

ENGLISH - NEWS - ST LUKE

OUR CHURCH IN OUR COMMUNITIES



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

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November 2014

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Community Breakfast
@ St, Luke
November 8, 2014
See page 14 for details



Happy Thanksgiving

Our Mission:

Called to be shepherds, doing God's work, daily.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

You may be a Lutheran if...you think that an ELCA bride and an LCMS groom constitute a mixed marriage.

Joking aside, this little bit of humor gets at the heart of what my article is about this month. When someone declares that they are Lutheran, it is almost inevitable to want to know which kind. Are they ELCA, LCMS, WELS, LCMC, AFLC, NALC, and many, many, more right here in North America (for a list of the various different Lutheran bodies in North America visit www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutheran_church_bodies_in_North_America). With all the various divisions within the Lutheran church it should come as no surprise that there are some strong ill willed feelings between them. It seems like we have taken ourselves back to when Lutheranism first began, at least in the sense where the term “Lutheran” was used as an insult.

Looking back on where we have come as a body of believers, we find that we have strayed from what Luther had originally intended when he set out to reform the church. In fact Martin Luther was appalled by the fact that people wanted to call themselves Lutherans in the first place. Luther once said, “What is Luther? After all, the teaching is not mine. Neither was I crucified for anyone.” The whole point of the Reformation as Luther envisioned it, was to get the church back to its roots, back to the basics of teaching the Word of God, and only the Word of God. When the catholic church refused to listen to Luther, the group of people that formed following Luther’s teachings called themselves “evangelical.” In a publication about Lutheranism the author writes, “As ‘evangelical’ Christians, they understood themselves in light of the gospel, in contrast to ‘papal’ Christians whose identity was rooted in their relationship with church structures and authority centered in Rome, especially the pope.” What Luther wanted was to get the church’s focus back onto the Word alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. This ideal has shaped many people in many different ways, which in turn has led to the many different divisions with the Lutheran church today.

Despite the many differences that all of the Lutheran bodies have, there are certain teachings, or themes, that all Lutherans seem to ascribe to. Such core Lutheran themes as *Justification by grace through faith*, *Law & Gospel*, *the Means of grace*, *the Theology of the Cross*, and finally the theme of people being both *Saint and Sinner*. These distinctive Lutheran themes will be the focus of my articles in the coming months, each month taking a closer look at each of these themes, with the intent to figure out how they shape our understanding of God’s Word for our daily lives.

The grace of Christ be with you forever.

Your willing servant,

Pastor Ryan



Advent Services

This year we will be doing mid-week Advent services as a joint parish, alternating between Medina and Streeter (please see schedule below). There will be a light soup and sandwich meal served by the church ladies before the service starting at 5:30 pm and the service itself will begin at 6:30 pm.

December 3rd – Medina

December 10th – Streeter

December 17th – Medina

Christmas Eve Services

Due to the interest in Christmas Eve Services last year, both churches will be holding them again this year on Wednesday December 24th.

St. Luke – 4:00 pm

English – 6:00 pm

Check out our Website

Need information about what's going on at the Church?

The beginning of the homepage (<http://medinastreeterparish.org/>) will have any time-sensitive important information, such as changes to service times, and upcoming special events.

Do you have a child in Confirmation? On the English - Education page (<http://medinastreeterparish.org/educationministries/>), an Excel sheet is available for viewing/downloading which gives the acolyte/sound system schedule, and meal schedule.

ELC Library News

Some good reads and DVD's on display this month:

Adult:

- Gifted Hands—The Ben Carson Story (DVD)
- Dialtone—Who would you call?
- Telling—True to Life Series from Hamilton High
by Marilyn Reynolds
- The Battered Woman by Lenore E. Walker

Children:

- Little Things Make Big Differences—A Story about Malaria
by Rev. John Nunes & Monique Nunes
- Check Us Out!

English Lutheran Confirmation

Our upcoming November schedule includes class periods on the 12th and the 19th (not the 26th because of the Thanksgiving Holiday).

Please be mindful of when your confirmation student is scheduled to acolyte or run the sound equipment during worship. Please see Pastor Ryan if you need a new schedule.

English Lutheran Youth Sunday School

A new Sunday school opportunity for youth in grades 7-12 has begun. During the Sunday school time youth gather with each other to discuss the week's bible readings in a way the youth can understand. Join them from every Sunday @ 10 am in the church Fellowship Hall for a wonderful time of discussion and faith formation.



GOD'S HELPERS NEWS

Six members and one guest were present for the Bible Study on the hymn "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People" presented by Pastor Ryan.

JoAnn gave the offering meditation.

Judith ordered sympathy cards and they are on the shelf.

