaries game which included wonderful fellowship and someone even treated her to a corndog!! When she returns each day from work in the kingdom, she comes home to a wonderful house, with the most beautifully soft carpeting that cushions and soothes her weary feet. Within days...just a few.....her fear subsided and peace, excitement, and gratitude welled within her. God is good....all the time.

Humbled and grateful, I look forward to being a part of the Winds of the Prairie story for the next year as I complete internship. Please take time to tell me your name - I may even ask you your name more than once! Be hopeful, I wish to know each of you and have a chance to visit with you in the next year. Each of you is an important person in my journey. I approach this year with great joy and anticipation of great things to come.

Peace in Christ,

Vicar Janna



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 Limited so reserve at Winds Office 507-694-1238 or 1866-944-9687



Great Outdoor Lutheran 'Fun'draiser 16 (G.O.L.F. XVI)

Our Winds of the Prairie Ministry team at the G.O.L.F.

Pastor Julie and Sharon Rasmusson won for the driving and putting contest for the women. There is a traveling trophy for the church that brings the most members and it is usually 4 team so lets try next year to have 5 teams from Winds.

College Bound Members:



Please remember to send to the contact information , address, and email, for you at college so we can send you the newsletter and other information. Remember to check out your campus for a local campus ministry to tend your spiritual needs. Local congregations would love to care for you as an associate member.

PASTOR'S ACTS

Report for August 2014



Baptism—

Funerals—

August 6th—Vern Haraldson @ Peace—Pastor Julie

August 9th—Neoma Rasmussen @ Bethany (Burial/Memorial)—Pastor Julie

August 16th—Gary Richards @ St.Paul's—Pastor Steve

New Members –

| New Schedule for the 2014-2015 Year | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|
| September | 2014 | Peace 8:30 | Bethany 10:30 | St Paul -8:30 | Bethany-Elim 8:30 | Grace 10:30 |
| September 7, | Holy Communion | Anderson | Anderson | Rasmusson (Bug Days) 10 am @ Bug Square | Bader- | Bader- |
| Noah & the Flood | | Matthew 8:24-27, Psalm 124, Genesis 6:16-22; 9:8-15 | | | | |
| September 14 | Service of the Word | Bader- | Bader- | Anderson | Rasmusson | Rasmusson |
| Call of Abraham | | Matthew 28:19-20, Psalm 121, Genesis 12:1-9 | | | | |
| Saturday, September 20 | | | 6pm Anderson- | | | |
| Sunday, September 21 | Holy Communion | Rasmusson | Chicken Dinner: 11 to 1 | Bader | Anderson | Rasmusson |
| Joseph in Prison | | Matthew 5:11-12, Psalm 28, Genesis 39:1-23 | | | | |
| September 28 | Service of the Word | Bader- | Bader- | Rasmusson | Anderson | Anderson |
| Parting Red Sea | | Matthew 2:13-15, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29 | | | | |

New Year 2014-2015
Beginning September 7, 2014

Worship Times

We begin our new worship year on September 7 with our Rally Sunday and the “God’s Work, Our Hands” Day of Service. Come prepared to get into new year with your full heart, mind and spirit.

8:30 Services at Peace and Bethany Elim

10:30 Services at Bethany and Grace

St Paul is the solo church this year at 8:30 .

We take another look at the foundational stories of the Old Testament as it prepares us for the Gospel of Matthew.

“Liturgy” means “work of the people” so consider being a lector, altar or communion helper, along with other opportunities to serve. Let your council , altar oar worship leaders know of your interest.

RALLY DAYS



September 7—Bethany—Elim

Grace-Catch Up and Rally Day for Sunday School: BBQ follows Worship at 10:30am with Sunday School at 9:00am.

September 10– Bethany– will have a Family Fun night beginning at 6 pm to kick off the WOW.

September 14– St Paul will have a morning of worship, learning, food and fun beginning at 8:30am.

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

Wednesday Night Activities for Everyone

Beginning right after Labor Day we will continue our Wednesday night gatherings among the ministry. Families and households will have the opportunity to gather for supper, worship and instruction in the Christian faith (consult the chart for times and places). Using the Faith 5 skills we'll have an intentional time for learning the stories of the Bible that form the foundation of our understanding of a loving and gracious God.

Those in 7th and 8th Grade will have a separate TFA instruction at Grace and Hope while the rest of their family is engaging the story of the week in different ways. The gathering at Bethany will be centered on families with Pre K to 6th grade children as a Christian Education offering beginning on September 10.

