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BACK TO SCHOOL

**“Education is for improving
the lives of others and for
leaving your community and
world better than you found
it.” - Marian Wright Edelman**



Please watch for stopped school buses
and children walking as school
resumes August 19th in Medina.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In the words of the Apostle Paul “I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world.” (Romans 1:8)

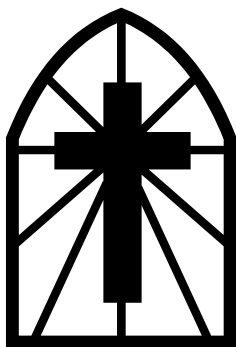
In the June 25th edition of the *Prairie Post* there was a very interesting article about how small farms need to incorporate creativity in order to compete with the big corporate farms. As the article says, “small scale growers throughout the U.S. are looking for creative ways to set themselves apart as they find that survival requires more than just selling crops.” This is a model of farming that the article refers to as “value-added agriculture,” a model that appears to be rather prosperous. “According to the most recent data available,” the article continues, “farm operators generated \$10 billion in 2007 from farm-related activities other than crop or livestock wholesale, and increase of nearly 80 percent from 2002.” In short these farmers are turning to non-traditional methods in order to survive; they are not just doing what has always been done and hope for the best.

In this article I see similarities with the life of the church as well. We live in a time in which it is becoming harder and harder to reach people as the church the way in which it had been done in the past. With that said it only makes sense that we adapt our methods like these farmers in the article have had to do. Maybe it is time to re-evaluate how it is we as the church go about reaching people and see if there is a more creative way in which to supplement what we are already doing.

This is not going to be an easy task but I think that it is a task we must undertake in order to continue to reach people for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a parish maybe it is time for us to turn to some non-traditional methods in order to reach people where they are. Maybe a new fellowship group could be formed that interests a different demographic or maybe social media could be used in order to reach a wider group of people in a different kind of way? What are some non-traditional ways you can think of to reach people where they are? If you have an idea of how we as a parish can go about this please e-mail me. Together we can proclaim our faith throughout the world in new and exciting ways.

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan



Joint English & St. Luke Council News

The parish council met at St. Luke on July 31st, at 8 pm. Denise Wittmier, St. Luke council president presided over the meeting. Pastor Ryan opened with devotions. Parish treasurer, Jim Cowell gave a report. He and Mabel will be moving to Bismarck. Anyone interested in the parish treasurer position, please let Pastor Ryan know by Aug. 15th.

Monday of each week will be Pastor Ryan's day off. He will have a full day in Streeter on Tuesdays. He will lead the St. Luke WELCA Bible study at 2 pm and attend St. Luke council meetings at 6 pm, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, beginning in Sept. The rest of the week Pastor will be in the Medina office or on parish visits, etc.

Council approved the following as requested by Pastor:

1. Purchase of business cards with his contact information.
2. Cell phone package with unlimited calling plus package for smart phone with wi-fi. St. Luke doesn't have wi-fi for his computer.
3. Pastor will be on vacation Aug. 28 - Sept. 3rd. Also Dec. 9 – 15th.
4. As a second truck was needed to move all Pastor & Betsy's belongings, will be reimbursed for expenses.
5. Pastor read a letter from Faith Lutheran in Fargo asking for various items. A list will be included in this newsletter.
6. Pastor suggested a parish pictorial directory would be very useful. More information is being researched.
7. Pastor's installation will be at St. Luke, with Bishop Rindy on Sept. 15th, at 10 am. Also, Pastor will baptize their son Evan. This will be a parish service, with pot-luck to follow. Special cakes are being ordered.

No other desserts are requested.

Pastor has been making Pastoral Calls. Please let him know when there is a need for a visit or a request. He will be working on up-dating the churches record books.

Time change beginning Sept. St. Luke at 9 a.m. and English at 11 am.

Tentative parish council meeting on Nov. 6th, at English, 7 pm.

Elsie J. Goldsmith, St. Luke Secretary

August Worship Times & Events

Sunday, Aug 4	11th Sunday after Pentecost
English	9:00 am
St Luke	11:00 am
Wednesday, Aug 7	English Council Meeting
	8:00 pm
Sunday, Aug 11	12th Sunday after Pentecost
English	9:00 am
St Luke	11:00 am
Thursday, Aug 15	English WELCA
English	7:30
Sunday, Aug 18	13th Sunday after Pentecost
English	9:00 am
St Luke	11:00 am
Sunday, Aug 25	14th Sunday after Pentecost
English	9:00 am
St Luke	11:00 am
Sunday, Sept 1	15th Sunday after Pentecost
TIME CHANGE	
St Luke	9:00 am
English	11:00 am



Please Join us for Evan Ferwerda's baby shower, son of Pastor Ryan and Betsy Ferwerda on Saturday August 10th, from 2-4 pm at the English Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

Emma Kramlich will be celebrating her 80th Birthday and having an open house on August 11th from 2-4 pm at the English Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

We are in need of a new Parish Treasurer. If you think you would be able to help out in this capacity please contact Pastor Ryan before August 15. No experience necessary; training will be provided.