Elsie sent three cards.

Judith thanked everyone for their participation in the German Supper and also for the Mission Fest Sunday.

We voted at a special meeting to have no bazaar this year.

Six ladies attended the guest day at the Gackle Baptist Church and enjoyed the afternoon.

Medina Youth Group is selling wreaths etc. We decided to buy an evergreen cross to be hung at the front of the church. Two mum plants were purchased for the church for fall.

Elsie read thank you letters from several of the recipients of our annual monetary donations that were sent in September.

Our next meeting will be at 2:00 PM' on November 18. Elsie will bring refreshments and have offering meditation. Our special offering will be for fuel.

We closed with "The Lord's Prayer". JoAnn served refreshments. Thank you.

Judith Williams



English Lutheran WELCA

Another month has quickly gone by. With that we have been busy with our plans for "Truck or Treat" and our Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser.

We held our General meeting & Bible study on October 16th. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 20th at 7:p.m. Pastor Ryan will present the lesson and Ardis will have offering meditation.

Thankoffering Sunday will be on November 16th.

Coffee Fellowship Hour continues with Work Group Two serving.

Pat

English Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes for October

President Rory Hoffmann called the meeting to order. Members present were Tammy Reis, Janet Well, Dwight Hofmann, Tina Guthmiller, Scott Dockter and Pastor Ryan.

Pastor Ryan started the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from October's meeting were read. Tina moved and Dwight seconded motion to approve the minutes, motion carried. Treasurer's report was given. Janet moved and Tina seconded motion to approve. Motion carried.

Old business:

Pastor Ryan, Tammy and Rory will work on Endowment fund draft.

New business:

Rory talked to Mike Moser about fixing the outside light on the south side of the fellowship hall.

Phillip Hofmann presented several options for Pastor Ryan's health insurance policy. Council decided to stay with the current policy that he and his family have now. Will contact St. Luke for their ideas and opinions.

Rory presented a letter from the church insurance company giving the church the option to purchase terrorism coverage for the church. Council was in agreement that this is something the church is not in need of and will decline the offer to purchase the additional coverage.

Rena Olson talked to the council on starting a Mother's of Preschool Children (MOPS) chapter in Medina. MOPS is a faith based organization for mothers with preschool children. The group is in need of a church in the community to sponsor them. The ELC WELCA had agreed to pay half of the \$400.00 startup fee. Seeing that there is an interest in the community for an organization like MOPS, the council passed a motion, made by Dwight and seconded by Tammy to pay the other half of the start up costs.

Sunday School teachers would like a shelving unit in the basement to store Sunday school material. Basement is in need of cleaning out of unused material and organizing to make room.

Next meeting will be a joint Parish meeting with St. Luke's on October 19th following the pot luck dinner @ St. Luke's.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Scott Dockter, Council Secretary

ELC Angels Among Us (Altar Guild)

“Angels Among Us” met on Sunday, October 26th. There were 5 of us present.

Ardis and Pat served the month of October. Emma and Kim will serve the month of November.

We are planning to have a new confirmation banner made. Julie will contact Marlene Ham.

We will be doing our annual Christmas decorating on December 7th @ 2:00 pm. You are all invited to help decorate our church!

Thank you to all of you for what you do!

Next meeting is November 30th.

God Bless, Julie Opp



Kids Bible Nite

On Tuesday October 28, 2014 ten kids came to St. Luke to learn about the angel Gabriel telling Mary she was going to have a baby. The kids had fun watching a video, reading a story, coloring, and flying “Angel Messenger” airplanes telling of the coming celebration of the birth of Jesus. Our next Kids Bible Nite will be Tuesday November 25th from 3:30pm – 5pm.

This is a wonderful ministry we are able to provide to the Gackle/Streeter communities and we would like to be able to continue to do so. In order for this to continue, Pastor Ryan needs help in a variety of ways from providing snacks, helping with crafts, or even teaching the lesson. See Pastor Ryan if you can help in any way.

Confirmation



October 26, 2014 @ English Lutheran Church
Lindsay Hoffmann and Kyle Andres
confirmed their faith given to them by God in their Baptisms.
Congratulations!

ELC WELCA Sponsors Child

Our WELCA group has committed to sponsoring a child through World Vision with a monthly donation that goes toward her welfare.

The child we are sponsoring, whose name is Anamika, just turned 3 years old on October 30, is from India. She lives with her parents, 1 brother and 2 sisters. She is growing up in a poor community in India. A typical home is constructed using wood with a thatch roof and dirt floor. Rice is a staple of the local diet. Anamika is not in school at this time. She likes to play with toys. She helps at home by being good. She is in satisfactory health.





