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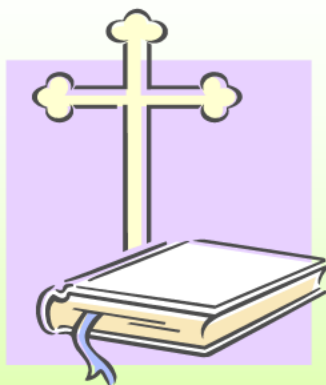
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Welcome to Pastor Ryan
Ferwerda and his wife Betsy
to our parish as our new
Pastor!



Greeting to you all in the name of Christ!

It is my esteemed pleasure to introduce myself as your new pastor! I want to start off by saying how truly blest my wife Betsy and I are to be members of this community of believers. It will be wonderful getting to know each and every one of you. Betsy and I both grew up in the Twin Cities area, her in a southern suburb of Minneapolis and me in St. Paul. It took us till the fall of 2004 to meet each other in Fargo as we were both attending NDSU. While at NDSU we fell in love with each and also with the state of North Dakota. It truly is wonderful to be back after four long years on the East Coast.

Over the next few weeks in worship you may see a few things that you may not be use to seeing. One of those things is a garment that I will be wearing during the celebration of Holy Communion. I want to take this opportunity to explain what this garment is and what its significance is to the celebration of Holy Communion. This garment is called a chasuble and it is a garment that comes to us from the ancient Christian communities that is still used by many Christian clergy today. The first thing you will notice is that it looks like a poncho; this is because in the ancient church the chasuble was worn as a traveling garment or cloak. In Paul's second letter to Timothy he requests that his "cloak" be brought with Timothy when Timothy comes to see Paul (2 Tim 4:13). It is understood by biblical scholars that this "cloak" is indeed a chasuble.

The chasuble has since found its way into the worship service as a garment that is worn by the presiding minister at the celebration of Holy Communion. One explanation as to the significance for the chasuble during Communion is that it stands for God's love that covers all as Saint Peter wrote: "Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). This is a love that we experience every time we eat of Christ's body and drink of Christ's blood in Holy Communion.



As we move forward there may be other worship practices you may not be familiar with. I will do my best to explain these, but if there is ever anything you would like to understand I am happy to have those conversations with you.

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan

St Luke & English Joint Council News

Dwight, council president for English presided over the meeting. The meeting began at 7:00 pm for the purpose of preparing compensation and benefits for calling Ryan Ferwerda as Pastor for our parish.

Information and guidelines were passed out. Council was following the guidelines received from the Synod office for calling a new graduate. After much discussion, Dwight called Ryan and spoke to him about some of the monetary guidelines, to see if they were near the amounts he was considering. They also discussed the expenses for moving Ryan and his wife from PA to ND. They are expecting their first baby in July. Those present were in agreement on the financial discussion and all other decisions for calling Ryan Ferwerda.

Denise, St. Luke president also spoke to Ryan, explaining the special attention to the parish we want from the pastor:

1. Visitations to nursing homes, hospitals, homes, etc;
2. Communion;
3. Youth – Medina;
4. Keep all church records current.
5. WELCA Bible study – Medina & Streeter

Also how the congregations will encourage pastor in his ministry by:

1. Willingness to support him & his family in his ministry;
2. Be open to suggestions and ideas;
3. Willingness to change;
4. What can we do to make things easier for him?

Meeting adjourned.

Elsie J. Goldsmith; St. Luke Secretary

English Lutheran Women

Thank You to everyone that helped with our Guest Night. A special Thank You to Mabel & Renae for organizing the program & lunch. The evening was enjoyed by all.

The Quilters recently sent 100 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Thank You to Mabel & Jim for taking them to Bismarck.

Welca presented a Baby Quilt and a Sparks Story Bible to Haven Gefroh and Addistin Jackson. Their Baptisms were in April during Worship.

Graduating Seniors, Sara Slaughter & Abby Miller were presented blankets from Welca at Worship on May 12th.

Work Group Two served the lunch following the funeral of Herbert Martel on May 7th. Work Group One continues to serve Coffee Hour. Altar Guild will begin serving on June 23rd.

General Meeting will be on June 20th, 7:30 pm. Mabel will present the lesson, Ethel Offering Meditation and Hostesses will be Mabel & Mindy. We are looking for a Parade Float Theme. If you have any ideas please contact one of the officers.