Pastor Ryan's Installation will be September 15th at 10:00 am at St Luke Lutheran Church in Streeter. There will only be one church service this day. They will also be baptizing their son. Potluck will be served following the service.

August Birthdays

Ryan Eissinger	3 rd
Shirley Judin	4 th
Emma Kramlich	12 th
Michael Kapp	14 th
Matthew Kapp	14 th
Corey Kapp	14 th
Jared Opp	17 th
Lisa Olson	21 st
Karson Schmidt	21 st
Janet Well	25 th
John Dong	30 th
Wayne Reardon	31 st



Celebrating Anniversaries



Darin and Jodi Dockter

August 1st, 1986

Tyler & Brandi Eissinger

August 27th, 1993

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Pastor Ryan and Betsy Ferwerda on the birth of their son Evan James born July 3rd, 2013.

Congratulations to Tina Guthmiller and Shawn Lachenmeier on the birth of their daughter Brynnly Ann born July 23, 2013.



Our July General Meeting & Bible Study was held on July 18th. Renae led the Bible Study. Our Bible study theme this month is “All Ate and were Filled”. Through the month of August the Women’s Bible Study will be sponsoring a collection of non-perishable food items to go the Jamestown Food Pantry. Food may be dropped off at the boxes in the Narthex.

Work Group One served the lunch for the Auction Sale of Herb & Elaine Martell.

Work Group Two served the lunch following the Funeral service for Willie Metzger.

Welca will be serving Coffee, Rolls & Pie at the Legion Hall for Fall Festival. We will also host the Bingo and lunch in the evening. We are looking for Parade Float themes. If you have any ideas please contact one of the officers.

END Synodical convention will be Sept, 21st at Grand Forks. The Ninth Triennial Gathering will be held in Charlotte, N.C. on July 24-27, 2014. If you plan on attending these events contact Renae for details.

English Lutheran will host the Spring Cluster Gathering in Spring of 2014.

Coffee Hour continues to be served by the Altar Guild.

Our next meeting will be August 15th at 7:30. Mabel will present the lesson and Hostesses will be Sharon Behm & Julie Opp.

Secretary, Pat

St Luke Council News

St. Luke council held a short meeting following the parish council meeting on July 31st.

Items discussed:

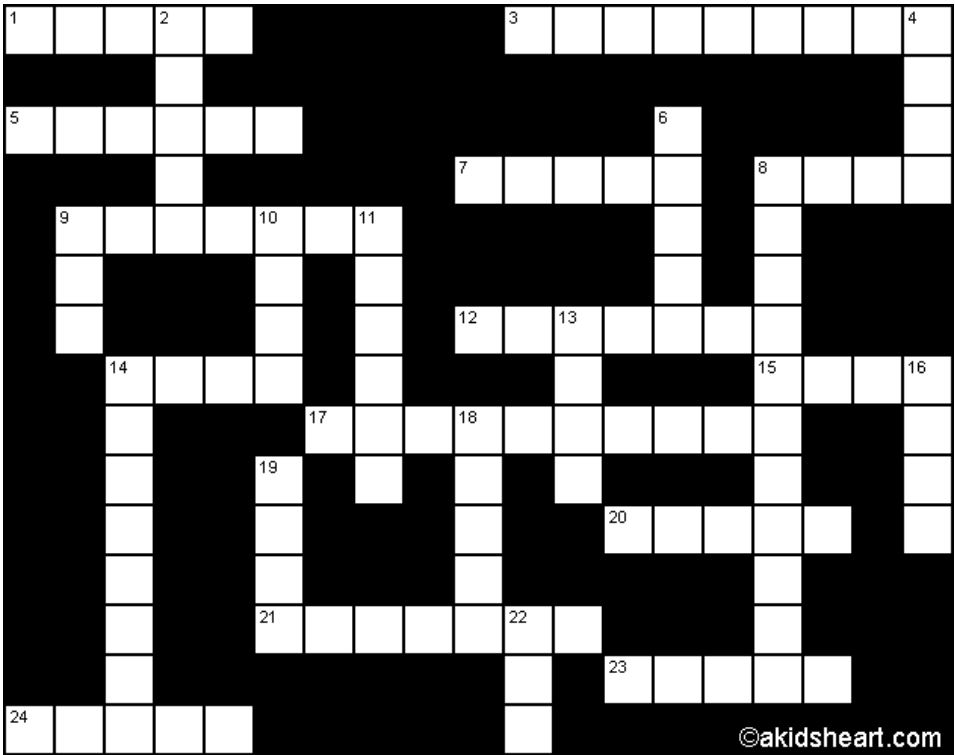
1. The first six-months of hunger offerings were sent to World Hunger and Red Willow Ministries. We will send the next offerings in December, one-half to World Hunger. The second recipient to be decided at the next council meeting.
2. Donation will be given to the Georgia Ritchey Benefit at the Dakota Heritage Bank in Streeter, to help with medical expenses.
3. A donation will be sent to the office for expenses toward printing and mailing newsletters.
4. Next council meeting will be Sept. 17th, at 6 pm.

