

“Knowing Christ – Making Christ Known Through Faith, Hope and Love.”

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

We will.

That short phrase will be spoken several times this fall at Esther. At baptisms. Affirmation of baptisms. We hear it at weddings. Short as it is, it is a powerful phrase. When a baby is baptized parents, sponsors and the whole congregation promise to pray and actively support them in their life of faith. When persons affirm their baptisms, on Confirmation Day or when we welcome new members we speak these words again. Just as God's words called the world into being in the book of Genesis, these words call us to action. They are *leave-the-pew* words, not meant to hang out in the sanctuary. Instead, “We will” puts us in motion, when we run into each other in town and stop to say a word (even if we're busy), when we think of one another perhaps at the end of the day, and quietly say a prayer. “We will” calls us to pray, to say something, to do something, to not let God's love go unexpressed.

The book of James contains chapters of wisdom regarding what we say. In this book of the New Testament, the author compares our tongue to a bridle which guides the entire horse (3:3), a small rudder that directs large ships (3:4). This is the book which contains the phrase “but let your ‘Yes’ be yes and your ‘No’ be no” (5:12).

This fall, let our “We will” not slide into the flurry of other things we say and do but instead be more like... “WE WILL!!!!” (I envision an emoticon or picture of arms thrust into the air boldly as I type this).

Here are some opportunities and ideas to do “WE WILL!!!!”

- Take a chance to know more about each other at our congregation get-to-know you night Oct 7th.
- Ask your family what their highs and lows were for the week and pray about them.

- Stop. Take 15 minutes and do one of those things you always said you “should do”. Call someone. Write a thank you. Donate to an organization whose work shows God's compassion and love.
- Give someone the benefit of the doubt and offer kindness, forgiveness, and lift them up in word and action.
- Add to this list! God has called each of us to say “WE WILL!!!” and God has a unique of proclaiming that through you!

“People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?” (ELW p.237). May our everyday actions show “WE WILL!!!!”.

United in Christ,
Pastor Jeanette

Our Church Calendar

October 4th

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Mark 12:28-31

Focus: Moses and God's Name: Exodus 1:8-14; 3:1-10

October 11th

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday School Sings in worship today!

Readings: Mark 12:28-31

Focus: Hear, O Israel, Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

October 18th

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Noisy Offering Today!

Readings: Mark 3:33-35

Focus: Ruth, Ruth 1:1-17

October 25th

Reformation Sunday/Confirmation Sunday

Readings: Psalm 150

Focus: David Anointed as King, 2 Samuel 5:1-5;

6:1-5

November 1st

All Saints Sunday

Readings: Mark 10:42-45

Focus: The Kingdom Divided, 1 Kings 12:1-17



In Our Prayers

Myrtle Arvidson
 Kristy Fyhrie
 Dick & Luella Thom
 Dave Haase
 Jennifer Bidne Sister of Pastor Jeanette
 Marcella Braun Grandmother of
 Pastor Jeanette
 Wendy Kuhnau Coworker of Jewel
 Townsend
 R.C. Christensen Friend of the youth
 Robert Dobratz Father of Steve Dobratz
 Jan Gilbertson Sister of Jim Arvidson
 Elmyra Jerome Sister in law of Luella Thom
 Linda Peterson Sister of Al Pederson
 Derek Sudbeck Grandson of Al & Donna
 Pederson
 Carla Bettin friend of congregation
 Family and friends of Jayne Arvidson, James Higgs,
 Louisa Carlson, Donavan Hart.

10/3 Joan Burquest
 10/4 Elnora Beireis
 10/4 Chase Stueve
 10/7 Dexter Pomeranz
 10/7 Jakki Wehking
 10/11 Jewel Townsend
 10/12 Brolin McPhail
 10/12 Pastor Jeanette Bidne
 10/13 Cade Klimek
 10/15 Megan Higgs
 10/17 Elora Wagner
 10/18 Veronica Arvidson
 10/19 Nancy Hendershot
 10/19 Yuvonne Anderson
 10/22 Craig Madison
 10/24 Marilyn Chow
 10/25 Karin Wagner
 10/27 Susan Hart
 10/31 Terri Grinager

O Lord, hear our prayers...