A "Living the Word at Home" bulletin will help families and households to continue their storytelling and devotions throughout the week at home. Plan on coming for different worship and educational experience as a family.

| Place | Meal | Family Gathering | Instruction and Activity Time |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Grace @ Lake Benton | 6:30 to 6:50 | 6:50 to | 7:20 to 8:00 |
| Hope @ Minneota | 5:30 to 6 pm | 6:00 to 6:45– Instruction | 6:50 to 7:30– Worship |
| Bethany @ Arco | 6:00 to 6:30 | 6:30 to 6:50 | 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.

Training for Affirmation

7th and 8th graders will be at one of two sites, one at Grace in Lake Benton and one at Hope in Minneota (see chart above for times), so decide which site you will be attending. Orientation will be held on Wednesday August 27 following the Worship on Wednesday at Diamond Lake Chapel about 7:45 pm.

First BondFire event is October 1 at 7pm out at Diamond Lake Chapel with WITNESSES by Jonathan Swenson.

Mark your calendar for the Jr High Gathering on November 20-21 and the retreat at Faith Fest 2015 February 7-8 at Augustana. This is part of your instruction so plan on attending.



Worshipping with Matthew

As we begin our new year with the Narrative Lectionary on September 7 we begin to glimpse into the Gospel of Matthew. One of the theme or thread in Matthew's telling of the story of Jesus is depicting him as the new Adam or the perfect man. The telling of Jesus story from the annunciation of his birth to the proclamation at the cross, God is out and active in the world.. Look for stories from the Old Testament that tell of humans trying to work into God's favor or set their actions up as God's actions. The Old Testament stories will set up for us the need of a savior that comes from God and is God. HisStory will take the examples of patriarchs, prophets, aliens and kings to set the stage for the coming of the one who comes for all. Get ready for the story of a lifetime.



Home Communion Visitors Training:
September 30 from 7pm to 8:30 at Grace in Lake Benton

The implementation of Home Communion Visitors has proven to be a vital connection for our homebound members. Besides receiving Holy Communion monthly right from common table there is an opportunity to catch up on the news and other members of the congregation. The need at each congregation is different but continues to grow. Therefore, a training for those who would like to explore this exciting ministry will be held on August 28 at 7 pm at Bethany in Arco. The current visitors are invited to attend as a review and update. Please let one of the pastors know you are attending or answer your questions. Council members may ask you to consider being part of this ministry to help support our pastoral ministry team.

Elementary News and Upcoming Events

3rd Graders will be receiving Bibles in the Fall and those who have received Bibles in the last couple years. September 20 at Bethany-Elim in Ivanhoe from 9am to 10:30am. Parents and children are invited to come and learn about the bible and create a bible bag to carry it to church and class.

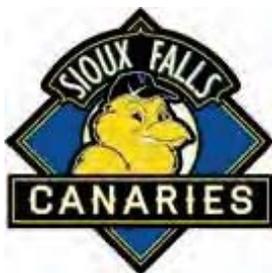
4th Graders will have acolyte training:

- Bethany on Saturday September 20 at 5 pm before worship.
- Bethany-Elim on Sunday September 21 during Sunday School.
- Grace on Sunday September 28 during Sunday School.
- Peace on October 5 following Sunday School.
- St Paul on September 14 following Rally Day.

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.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME !

Our crew at the Canaries on August 17. A good time was had by all and a few people even got a ball.



Missing from the picture are Gary, Mary and Sam Buysee and Rick and Mary Midden.





Annual Membership Review

Each council has received a copy of their current active and associate member list. In preparation for the annual parish report they will be reviewing member's status, according to the definitions in the constitutions. The Members shall be classified as follows:

- a. **Baptized** members are those persons who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or, having been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God, have been received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran congregations or by affirmation of faith.
- b. **Confirmed** members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.
- c. **Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, **shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation.** Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.
- d. **Associate** members are persons holding membership in other [Lutheran] [Christian] congregations who wish to retain such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of this congregation, or persons who wish to retain a relationship with this congregation while being members of other congregations. They have all the privileges and duties of membership except voting rights and eligibility for elected offices or membership on the Congregation Council of this congregation.

As noted in Voting members there are two things that are used to measure this status.

Communed in this congregation: Have you filled out a communion card so that we can record your participation?

Made a contribution of record: Have you used your envelopes or a check so that your financial contribution can be noted?

