



**JULY & AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER
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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

On Saturday June 22nd, Northland Church put on the Pork Extravaganza. The event overall was a great fundraiser for the church. I would like to personally thank every one of our members who helped prepare, serve, clean-up or donated raffle basket items. We could not have held this event without all this incredible teamwork.

With any first-time event there is always a learning curve, but we all worked together to pull off the event. We served 105 people and raffled off 42 gift baskets. I will post the money raised in the next newsletter after expenses have been paid. The money that was raised is greatly needed at the church. There is a letter from the Bill Hahn, Northland Church President, below, explaining our financial situation.

As we are almost midway through Summer I would like to remind you that there will be no newsletter for the month of August. Worship times are at 9:00 AM, until the second Sunday of September when Sunday school will start at 9:00 AM and Worship will start at 10:00 AM. We also have a website that you can access the current newsletter. If you have your newsletter mailed, you can always contact me to receive it via email and help save postage. If you change your primary phone number or if you have moved, please keep the church office informed of your new contact information.

The next Newsletter you will receive will have exciting information about the start of Sunday School. I hope that you all have a wonderful safe summer. As always if you have a concern about the Church or questions please feel free to contact me at the church office and leave a message or via email. Thanks. Laura J. Krogwold

**OUR 2019 FINANCES: YOUR PRAYERFUL
CONSIDERATION REQUESTED**

Dear friends in Christ,

The health of Christ’s church is not measured by “nickels and noses.” Rather our church is a reflection of the workings of the Holy Spirit. As Pastor Dan said in his June 9th sermon about Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gives us faith. This occurs

because of the master plan that He has for each of us. We are each a conduit of the Holy Spirit, who has bestowed upon each of us various gifts to be used in accordance with His will regarding the master plan.

Each of us has the free will to choose how closely we listen to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and how much effort we place into His work. Our church has been greatly blessed over the years with many wonderful members and supporters who give very much of themselves, especially of their time, talents, and treasure.

The latter is always a concern as treasure is what keeps the physical church building maintained, the doors open, the lights on, and the ability to keep valuable staff who help the church not only operate smoothly, but also guide the flock in growing the spiritual maturity of the congregation.

Historically, Northland Lutheran Church sees slower times of the year in terms of financial donations, usually around summer. Then these build back up during the fall and crescendos just after Christmas services.

For 2019, our church approved an annual budget of just over \$90,000. Expenses and cost of living typically do not decrease, so our budget has been slightly increasing over time. Due in part to having the sanctuary floor refinished (\$2,200 in March) and the recent fill-up of the LP tanks (\$1,386 in May), we have been running deficits each month in 2019, except for April (Easter service helped a great deal—thank you!).

Here is the breakdown of the finances:

Jan.:	-\$2,655.31
Feb.:	-\$304.15
Mar.:	-\$1,750.74
Apr.:	+\$3,472.31
May:	-\$2,068.76

Because of the healthy savings we have, these costs are covered and all of our bills are up-to-date. However, as we all know, savings is there for a rainy day and should not be relied upon to balance a budget. And this is why we come to you with this level of detail.



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The church council asks that you prayerfully consider this and requests any ideas you may have. During a brief fundraising brainstorming session at the June council meeting, suggestions ranged from hosting weekly fish boils for a month in the fall to hosting Saturday evening church services complete with a meal and a movie.

Northland Lutheran Church has demonstrated time and time again that our church has been blessed with a servant niche for supplying meals and fellowship. We can certainly explore more of these options as we are only limited by our energy and resources.

However, in closely reviewing last year's income report, we see that the majority of the income of just over \$75,000 came in from your very generous donations. Nearly \$11,000 of additional income was generated through land and facilities rentals, volunteer work at the Iola Old Car Show, and the Lutefisk Supper (the supper generated nearly \$4,700 in 2018).

As your elected council, we will prayerfully and responsibly do our best to be good stewards of the treasure you donate as the Holy Spirit touches your heart. We ask you to once again prayerfully consider the matter and give as you are convicted.

We are hopeful that the remainder of the year will see an upswing and balance out to meet our jointly agreed-upon budget. If it doesn't, we will very much need to look to areas to cut for our 2020 budget. We will certainly need your prayers at that time for the wisdom and guidance to meet our fiduciary responsibilities, but more urgently, your immediate prayers are very much needed to help us get back into "the black."

We ask for your prayers and request that you give accordingly.

Thank you so much for your previous support and for your prayerful consideration.

