

# DECEMBER 2019 PARISH MESSENGER NORTHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DAN

Nothing at time of printing.

# FROM THE EDITOR

Where has this year gone? It is hard to believe that December is here. Beside the cold and snow there is something else that happens during this time of year. From the church office standpoint, it is a very busy time of year, but let me tell you it is always worth the extra work to celebrate a birthday.

I always like celebrating my birthday, not the getting older part, but the present part of the birthday. It's not my birthday we are celebrating but, Jesus's. We emphasize in our house that Jesus is the reason for the celebration of Christmas. Mason, our little boy, who is now 8, knows why we celebrate Christmas. However, he is in the minority.

In our home, we don't put much emphasis on the perfect present, but the giving. Mason sees how happy people are when they get a gift. Something that is even better, is that for the past few years, he sings "Happy Birthday" to Jesus in our Nativity on Christmas.

I cannot deny that it makes me proud to know Mason has a good Christian background. This would not be possible without help from our wonderful Sunday School teachers here at Northland. They have a gift to relate the bible stories to the kids so they understand them and to have fun while learning.

Northland is a special church because of the wonderful group of people that help around the church I take time and wander to different churches to find new Worship ideas and new music for Worship. As a visitor to these church's, you always feel like you stick out like a sore thumb. It is so wonderful to see the visitors to our church being welcomed by our members. There is such a homelike atmosphere at Northland.

Granted right now Northland, like many other church's, are living in a society that would rather not attend church. I cannot tell people enough what they are missing here at Northland. Our rich history is oozing out of every hand carved piece on the altar. Just because we have history does not mean we are not thinking about modern times. We play a wider variety of music, thanks to the sound system on technological updates. Being a lifelong member of Northland I cannot tell you how unique our church is compared to what else is out there. I am so proud of every amazing person who helps make our church fantastic.

I invite you and your family to come check out or become acquainted again with our wonderful church. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the church office phone 715-445-2956, via email at **northlandchurch@hotmail.com** or check out our website at northlandchurchiola.com.

God bless you and your family, during this magical time of year.

Northland Church Secretary, Laura J. Krogwold

## **CATECHISM CLASSES**

Contact Pastor Dan for December schedule, there was nothing submitted at time of printing.

# COUNCIL MEETING

The December council meeting is set for Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> following Worship. If you are unable to attend or have any concerns for this meeting please contact Bill Hahn at 920-840-5275.

## TUESDAY QUILTERS

Like to sew? Like to Socialize? Then the Tuesday Quilters might be right for you. This is a group of ladies from the area that enjoy the art of quilting. They meet in the Church basement from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions please contact Dianne Erickson at 715-677-4683.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School children want to extend a invitation to all the church members and their families, to come and attend their Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, during Worship. After the program the Parents of the Sunday School children will have a variety of treats downstairs for all to share in wonderful fellowship.



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### **SIGN-UP SHEETS**

In the Narthex there are the sign-up sheets for the 2020 Ushers, Altar Guild, Offering Counters and Summer Coffee Hour. If you are interested, please sign up.

#### **DECEMBER 2019 AT A GLANCE**

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Pam Dahle DECEMBER USHER: Dale & Carl Thompson DECEMBER OFFERING COUNTERS: Greg & Laura Krogwold AA MEETING: Every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the church basement. JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. **PROJECTOR OPERATORS:** December 1<sup>st</sup> Dale T. December 8<sup>th</sup> Craig A. December 15<sup>th</sup> Krogwold December 22<sup>nd</sup> Dale T. December 24<sup>th</sup> Krogwold. December 25th Krogwold December 29th Kevin D. AFTER WORSHIP SERVERS: December 1<sup>st</sup> Stencel Family December 8th Thompson Family December 15<sup>th</sup> All Families bring. December 22<sup>nd</sup> No Sunday School December 29th No Sunday School

#### **BAD WEATHER**

Besides cold temperatures, winter also brings bad weather. If there is bad weather on Sunday mornings, during the winter months, listen to WDUX 92.7 FM or AM 800 for church cancellations.

#### WEBSITE

Check it out!! Our Church website is the place to go and check out the information about our church and the activities happening. Go to northlandchurchiola.com

#### JUST A REMINDER

There are always offering envelopes, sign up sheets, and various church information on the table in the narthex under the bulletin board.

#### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep the family of Agnes Thompson in your prayers as they mourn her passing.

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1<sup>st</sup> Jack Kraemer, Natalie Oligney 4<sup>th</sup> Lynel Lehman 9<sup>th</sup> Tina Moen 10<sup>th</sup> Joyce Whitaker 14<sup>th</sup> Teresa Fischer 19<sup>th</sup> Eli Shaw 23<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth Holz, 28<sup>th</sup> Gregory Krogwold 30<sup>th</sup> Carol Lashua If you have not seen your birthday listed in the newsletter please call the church office and leave a message.

#### **MOVED? NUMBER CHANGE?**

If you change your primary phone number or you have moved, please contact the church office at 715-445-2956 and give us your new contact information. Thank you, Laura

#### KIDS ACTIVITY BAGS

There are bags in the Narthex for the children with toys and coloring items in them. Feel free to take the pictures home that the kids have colored.

#### **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

#### **IMPROVEMENT FUND**

The Northland Church Council has started a "Building Improvement Fund". We started this fund for much needed repairs and maintenance around our beautiful old church. If you care to contribute, please make your check out to "Northland Church" and put "Building Improvement Fund" on memo line. We thank you.