Church Staff

Pastor Jeanette Bidne
 Organist Marcia Guenther
 Custodian Lorrie Pomeranz
 Secretary Sue Ellwanger

Office Hours

Office Hours for Pastor Jeanette include:
 Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 am-12 pm
 Wednesday afternoons
 Due to pastoral needs and meetings, if you wish to
 make sure Pastor Jeanette is in the office, please
 give her a call at 507-339-1178, zip her an email or
 set up a time with her.



October Bible Study

Offered after worship October 11th

Harvest packs and a famine in our Bible stories this month. Dive into a conversation about hunger in the Bible and in our world with the story of Joseph, the prodigal son and others. Come enjoy treats and conversation as we are fed by God's Word.

Address Update

Samantha Hoppe
 CSS Box 0896
 1200 Kenwood Ave.
 Duluth, MN 55811



Confirmation Day- October 25th

Our 9th Grade students will affirm their baptism in the rite of Confirmation during this celebratory day. *9th Grade students preparing to affirm their baptism include:*

Abigail Burquest

Susan Hart

Katlyn Velde

Please support our confirmands by joining us in worship on this special occasion.

Our Confirmation Students are looking for confirmation mentors...

Please consider being a confirmation mentor. What is a confirmation mentor? A confirmation mentor... Cares about the life and faith of his or her confirmation student

A mentor is asked to pray about their student and have a meaningful conversation about what is happening in their life on a regular basis.

Be a Cheerleader for you student with their learning

Mentors are asked to encourage his or her student, ask about what the student is learning and help them if they are struggling with some part of their learning.

Some of our students have mentors but if you are interested in supporting our students please connect with them! You could be a confirmation mentor!

Our 2015-2016 Confirmation class includes:

Returning 8th graders

Megan Higgs

Megan Townsend

7th Graders

Joey Hoppe

Brock Peterson

Cole Steele

Kylie Velde

Kieda Wagner

Isaac Wangen (joining us from Elmo Lutheran Church)



You are invited to share names of family or friends, including non-members, who have passed away in the last year. Please contact the church office with the name and their date of birth and death if possible, so they can be listed in the bulletin and remembered on All Saints Sunday, Nov 2nd.

United Communities Advocating Non-Violence Upcoming Events

- ☆ 9th Annual Awareness Walk Tuesday October 13th. Walk begins at 5 pm. at the Douglas County Courthouse.
- ☆ 15th Annual Domestic Abuse Awareness Luncheon- Wednesday, October 14th. 11:45 am-1 pm at Arrowood Resort. Cost: \$15.00 per ticket. Tickets available at Bremer Bank. Kathy Weckwerth , speaker.

Esther members, Clara and Chuck Pogose are active in this organization and these events. Tickets are available for purchase for the luncheon and with more people attending Esther Lutheran can represent a table at this event. Please let Clara Moyle or Pastor Jeanette know if you would like a ticket.

For more information about either of these events, contact *Someplace Safe*: 320-762-1995 or Clara Moyle 320-493-7974



August 2015 Report

Beginning Balance	\$780.72
Deposits	\$7,422.47
Disbursements	\$7,455.70
Ending Balance 8/30/2015	\$747.49

Contributions needed based on budget	\$ 68,964.00
Actual Contributions	\$ 66,268.02
Budget Shortfall	(\$2,695.98)

Highlights of the Month:

In addition to providing for worship, the office, tithes and the building your general offerings...

- Purchased confirmation materials for eight 7-8th grade students
- Provided a space for persons to learn about the Holy Land and current conflict in that region.
- Provided worship resources for another journey through the narrative lectionary
- Helped us prepare for another baptism at Esther!

Also, this summer...

Around \$250 was donated to the Backpack program from the Worship on the Water loose offerings and over \$90 given to local ministries through our loose offerings from the Fall Festival Joint Worship at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Parkers Prairie.