These are what allow for a definition that is measureable and recordable for the sake of good order.

A word on Associate membership: For those who are not able due to distance are not able to be with their home congregation but wish to maintain a relationship you can declare that you are an associate only if you are involved in a local congregation for your daily spiritual needs. You are encouraged to have a local congregation so that we know you are being feed and cared for. We will gladly do baptisms, weddings and funerals but consider it vital you have a local congregation to call home.

SHALOM HILL FARM

Shalom Hill Farm **Fall Festival is Sunday, September 7th from 4-8pm.** Come and join in the festivities that day: Pork Roast sandwich meal, craft and bake sale, farmer's market, themed basket silent auction, outdoor music concert.

We'd love to have your donations of: extra garden produce, canned goods, baked goods, crafts and theme baskets (movie, kids' autumn, devotional, gardening, bookworm, miniature gardens, crafters, coffee, tea, spa day, cooking meat—use your imagination)!

Thank you so much for your support of the ministry of Shalom Hill Farm!!
We hope to see you on the 7th of September for our Fall Festival.
Call Margaret at 507-831-2232 or 507-221-0147 with questions.



Secretary's Corner

Fall is here!!! We had a lot going on at Diamond Lake church this summer! W.O.W. Worship on Wednesdays is continuing on Wednesdays at Grace in Lake Benton, Bethany in Arco and Hope in Minneota. Check the articles on the schedules and format.

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. August winner for E-mailed newsletter is Dorothy Madsen and Jeffrey Madsen from Peace. Please pick up your gift at church. Thanks so much!

Kids are back to school and that means a lot more running around, so please be on the lookout for young children running around a bit more when you are driving. My kids were not ready to start school again so soon but I am surprised at how easily they took to the new schedules. Thank goodness for this mom. We are already looking forward to MEA break (it's crazy how fast that time will fly) but NOT looking forward to the white stuff that seems to fall in an abundance in the months following. If I had it my way we could keep the cooler nights and warmer days all year round!

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

The staff will be attending a Staff Workshop on September 16 in Redwood Falls.

Retreat Schedule:

Go(o)d Questions - Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen

Things to Know

LSS Programs & Services in SW MN 7 Boundaries Refresher - Jodi Harpstead



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

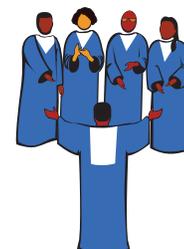
BUFFALO RIDGE CHORALE BEGINS REHEARSALS

Time flies when you're having fun singing! The Buffalo Ridge Chorale is now in its fifth year, and on Thursday, August 28th, will begin rehearsals for its tenth concert.

The Chorale sings a variety of music, and the concerts always include a special feature of some kind. This fall that feature will be a song composed especially for the Chorale by Dt. Paul Nesheim, music professor at Augustana College and a colleague of Dr. Russ Svenningsen, the director of the Chorale.

Currently, the Buffalo Ridge Chorale has forty-five members from thirteen towns along the Minnesota-South Dakota border.

Rehearsals for the fall concert will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Hendricks, and the concert will be given on Sunday, October 19th, at St. John Cantius Catholic Church in Wilno. For more information contact Donna Kurth at 507-694-1662.





Help Wanted to Care for a Holistic Church

As we walk in the WATERS of Baptism we are reminded that there are many who have the gifts to help and grow the Holy Church. Holy for it is God's and we are God's. See if any of these or future listings of responsibilities are some of your gifts. Talk to your local council member or pastor about participating. Note on your Time and Talent Sheet this Fall your gifts, availability and willingness to participate.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

READERS & ASSISTING MINISTERS: some are given the gift to give life to scripture with their voice and others to lead others to praise God. Weekly opportunities to share God's Word and help people to worship.

WORSHIP PREPARATION: Sunday morning doesn't just happen but requires preparation of the space and items used in worship. Those who prepare the worship space and the elements for communion and baptism are vital to weekly worship going well.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

TEACHING: when you teach you learn and are deepened in both your understanding and gain tools for even more study. Some are given the gift to open for others the wonders of God's Word and are meant to share that with others which leads to them learning more from the questions of their students and themselves.

BIBLE STUDY: we are all to engage God's Word and when done with others each person brings their unique understanding and perspective to the discussion.

MISSIONARY: The different mission emphasis of each congregation needs to be maintained. By seeking to bring voice to those who cannot speak for themselves we lend out name to see that justice is done for all. If your heart is one that cries out for fairness and justice get involved with your congregation's mission.