Prayer Squares

Can you touch a prayer? Can you feel its comfort? You can if it's a prayer square.

Prayer squares are small crocheted or knitted squares, made with love and prayers of comfort for another person. They are given freely to anyone in need of prayer. It's a great way to reach out to someone who is hurting, or to add a little comfort to your own life.

There is a basket of these prayer squares in the Narthex. Please take one if you need one, or if you know of someone who is in need. Additionally, if you would like to contribute to the making of these squares, please contact Ethel Heinle. She has patterns and some yarn available.

The first ever cordless phone was created by God.
He named it "prayer."
It never loses its signal and you never have to recharge it.
Use it anywhere.....!

submitted by Elsie Goldsmith

Parish Council News

The parish council met at St. Luke Lutheran on October 19, 2014, following Mission Fest service and dinner. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss Pastor Ryan's salary. Denise Wittmier, St. Luke council president presided over the meeting.

Items discussed:

1. Pastor Ryan is still checking with Dell for the lowest rates for the new computer and all needed software for his office.
2. Parish council agreed to continue with the Platinum Insurance plan we have for Pastor and his family.
3. Synod guidelines for pastors with one-year experience going into their second year were considered. Pastor Ryan's increase in salary will go into effect June 1st, 2015. No changes in five weeks of vacation and five Sunday's off during a one-year period.
4. Attendance for the parish Mission Fest/annual picnic at St. Luke on October 19th, was disappointing. Is there a transportation problem, other commitments, lack of interest when services or activities not in your home church? What can we do to increase attendance? Give your suggestions to Pastor Ryan or any council member.
5. Advent services will begin December 3rd at English, Dec. 10th at St. Luke and Dec. 17th at English. All services start with soup and bread served at 5:30 pm followed by 6:30 pm service.

Next parish council meeting will be after the new year, at English Lutheran.

Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer.

Elsie J. Goldsmith, St. Luke Secretary



St. Luke October Council News

St. Luke council met on October 19, 2014, following the Mission Fest/Parish Picnic dinner and the parish council meeting.

The German Supper Fuel Fundraiser, September 21st, at St. Luke was very successful. All expenses were paid by the \$250 Visa card from Thrivent and other monetary donations. All money received thru sale of tickets was profit. A big thank you to those who freely gave extra monetary donations, donations of food, worked hours to organize, helped prepare food and worked at the supper. Everyone's help, great or small was appreciated.

No up-date on installment of baseboard heaters for the bathrooms. Estee will check and see when this will be done.

A quorum of our council was at the parish meeting and all voted on Pastor Ryan's increase in salary, starting June 1st, 2015. We will continue with the Platinum Insurance plan we have now for Pastor and family.

Estee Nenow is sponsoring a "Community Breakfast" at St. Luke, serving 6:30 am – 10:30 am on November 8th. Planning 50-75 people. Take-out meals available. Join us for breakfast burritos with your choice of fillings, fresh caramel rolls, juice, coffee and hot chocolate. Profits for our fuel fund.

Our WELCA will not have a bazaar this year.

Thank you to Lloyd and Arlene for donating and installing new carpet on the front steps. Also, a thank you to Esther (Wm) for the decorations in the fellowship hall for the German Supper. Thank you, Mickie Wentz for decorating the fellowship hall and sanctuary for the Mission Fest service. All extra donations, decorations, etc, are greatly appreciated as we all work to keep our church welcoming to all.

Head usher is there to help the Sunday usher if needed.

Elsie Goldsmith, secretary



English Schedule

Cleaning List

Thanks for helping to keep our church clean

- November 2: Renae Heinle
Kathy & Gary Hieb
Vicky Andres
- November 9: Gil & Pat Everding
Randy & Melinda Kapp
Dawn & Elroy Salinas
- November 16: Jahleel & Ashley Opp
Tyler & Brandi Eissinger
Teresa Schelske
- November 23: Sherry & Joe Schmidt
Gene & Brenda Guthmiller
Sherry & Randy Everding
- November 30: Maynerd & Adeline Link
Ethel Heinle
Jeff & Linda Morlock
- December 7: Bill & Janet Well
Wayne & Sue Reardon
Connie Moser
- December 14: Scott & Melissa Dockter
Aryln & Sourey Schmidt
Doug Schmidt

Ushers List

- Nov:** Bill & Janet Well—
Head Ushers
Tim & Renae Olson
Randy & Sherry Everding
Jared & Julie Opp
Ben & Jonathon Juelfs
- Dec:** Wayne & Sue Reardon -
Head Ushers
Rory & Kim Hoffmann
Dylan Dockter
Ceph Dockter
Jaycee & Madison
Moldenhauer

Lay Reader List

- November 2- Jeff Morlock
November 9—Phillip Hofmann
November 16—Caity Eissinger
November 23—Kaitlynn Andres
November 30—Teresa Schelske
- December 7—Jacob Hofmann
December 14—Brandi Eissinger
December 21—Dwight Hofmann
December 28—Jared Opp
- Thank you to all who read this past year.