Stewardship Corner-

“Stewardship is everything we do after we say, ‘I believe.’”

- Clarence Stoughton, Lutheran pastor and educator

Congregational Get-to-know you night!

Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m -8:00p.m.
Potluck with our confirmation students and fun and games to follow. All ages are welcome to join our confirmation class to get to know one another and some characters from the Bible better!



We will be having our Annual Chili Feed to support Abdurahmen on Nov. 1st immediately following church – Freewill offering

M&Ms: Mission and Ministry Spotlight



Team Miltona’s Harvest Pack
Saturday October 24th 9 a.m.
at the Miltona Community
Center

Help pack nutritious, tasty good food to help those in need. 20% of the packed food will go to the Parkers Prairie food shelf to be distributed locally. The rest goes to Children’s Health Ministries in Haiti. Team Miltona is sponsoring this effort, which is run by Harvest Pack of Alexandria. All ages are welcome to help! Just \$.28 a day feeds six people!



ESTHER WELCA
September 10, 2015

Checking account balance: \$2,156
Memorial account balance: \$6,413

New Business:

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to add Nancy Bunde as second person on both the WELCA checking and savings accounts.

Church cleaning was set for October 19th -24th prior to confirmation. Please look for a check list of “to do” items in the narthex. Just clean when you have a time, check off what you get done.

We will be collecting money for *PV for Phebe* during the month of October and collecting them November 8th. Watch for more information

December 3rd will be our WELCA Christmas Party with a 1pm program and dessert to follow.

Congratulations to Gloria Rosenquist who donated 20 diapers to projects in Honduras and other countries. She made them out of t-shirts!

Next meeting is October 8th at the home of Elnora Beireis. Elnora's address: 219 West State Street Parkers Prairie.

PV for Phebe

During the month of October, the women of the congregation will be collecting money for the Phebe Hospital in Liberia. Phebe faces the very real challenge of daily blackouts due to generator failure and fuel disruption. There is one natural solution: solar. The project aims to install an array of solar panels at Phebe that will contribute at least 75% of the hospital's needs, with energy storage to allow the hospital to function for a day without direct sunlight. Currently, the hospital burns up to 90,000 gallons of fuel and spends \$300,000.00 per year on diesel fuel. The fuel is dirty; and the roads are not reliable for getting fuel to the hospital. When the solar panels are installed, they will spend approximately \$5,000.00 a month on fuel. It is not uncommon for the generators to quit working during surgical procedures, many times the doctors and nurses wear headlamps for light. The Women of the ELCA have pledged \$200,000.00 of the 2.5 million dollar project. The plan is to have the solar panels installed in the early part of 2016. Together we can make reliable electricity happen at the Phebe Hospital in Liberia.

On Sunday, October 11th, Mary Jo Mettler, from Pine City, and a driving force behind PV for Phebe will be at Esther to give a Temple Talk about this project.

From the Council

Happy Fall Everyone...

“Welcome Back” to Sunday School to all of the *kids*. The “Welcome Back” extends to the *parents* as well as we are all getting back after summer, but still taking time out for the sports activities of our kids and grandkids.

Thanks go out to all of you who are doing your “CATCH UP OFFERINGS”. The checkbook has been looking a little better in September. We still have a ways to go so would encourage everyone to please try to keep pushing forward to catch up so we can meet our needs/requirements. With the cold season coming on again it will mean extra \$\$ for the costs of our heat.

We had a special Congregational Meeting in August to vote on getting work done on our stained glass windows. We are in line at the company who is going to do the repairs. Ours are inside jobs so they are trying to button up some outside projects while the weather permits. They said late fall. We look forward to getting it started to make sure we are able to preserve the beauty of our church.

If you have questions, please feel free to ask any member of the Esther Council...

Luella Thom
Council President



Carl Mitchell Moyle, son of Michelle Moyle was baptized into the Christian faith on Sunday, September 27, 2015. Carl's sponsors: John & Carolyn Chlian, Lisa Moyle, Stephanie Marceyes, Byron Moyle and Crist Robinson. Blessings to Carl and the entire Moyle family.