EVANGELISM TASKS

GREETER: Sharing the Good News often starts with a simple 'Hello'. This simple action helps everyone to get into the frame of mind for worship that welcomes God's presence among us. For guest and visitors it gives them someone to ask for help and someone who will guide them to feel part of the community of faith.

VISITOR RELATIONS: When someone has taken the time and effort to enter into a church we need to nurture that relationship. A note or call to a visitor telling them how much we welcomed them and addressing any questions they may have will help to build the community of faith. If you love to help people nurture their faith this is for you.

SERVICE & RELATIONSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CONGREGATION RECORDS STEWARD: Help keep the church records up to date when there are changes to addresses and status in the body. Learn about your fellow members.

HOME COMMUNION VISITOR: Think of yourselves as spiritual carry out servants. There is something special about those who are homebound to receive Holy Communion from someone in their faith community who has come from the altar themselves. Training for such Visitors will be held on September 30 at 7 pm in Lake Benton at Grace. Let the office or a pastor know if you are interested in attending.

HOMEBOUND VISITOR: Our finite bodies at times restrict us to our home and we crave human interaction. By visiting for an hour once a month you can help keep someone connected to the faith community and learn about another person. This visiting supplements what the pastors do and gives a person numerous connections to their congregation.

Training and instruction will be available for all these opportunities to serve. Look for future events.

Time and Talent Inventories will be handed out in September and can be placed in the offering place or dropped off in the designated box asap. We look forward to helping you to grow in your gifts and faith.



The Hurricane

The Newsletter of WXY

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VENTURING · BSA®

WxY & Venture Crew meets on the 4th Sunday September 28 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.

TFA We are looking forward to a year of growth in faith through learning and sharing.

General Overview of Training for Affirmation in Winds of the Prairie.

TFA is a way that the congregations of Winds of the Prairie assist parents and sponsors in the fulfilment of their vows taken at the baptism of their child or godchild: to – *faithfully bring their child/children to the services of God's house, to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith.*"

Sixth Grade – Sunday School curriculums in our congregations focus on an overview of the Old Testament and accompanying New Testament connections. For those who do not have an opportunity for such education come to the Bible Boot Camp on November 1.

Seventh and eighth grades meet with the pastoral staff and are trained in Church History, the Life of Jesus and Luther's Small Catechism as they integrate with the Bible narrative. This year's focus is on Church History and the Life of Jesus as reflected in the Bible using Living the Word curriculum from Spirit and Truth Publishing which parallels the narrative lectionary. This way Wednesday and Sunday reinforce each other's learning.



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.

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, Carol Olsen, Anna Zafft (granddaughter of Harvey & Muriel Koopman), Richard Ellis, Ray Johnson, Jeff Neyens, Rhoda Larson, Bruce Kelm (brother of Gretchen Suhr); Gabriel Johnson (Grandson of Norma Jean Johnson); 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 families of
Gary Richards—St. Paul's
Neoma Rasmussen— Bethany
Vern Haroldson—Peace
Vern Johnson—Bethany— Elim
Norma Jean Johnson—Bethany-Elim
Lucille Williams—Grace
Florine Bannick—Grace

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





NEWS FROM THE PEWS

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Assisting Ministers

7 Dar Schreurs
14 None
21 Allan Lundberg
28 None

Lector:

7 Ilene Sorensen
14 Katilynn Jorgensen
21 Marie Henriksen
28 Ron Madsen

Ushers: Tom & Beth Daniels
Alter Guild: Marie Henriksen

September Dates:

Sept. 11—WELCA @ BE-1:30pm
Sept. 21 Bethany Chicken Dinner serving at
11am-1:30pm
Sept. 24 Women's Bible Study at 9am.

Bethany Chicken Dinner

September 21—11:00 am to 1:30 pm
Bethany Lutheran church of Arco

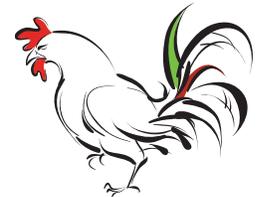
Adults.....\$10.00

K-6.....\$3.00

Pre-School...\$1.00

Enjoy...