Quilters: Please call Leona Morlock for dates and times.

* 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!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



December BIRTHDAYS

Frieda Hauf	Dec 1st
Kaitlynn Andres	Dec 5th
Pastor Ryan Ferwerda	Dec 6th
Taya Schleske	Dec 6th
Sharon Behm	Dec 6th
Gertrude Neumiller	Dec 10th
Randy Everding	Dec 14th
Cyerra Schmidt	Dec 16th
Sue Reardon	Dec 17th
Jodi Dockter	Dec 17th
Joe Schmidt	Dec 18th
Karen Opp	Dec 23rd
Mike Iszler	Dec 25th
Denise Wittmier	Dec 27th
Irene Otto	Dec 28th
Arlyn Schmidt	Dec 29th
Tyler Eissinger	Dec 29th

Anita Schmidt	Nov 1st
Brady Andres	Nov 3rd
Patty Roemmich	Nov 4th
Isayah Olson	Nov 11th
Connie Moser	Nov 11th
Ron Headland	Nov 11th
Brent Kleven	Nov 11th
Virginia Jeanotte	Nov 11th
Bryan Andres	Nov 12th
Renae Olson	Nov 12th
Jahleel Opp	Nov 19th
Larry Junker	Nov 21st
Lila Gienger	Nov 25th
Betty Christensen	Nov 26th
Dennis Behm	Nov 27th
Patrice Juelfs	Nov 28th
William Juelfs	Nov 29th
Doug Schmidt	Nov 30th

Congratulations

Celebrating Nov/Dec Anniversaries

Clarence & Ethel Heinle	Nov 3rd, 1973
Bud & Elsie Goldsmith	Nov 4th, 1961
Mike & Robin Iszler	Nov 18th,
Rory & Kim Hoffmann	Nov 27th, 1993
Clydell & Mary Dockter	Dec 1, 1973
Randy & Mindy Kapp	Dec 13,

St. Luke Schedule

November: Deacon— Elsie AG—Elsie

Filling of candles: Denise

Usher List

Reader List

Communion Assistant

Head Usher: Elsie

2	Ruben	Denise	Elsie
9	Judith (hunger off)	Robin	-----
16	Bud	Elsie	Elsie
23	Mary	Lila	-----
30	Lloyd	Judith	Elsie

December: Deacon— Robin AG—Robin

Filling of candles: Robin

Usher List

Reader List

Communion Assistant

Head Usher—Robin

7	Martha	Betsy	Robin
14	Don	Esther	-----
	(Hunger offering)		
21	Mike	Robin	Robin
28	Margaret	Denise	-----

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

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St. Luke Lutheran Church
Streeter, ND

November 8, 2014

6:30 am—10:30 am

Take-out meals available. Join us for breakfast burritos with your choice of fillings, fresh caramel rolls, juice, coffee and hot chocolate. Profits for our fuel fund.

November Worship Times & Events

Sunday, November 2

English Lutheran
 Sunday School
 St. Luke

All Saints Sunday

9:00 am
 10:00 am—11:15 am
 11:00 am

Sat, November 8

St. Luke

Community Breakfast

6:30 am—10:30 am

Sunday, November 9

English Lutheran
 Sunday School
 St. Luke

Twenty-second Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 am
 10:00 am—11:15 am
 11:00 am

Wed, November 12

English Lutheran

Confirmation

6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Sunday, November 16

English Lutheran
 Sunday School
 St. Luke

Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 am (Thankoffering)
 10:00 am—11:15 am
 11:00 am

Wed, November 18

Bible Study
 Council Meeting

St. Luke—Bible Study & Council Meeting

2:00 pm
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Wed, November 19

English Lutheran

Confirmation

6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Thurs, November 20

English Lutheran

Bible Study

7:00 pm

Sunday, November 23

English Lutheran
 Sunday School
 St. Luke

Christ the King

9:00 am
 10:00 am—11:15 am
 11:00 am

Tues, November 25

St. Luke

Kids Bible Nite

3:30 pm—5:00 pm

Thus, November 27

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 30th

Fifth Sunday Challenge
 English Lutheran
 No Sunday School
 ELC—Altar meeting
 St. Luke

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am
 10:00 am
 11:00 am

Wed, December 3

English
 Soup & Bread served @ 5:30 pm

Advent Service

6:30 pm



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