Elsie Goldsmith, secretary

Mark your Calendars!

Red Willow Bible Camp's Quilt and Fine Arts Auction is coming up on Sunday August 25th. Visit www.redwillowbiblecamp.org for more information.

We are invited to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Gackle, for their ladies afternoon program, Sunday, Aug. 18th, at 2:30 pm. Guest speaker is June Lehr. Deadline for RSVP is Aug. 11th.



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Across

- 1. First musician
- 3. This Mary was the first to see the risen Christ
- 5. The last Adam was made a quickening _____.
- 7. First nomad
- 8. First Murderer
- 9. First Book of the Bible
- 12. Seek this first: the _____ of God
- 14. The first Adam was a living _____.
- 15. First murder victim
- 17. Last Book of the Bible
- 20. At the last _____, the dead shall be raised
- 21. First Book of the New Testament
- 23. Last enemy to be destroyed
- 24. The First and the Last

Down

- 2. First Jewish High Priest
- 4. The place of the first animal sacrifice
- 6. First rainbow came after the great _____
- 8. Honor your Father and Mother is the first _____ with promise
- 9. He rested on the first Sabbath
- 10. First king of Israel
- 11. The last celebration of the Passover by Jesus with His disciples is called the Last _____.
- 13. Built the first altar
- 14. These shall come in the last days, walking after their own lust
- 16. Many that are first shall be _____.
- 18. First to build a city
- 19. First man
- 22. First woman

English Cleaning List

- Aug 4th Bill & Janet Well
Wayne & Sue Reardon
Connie Moser
- Aug 11th Scott & Melissa Dockter
Arlyn & Sourey Schmidt
Doug Schmidt
- Aug 18th Del & Joey Guthmiller
Tina Guthmiller
Maynard & Darlene Dockter
- Aug 25th Darin & Jodi Dockter
Rory & Kim Hoffmann
Frank & Tammy Reis
- Sept 1st Jacob & Bonnie Hofmann
Dwight & Janine Hofmann
Gordon & Betty Christensen
- Sept 8th Ben & Patrice Juelfs
Phillip Hofmann
Alice Opp

Usher List

- Aug Head Tim & Renae Olson
Isaac & Lisa Olson
Arlynn & Sourey Schmidt
Phillip Hofmann
Dylan Dockter
- Sept Head Jared & Julie Opp
Sharon & Dennis Behm
Scott & Melissa Dockter
Austin Dockter
Ceph Dockter
Lindsay Hoffmann
Jaycee Moldenhauer

Lay Reader

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| Aug 4 | Jeff Morlock |
| Aug 11 | Julie Opp |
| Aug 18 | Randy Kapp |
| Aug 25 | Caity Eissinger |
| Sept 1 | Brandi Eissinger |

Thank you for helping to keep our church clean!!

**If you can't clean, read, or usher during your assigned week, Please find someone to trade with. If you would like to read or would like to be added to the cleaning list, please let the secretary know so she can add you into the rotation. Thank you!

St. Luke Usher/Deacon and Altar Guild

- Aug:** Deacon—Denise AG —Paulette
4— Steve & Paulette
11— Margaret & Elsie- (hunger off)
18— Jack & Reuben
25— Arnie & Beverly

- Sept:** Deacon—Elsie AG— Arlene
1— Clydell
8— Vi & Esther (hung)
15— Don
22— JoAnn
29— Leroy

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