**Homemade Fried Chicken, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Candied Carrots & Dessert**



BETHANY-ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

September

Ushers

7 Dale & Karen Richmond
14 Dustin Kristina Richmond family
21 Clyde & Wendy
28 Kevin & Deb Swanson

Lector

7 Kristina Richmond
14 Sherry Rost
21 Arlinda Bednarek
28 Amy Clarke

Assisting Minister

7 Angie Jerzak
14 Marlene Lawrence
21 Loretta Lundberg
28 Julie Nelson

Acolyte

7 Cody Gifford
14 Kira Gifford
21 Ethan Krier
28 Jennifer Krog

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 11am-1pm Cost \$7

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

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

OPEN HOUSE—

Please join us on Sunday, September 14th for cake and coffee to celebrate Esther Wayland's 100th birthday. The party will be held at Bethany-Elim Lutheran Church at 102 S Highway 5 at Highway 19 in Ivanhoe, MN between 1:30-3:30pm. If you so desire, please bring a memory or picture of Esther from the past to put in a memory book for her. No gifts please.



July 10– 2014

Ladies from Bethany-Elim & Bethany had an enjoyable WELCA's ladies day out. Present were 3 ladies from Bethany and 4 ladies from Bethany– Elim and 2 guests from San Francisco.

The day began with lunch starting at noon at Perkins in Marshall. We then visited the Lyon County Museum located in the old library building downtown. Perhaps the highlight of the visitation was having a Schwan's ice cream treat at the 50's counter and reminiscing about old times.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

USHERS for September

Jon Worth

Don Weets

Jim Berkenpas

Barry Berkenpas

August Altar Guild: Anne Lichtsinn

Acolyte:

7 Emma Czech

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August Deacon: Karen Lichtsinn

Gracious Words by Karen Lichtsinn

Grace Lutheran Garage Sale - THANK YOU!!! The sale was a huge success and fun for all involved. Thank you to the WXY for serving lunch, the GLCW for the bake sale and to all the volunteers who helped setup, manage and clean up. We also want to thank everyone who donated items for the sale (fantastic response) and to all who attended the sale. We could not do this without your support. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to our local food shelf.

Rally Sunday, Catch-up Sunday and Food Drive Sept 7 - Rally Sunday is Sept 7, with Sunday School starting at 9:00 AM and worship at 10:30 AM. As the beginning of the church year, we have designated Sept 7 as "Catch-up Sunday", giving us the opportunity to catch-up on our fellowship and our stewardship giving for the year. We invite everyone to a BBQ picnic lunch following worship to catch-up (meal provided and includes sloppy joes and hot dogs with "ketchup"....get it!!) In addition, as part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, we will be collecting food items to support the local food shelf. We look forward to catching-up with everyone on Sunday Sept 7.

Recent Facility Improvements - Thank you to Vern Paschke and Roger Rudebusch for installing a sink in the altar guild room. In addition, thank you to Vern and Roger for building and installing the new mailboxes in the hallway. Your mailbox assignment should be setup very soon. We appreciate the support of all our volunteers and trustees in maintaining and improving our facility.

September Deacon: Karen Lichtsinn

September Altar Guild: Anne Lichtsinn

Church council - Thursday Sept 18 at Grace, 7 PM Pizza/Video Inventory of Church at 6 pm.

50th Wedding Anniversary Open House for Rick & Mary Midden will be held on Saturday, September 13th from 2pm-4pm at the Lake Benton Community Center. Please come for cake & ice cream (hosted by their children).



Peace Lutheran Church

Tuesday, Aug 4 9:30 a.m. – St. Matthew Circle
2 p.m. – St. Mark Circle

Monday, Aug 25 9 a.m. – Quilting Day

St Paul Lutheran Church

St Paul will be participating in the Bugs' Day Worship on September 7 at 10 am. Look for us in the parade.

September 14—Rally Sunday with worship at 8:30, followed by Sunday school for All Generations, Acolyte Training and of course a BBQ lunch. Invite your friends to come for a new twist on tradition.

TFA Students are attending classes over at Hope and our Pastors are assisting with teaching . Wow what a community of Faith sharing in ministry and sharing the Good News.

Mark your calendars- Chili Supper coming on November 2,



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Mark Your Calendar

- *Senior Adult Retreat- September 5-7 2014
- *Women's Retreat - September 12 & 13 2014
- *Road Scholars - September 14-19 2014
- *WELCA conference - September 20th 2014
- *EE Program Bird Raptor - October 5th 1-4pm 2014
- *Timber Banquet - October 19th 2014
- *Toddlers and trees family fun day Oct 26th 2014

Any questions call (507) 763-3567 or
Check out our website at www.shetek.org

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!!

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