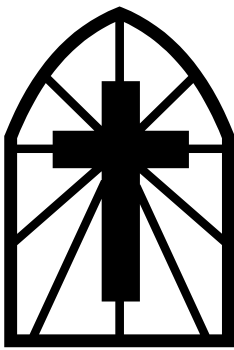
Secretary, Pat

Medina Youth Group

The last MYG meeting was on June 1. At this meeting they voted to go to the Sonshine Festival and/or Minneapolis for their summer activity. The Minneapolis trip will take place next summer and Pastor Ryan has volunteered to help with arrangements/activities for the trip because of his many ties to that region. MYG will hopefully have enough adults volunteers, so they can go to the Sonshine Festival in Willmar, MN on July 17-20 to listen to great Christian music and partake in worship activities. **Adult volunteers are still needed!**

After the meeting the Medina Youth Group volunteered at the Medina Park on "Sparkle Day". They scraped lots of paint from the shelters and helped fix the fence around the basketball court. The Medina Park then hired them to paint the park shelters. They met two different nights in June and did a great job painting.

Several MYG members helped with the English Lutheran Bible School held in May. MYG has also been asked by Rev. Nussbaum from the UCC church to help out with their VBS in August.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the prayers and cards for my Mom, who passed away on May 17th. Also for your prayers in May for our grandson, Baylee. His two surgeries went well and he is doing great now.

Blessings to you all,
Ethel & Clarence Heinle

Sunday, July 7

English
St Luke

7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am
11:00 am

Sunday, July 14

English
St Luke

8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am
11:00 am

Wednesday July 17-20

Sonshine Festival, Walker, MN
(MYG still in need of chaperones/drivers)

Sunday, July 21

English
St Luke

9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am
11:00 am

Sunday, July 28

English
St Luke

10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am
11:00 am

Wednesday, July 31

In Streeter

Joint Council Meeting

8:00 pm

Sunday, Aug 4

English
St. Luke

11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am
11:00 am

July Worship Times & Events



RECAP OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED, SENT YOUR CHILDREN AND BROUGHT SNACKS!

The children's lessons were about respect, forgiveness and honesty. They rotated between their lesson, activity, craft, music and snack time. VBS ended with a potluck and small program. There were 34 kids in attendance.



The teachers were Julie Opp, Sherry Schmidt, and Bonnie Hofmann, with the assistance of Becky Greer, Brandi Eissinger and a few of the Medina Youth Group kids. Mrs. Dong helped in the kitchen, Jennifer and Jessica played the piano and fun was had by all!





THANKS!

Thank you to all those who helped in any way for the funerals of Vi Remboldt, June 10th, and for Sylvia Hoffer, June 22nd. Our sympathy is extended to their family and friends.

Congratulations!

To the Ryan and Becky Greer Family on the birth of their baby girl! Emilia Rose was born on June 1.

St Luke God's Helpers News

Seven members were present for the Bible Study presented by JoAnne. We voted to continue to have meetings the third Tuesday of the month at 2PM. We also voted to continue refreshments and the special offering. Each lady was asked to bring a suggestion to the September meeting for the special offering. We may need to make changes if this doesn't fit into Pastor Ryan's schedule.

Judith shared information and registration forms for the "Joy on the Journey" retreat to be held at Mayville on August 3, 2013. If anyone is interested in attending this retreat, contact Judith for a registration form. Information was also shared on the assessment fee for ENDSWO convention and the Ninth Triennial Gathering. The END Syndical Convention will be held on Saturday September 21, 2013 at Sharon Lutheran in Grand Forks. The assessment fee covers the registration for anyone who wishes to attend. Each unit is requested to bring a quilt block to the convention with the name of our unit, city, and cluster on it. Elsie will contact Jackie to embroider one for our unit. Thank you, Elsie. Judith will purchase material. We are also asked to bring in-kind gifts of personal care items, travel size. If you wish to contribute any of these, please give to Judith or Elsie. Thank-you. The ninth Triennial Gathering will be held in Charlotte, NC on July 24-27, 2014. Information on these events is posted on the door.

Elsie will purchase plants for the front of the church.

Our Special Offering this month went to Katie's Fund. Our special offering in September will be for East Timor. Esther served delicious refreshments. Thank you Esther.

REMINDERS: Please let Elsie know if a death occurs or someone is in the hospital or ill so she can send them a card from our Women's Group. We have cards for sale at the church on an honorary system, just put the money in the container. We also have dish cloths for sale at \$1.50 each. Contact Elsie for those. A Memorial service will be held for Sylvia Hoffer at St. Luke on June 22 at 10:30 AM. A noon lunch will be served. You will be called for bars or jello.