Michelle Moyle reaffirmed her baptism on Sunday, September 27, 2015 through the rite of confirmation.

In Remembrance:

Jayne Clare Arvidson

Jayne C. Arvidson, age 58, of Parkers Prairie, died Monday, September 28, 2015, at her home.

Celebration of Life was 10 a.m., Saturday, October 3, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Parkers Prairie, with Rev. Kirk Lee officiating. Music is provided by Dan Niebuhr and Jon Niebuhr. Inurnment is at Esther Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitation was Thursday, Oct. 1st at Esther Lutheran Church concluded with a prayer service at 8 p.m., with Rev. Jeanette Bidne officiating

Jayne Clare Arvidson was born on July 19, 1957, to Edward and Betty (Janzen) Tasler in Worthington.

She was baptized on August 18, 1957, at St.

Matthew's Lutheran Church in Worthington and confirmed on May 7, 1972, at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom. Jayne received her

Associates Degree from Worthington Community College and her Bachelors of Science Degree in Education from St. Cloud State University. She was united in marriage to Eugene Arvidson on August 18, 1979, at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom. Jayne taught Physical Education and

Health at Parkers Prairie Public School from 1980, until her retirement on June 1, 2015. She was also active in coaching girls' basketball, volleyball and softball during her teaching career. Jayne was a member of Esther Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for almost 20 years. She also served on the Church Council and was a member of the WELCA. Jayne volunteered in the Parkers Prairie schools and was a 4-H Adult Leader for Douglas County. She enjoyed gardening, walking, hunting, fishing, looking for shed antlers and evening drives. Jayne loved to visit with friends and family and often traveled to visit them. She especially loved to play with her grandchildren and be called "granny."

She was preceded in death by her father; and father-in-law, Roslyn Arvidson.

Jayne is survived by her husband of 36 years, Eugene; three sons, Corey (Heidi) Arvidson of Lake Preston, South Dakota, Tyler (Lisa) Arvidson of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming and Brady (Jessica) Arvidson of Parkers Prairie; daughter, Kaylyn (David) Leibrand of Tampa, Florida; mother, Betty Tasler of Windom; mother-in-law, Audrey Arvidson of Parkers Prairie; two brothers, Daryl (Elaine) Tasler of Windom and Wayne (Lynda) Tasler of Lithia, Florida; four sisters, Gayle (Tom) McFarland of Rochester, Fayth (Chuck) Jensen of Lakeville, Jolynn (Kent) Janssen of Sherburn, and Stacey (Jeff) Crosson of Springfield, Virginia; three grandchildren, Easton, Wyatt and Amelia Arvidson all of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Corey Arvidson, Tyler Arvidson, Brady Arvidson and David Leibrand.

Blessed be her memory!

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Prayer Shawl Ministry 1 pm	2	3
4 Sunday School 9 am Youth Led Worship 10 am	5	6	7 Congregational Get to Know You Night 6 pm Potluck	8 WELCA 1:30 pm at Elnora Beireis home	9	10
11 2 nd Sunday School 9am Worship w/Holy Communion 10 am 11 am Bible Study	12	13 7 pm Council 15 th Annual Domestic Abuse Walk 5 pm	14 No Confirmation 15 th Annual Domestic Abuse Luncheon Alexandria	15	16	17
18 Sunday School 9am Birthday Fellowship 9:30 Noisy Offering! Worship w/Holy Communion 10 am	19 Church Cleaning Week!	20 Come when you can! Cleaning list in narthex	21 Confirmation 6 pm Supper Townsend family 6:30 Class 7:45 p.m. Rehearsal	22 Come when you can! Cleaning list in narthex	23 Come when you can! Cleaning list in narthex	24 Church Cleaning 9 am Harvest Pack In Miltona
25 CONFIRMATION Sunday School 9am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10am	26	27	28 Confirmation 6pm Supper Velde 6:30 pm Class	29	30	31