Bill Hahn
Council President

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DAN

I've been reading Charles Spurgeon's classic devotional "Morning & Evening" the last 4 months. It has a Scripture and devotion for morning and

night and I have found it helpful. Spurgeon believed that it is not always beneficial to read large chunks of the Bible in a short amount of time; this leads to rushing through the reading in order to get it over with quickly so we can do what we need to do. Spurgeon recommends that we take small sections of Scripture and take our time with it; meditate on it. In this relaxed state, the meaning of the passage, and its connection to our circumstances can be revealed to us. This doesn't happen all the time, and I have to say there are long stretches where the Holy Spirit seems to be far off. But if we give up on God's Word, we will not be able to receive it when we need it. The point is to stick with it over time. We may miss some days due to our responsibilities and whatever else we need to deal with. The point is that we accept the truth that this practice is necessary to the health of our Spiritual life. It is a day by day, one step at a time process that God uses to shape us over the course of our lives. Amen.

In Christ, Pastor Dan

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Northland Church members would like to welcome Ross, Courtney, Natalie and Ethan Wyman as new members to our congregation. We are looking forward to having you as members of our church family.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU

Thank-you to all of you who worked so hard to make our church yard clean-up day a great success. We worked at cleaning up brush, washing windows and washing the church. It was so great to have a large group of people all helping make the church sparkle. Thanks also goes to those who helped serve lunch. It was a great day and good fellowship. Your help was greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU

Everything done for our church comes from the help you give. There needs to be a special thank you given to all the people who make our Sunday Worship Happen. To the Ushers, Projector Operators, Parish Secretary, Pastor, Custodian, Office Helper, those who help with Communion and



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Our Members. These are some of the people who work so well together in our little church to make every Sunday a wonderful Worship experience. Praise be to God for wonderful helpers and stewards of our church.

**PORK EXTRAVAGANZA
FOLLOW-UP MEETING**

On Sunday, July 7th, following Worship, we will have a post Pork Extravaganza meeting. We are going to review the event and any areas we could improve on. Plus, we will be talking about future events. Your attendance and ideas would be helpful. Thank you!

CAR SHOW! CAR SHOW! CAR SHOW!

If your interested in working at the car show for our Youth group, please contact Dawn Lashua at 920-572-2210. We need help Friday & Saturday to be filled Shifts are 9:00 AM-1:30 PM & 1:30-6:00 PM. Thanks for your support. Dawn Lashua.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

A special statement to the groups of our church: If you are not bringing your news articles or announcements to the office for publication in the newsletter, the people of our congregation will not know what is going on within our church or your group. Please help us save postage by having your newsletter e-mailed to you. Just e-mail the church at northlandchurch@hotmail.com Thank you.

PLEASE UNPLUG!!

If you use any piece of equipment in the church office, please unplug it after you are done. With the lightening storm season upon us we do not want to take the risk of any of the equipment being shorted out by a lightning strike. Thank you. Laura J. Krogwold

CHECK OUT THE FAMILY CENTER

In the Narthex, you will see Christian based movies available for kids, family, and adults to check out and take home for a week. If anyone has a Christian based DVD that they would like to add to the Family Center, simply put your name on the

back cover if you would like to maintain ownership. So when you come to church, check it out.

MEMORIAL CROSS

Northland has a Memorial Cross in the Narthex. The Memorial Cross has plaques with the names of people who have given money in memory of their loved ones. Each plaque is a minimum of \$100 with the money going to the Fundraising Fund of Northland Church. If you are interested in having a plaque put on the cross in memory of your loved one please contact Laura Krogwold at: 715-412-0799.

JUST A REMINDER

There are always offering envelopes, extra monthly calendars, church directories, song request forms, and various pamphlets and church information on the table in the narthex under the bulletin board.

IN SYMPATHY

Please be with the family and friends of Pam Mehn as they cope with her passing. This just reminds us that life is short. God bless her loved ones.

The Northland family has also lost one of its long-time members, Elaine Elchuck. She has joined her husband and children in heaven. May God grace her with love.

FEED THE FISH

Your spare change can make a difference. When you come to Worship on Sunday empty your spare change in the glass fish in the Narthex. This money will go toward the general fund. You will be surprised how much your spare change can make a difference!!

LADIES PICNIC

The Ladies group will be meeting for their July picnic at the Thirsty Perch in Iola. This will be on Wednesday July, 24th at 6:00 PM. If you will be attending please contact Pat Olson at 715-445-3595.



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TUESDAY QUILTERS

Do you like to sew? Like to socialize? Then here is the perfect gathering for you. On the third Tuesday of each month the Tuesday Quilters meet for a day of sewing in the church basement starting at 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Bring your project, machine and lunch. For more information contact Dianne Erickson at 715-677-4683.