Judith Williams

English Cleaning List

- July 7th Gil & Pat Everding
Randy & Melinda Kapp
Dawn & Elroy Salinas
- July 14th Jahleel & Ashley Opp
Tyler & Brandi Eissinger
Teresa Schleske
- July 21st Sherry & Joe Schmidt
Gene & Brenda Guthmiller
Sherry & Randy Everding
- July 28th Maynerd & Adeline Link
Mabel & Jim Cowell
Jeff & Linda Morlock
- Aug 4th Bill & Janet Well
Wayne & Sue Reardon
Connie Moser
- Aug 11th Scott & Melissa Dockter
Arlyn & Sourey Schmidt
Doug Schmidt

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.

Usher List

- July Head Vicky Andres
Kaitlynn Andres
Kyle Andres
Morgan Irlmeier
Ericka Olson
Sky & Patty Hofmann
- Aug Head Tim & Renae Olson
Isaac & Lisa Olson
Arlynn & Sourey Schmidt
Phillip Hofmann
Dylan Dockter

Lay Reader

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| July 7 | Jared Opp |
| July 14 | Ethel Heinle |
| July 21 | Vicky Andres |
| July 28 | Addison Hofmann |
| Aug 4 | Jeff Morlock |
| Aug 11 | Julie Opp |
| Aug 18 | Randy Kapp |

St. Luke Usher/Deacon and Altar Guild

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| July: Deacon and Altar Guild- Elsie
7—JoAnn
14—Elsie & Bud – (hunger offering)
21—Mike
28—Jeff & Lavon | Aug: Deacon—Denise AG —Paulette
4— Steve & Pauletter
11— Margaret & Elsie- (hunger off)
18— Jack & Reuben
25— Arnie & Beverly |
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June



Del Guthmiller	1st
Kathy Hieb	2nd
Elaine Martel	5th
Adeline Link	6th
Darlene Dockter	7th
Linda Morlock	9th
Krysta Olson	12th
Aiden Greer	14th
Lane Schmidt	15th
Gil Everding	18th
Maynard Link	20th
Camden Hofmann	21st
Sherry Schmidt	24th

July

Frank Reis	5 th
Dawn Salinas	7 th
Trevin Behm	10 th
Austin Dockter	11 th
Jonathan Juelfs	14 th
Loraine Schlaht	14 th
Pat Everding	16 th
Dylan Dockter	17 th
Sally Guthmiller	19 th
Phillip Hofmann	23 rd
Gordon Christensen	24 th
Randy Kapp	24 th
Darin Dockter	25 th
Gary Hieb	26 th
Kendra Behm	27 th
Dani Eissinger	28 th
Jacen Eissinger	28 th

Celebrating Anniversaries

Ron and Sharon Otto	June 3 rd , 72	Ryan & Becky Greer	July 1 st , 06
Jeff and Linda Morlock	June 5 th ,	Sky & Patty Roemmich	July 2 nd , 10
Gary and Kathy Hieb	June 13 th , 86	Doug & Jana Neumiller	July 3 rd , 09
Joe & Sherry Schmidt	June 15 th , 01	Gordon & Betty Christensen	July 6 th , 74
Bill and Janet Well	June 20 th , 59	Mike & Teresa Schleske	July 7 th ,
Tim and Renae Olson	June 24 th , 80	Bryan and Vicky Andres	July 9 th , 88
Jared and Julie Opp	June 29 th , 74		

English Council Meeting

5/1/2013

Dwight called the meeting to order. Pastor Kirsten was present and said she enjoyed teaching the confirmation class.

Minutes and treasurers report were read and accepted.

Old businesses:

- Call committee interviewed for a pastor. The call committee has decided on Ryan Ferwerda. He has agreed to be our pastor upon approval from both congregations.
- Update on church membership list was given by Kirsten; she has talked to Pastor Zach but hasn't heard back from him.
- Medina youth group will be doing the lawn mowing at the church and parsonage for the summer.
- Door locks on parsonage will be replaced. Garage door opener at parsonage still not working properly. One garage door opener will be replaced. Water heater in fellowship hall not heating properly, possible replacement. Electrical outlet in basement also will be replaced. Wood doors in church also discussed for replacement.
- The organs in the parsonage and church basement were discussed, will be added to newsletter for giveaway.
- A new ELW worship and music program on CD was approved and the sound system was discussed for possible upgrade.

New business:

- There will be a meeting with St Luke to discuss the compensation package. There will be a letter drafted to the congregations to announce the voting of the pastor and compensation package.

Scott Dockter, Secretary

Medina Youth Group is still in need of chaperones/drivers to attend the Sunshine Festival in Willmar, MN on July 17-20. Please call Kim if you can assist in any way. 486- 3156.

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