JULY CHURCH INFORMATION

- **Usher:** N/A
- **Altar:** Dianne Erickson
- **Council Meeting.** The July council meeting will be on Sunday, July 14th following Worship. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Bill Hahn at 920-840-5275

Serving coffee hour for July

- **July 7th** Terri Fischer
- **July 14th** Deb Thompson
- **July 21st** Fran Moen
- **July 28th** Diane Anderson

Projector operators for July

- **July 7th** Greg K.
- **July 14th** Carl T.
- **July 21st** Craig A.
- **July 28th** Dale T.

AUGUST CHURCH INFORMATION

- **Usher:** Betty Gunderson & Pam Dahle
- **Altar:** Betty Gunderson
- **Newsletter Deadline:** September 2019 Newsletter Deadline will be August 15th.
- **Council Meeting.** The August council meeting will be on Sunday, August 11th following Worship. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Bill Hahn at 920-840-5275

Serving coffee hour for August

- **August 4th** Betty Gunderson & Pam Dahle
- **August 11th** Betty Gunderson & Pam Dahle
- **August 18th** Betty Gunderson & Pam Dahle
- **August 25th** Betty Gunderson & Pam Dahle

Projector operators for August

- **August 4th** Kevin D.
- **August 11th** Bruce M.
- **August 18th** Greg K.

- **August 25th** Carl T.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Silvija Miller
- 3rd Mikala Hauser, Jeffery Kramer
- 4th Adam Wogsland
- 5th Mary Ann Rice, Taigan Anderson, John Overdahl
- 7th Barbara Lashua
- 10th Fran Moen, James Wrolstad
- 12th Ralph Peterson
- 13th Braden Louison
- 14th Holly Lashua, Brianna Finch, Melissa Timdal
- 15th Neil Oligney
- 16th Knox Wogsland, Jan Hoks, Reese Anderson
- 17th Brock Moen
- 21st Diana Anderson
- 22nd Steve Allred, Morgan Reynolds
- 23rd Stacy Louis, Nancy Schlicher
- 24th Le Roy Gilbertson, Sadie Voie
- 25th Denise Bergen
- 26th Bruce Mitchell
- 27th Larry Louison
- 28th Bradley Lehman
- 30th Betty Gunderson

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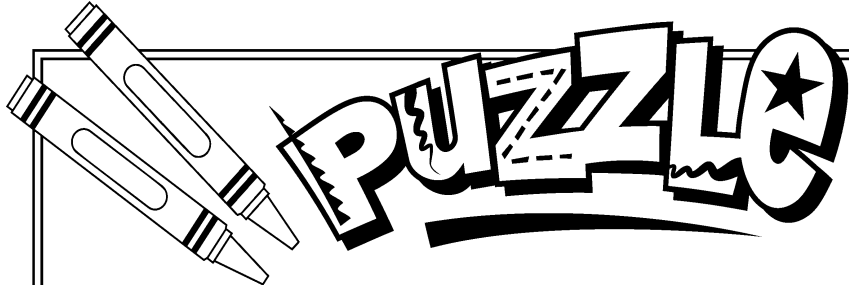
- 1st Bryan Louison, Nicholas Louison
- 2nd Roger Erickson
- 3rd Jake Stencil
- 6th Hannah Melum, Lily Pagel
- 7th Judy Uttecht
- 8th Gordon Wrolstad
- 9th Jeff Rice
- 10th Carter Melum
- 11th Brett Allred
- 16th Robert Gerhardt
- 17th Sally Van Epern
- 18th Kevin Dahle, Jerelyn Amundson
- 21st Jade Wogsland
- 23rd Theodore Moen, Charles Vatter, Janet Tofte
- 24th William Lashua
- 25th Josephine Lashua
- 27th Shirley Hanson, Casey Wiza
- 28th Sherman Wogsland
- 29th Amy Rustad, Ella Tschurwald, Maustin Haman



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GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

- Brush these daily □
- Do this to your shoes _ □ _
- This rises in the east □ _ _
- Cold breakfast food □ _ _ _ _
- Hot breakfast food ○ _ _ □ _ _ _
- Talk to God □ _ _ _
- Morning meal _ _ _ □ _ _ _ □ _
- Extend your limbs □ _ _ _ _ _
- Fruit drink _ _ _ □ _
- Waffle machine _ _ □ □
- Eat these scrambled or fried _ _ _ □



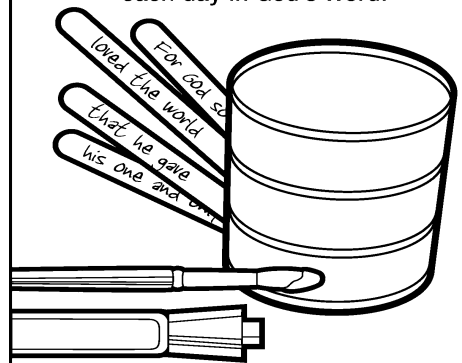
Because of the LORD's great love... □ □ □
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ never fail. They are
new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.