



**FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER
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PARISH MESSENGER**

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SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

For most of you it is not normal to receive the Parish Newsletter via snail mail. Enclosed you will find the 2020 Northland Lutheran Church Organizational Directory. This is a guide to who are the contact people for the different Organizations at Northland Church. Next month we will be back to our normal routine.

Thanks, Laura J. Krogwold, Church Secretary

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DAN

Martin Luther On Depression: "Given his pastoral heart, he sought to bring spiritual counsel to struggling souls"

"Luther himself endured many instances of depression. He described the experience in varied terms: Melancholy, heaviness, depression, dejection of spirit; downcast, sad, downhearted. He suffered in this area for much of his life and often revealed these struggles in his works. Evidently he did not think it a shameful problem to be hidden." Allan Adams

The hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, gloriously celebrates God's power. It was written by the great 16th century reformer Martin Luther, who believed God's power could help believers overcome great difficulties---even depression. Given his pastoral heart, he sought to bring spiritual counsel to struggling souls. His compassion for those souls shines in numerous places, including sermons, lectures, Bible commentaries and table talks. In addition, he devoted many letters to counseling troubled people.

Luther's writings reveal his knowledge of emotional problems. In August 1536 he interceded for a woman named Mrs. Kreuzbinder, whom he deemed insane. He described her as being accustomed to rage and angrily chasing her neighbor with a spear. In addition, Luther's wife, Kate, struggled with pervasive and persistent worry and anxiety. Prince Joachim of Anhalt, to whom Luther often wrote, showed signs of obsessive-compulsive disorder, and he believed he betrayed and crucified Christ. Conrad Cordatus, a pastor and frequent guest at Luther's table, showed signs of hypochondria, a disorder involving obsessive anxiety of having a serious illness.

Besides observing mental problems in others, Luther had a compelling reason to affirm their reality. Luther himself endured deep, dark, depressions often. He described the darkness as melancholy, heaviness, depression, dejection of spirit; downcast, sad downhearted. He suffered in this area for much of his life and often revealed these struggles in his works. Luther saw this issue in terms of spiritual warfare; fight against the dark spiritual powers and you will be targeted. To Luther this was not a shameful problem to be hidden.

Spiritual Factors

In the spiritual realm Luther recognized Satan's role. Being the "accuser of the brethren", Satan causes Christians to dwell on past sins. Such thoughts induce melancholy and despair. Concerning Matthias Weller's depressive thoughts, Luther wrote, "Know that the devil is tormenting you with them, and that they are not your thoughts bet the cursed devil's, who cannot bear to see us have joyful thoughts."

Luther recognized a spiritual truth about depression. One can expect Satan's persistence until faith is destroyed, but in the midst of depression God is with us. He never leaves us alone. In the midst of trouble, He draws near to us. At times, the invisible God draws near through visible people, and they become the bearers of God's comforting and strengthening words to troubled souls. What's more, God seeks to assure us of His love. And through His Word, He negates Satan's lies with God's Truth.
[More on this topic next month]

In Christ, Pastor Dan

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Coming Soon: A Bible Study on the Lord's Prayer. If you are interested please contact Pam Dahle at 715-412-0136 or 715-445-7866



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2020 LENTEN SERVICES 7:00 PM

February 26th Ash Wednesday (Communion)
March 4th Lenten Studies in Basement
March 11th Lenten Studies in Basement
March 18th Lenten Studies in Basement
March 25th Lenten Studies in Basement
April 1st Lenten Studies in Basement
April 9th Maundy Thursday (Communion)
April 10th Good Friday (Communion)

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 715-412-0799.

THANK YOU

Their needs to be a huge thank you given to all the people who make a Sunday Worship Happen. To the Ushers, Projector Operators, Money Counters, Parish Secretary, Officer Helper, Pastor, Custodian, those who help with Communion and 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.

THANK YOU FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

The Northland Council would like to take the time and thank Roger Olson for his service over the past year on Council. Thank you for your dedication.

COUNCIL MEMBER INSTALLATION

The Northland Church Council will be installed during the Worship service on February 2nd.

COUNCIL MEETING

The February council meeting will be on Sunday, February 9th following Worship. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Bill Hahn at 920-840-5275.

CATECHISM SCHEDULE

Catechism instruction for February will be from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM on February 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. Just a reminder, Lent begins March 26th and all catechism students are required to attend class from 6 to 6:45 PM and then Lenten services at 7:00 PM.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the March 2020 Newsletter will be February 13th. Help us save postage by having your newsletter emailed to you. Contact the office at northlandchurch@hotmail.com Thank you.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

One Sunday morning a wife tugged at her sleeping husband, saying, "Wake up. It's time to get ready for church"

"Not going!" said hubby and turned over.

The wife went about her chores for a few moments, then returned and repeated her plea

"Now look, " he said, "nobody at that church likes me and I don't like them, either, so give me two reasons why I should get up and go to that church."

"Oh, come on, you can get to like them and they'll like you," she said. "Now, let's get going."

"Yeah! Well, what's the second reason" he demanded.

"You're the pastor of the church," she said.

AA MEETING

Every Thursday at 7:00 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the church basement. If you need help or know someone who needs help please stop in, this group of people is there to help because they care.

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, February 25th. If you have questions please contact Dianne Erickson at 715-677-4683.



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IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep the family and friends of Robert and Judy Uttech in your prayers as they mourn their passing.

FEBRUARY 2020 AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY ALTAR: Laura Krogwold

FEBRUARY USHER: Confirmation Students

FEBRUARY OFFERING COUNTERS: N/A

PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR FEBRUARY

February 2nd Carl T.

February 9th Kevin D.

February 16th Craig A.

February 23rd Bruce M.

SERVING AFTER WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

February 2nd Krogwold Family

February 9th Hahn Family

February 16th Lashua Family

February 23rd Stencil Family

UPCOMING...

MARCH 2019 CHURCH INFORMATION

MARCH ALTAR:

MARCH USHER: Dean & Carson Lashua

MARCH OFFERING COUNTERS: N/A

PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR MARCH

March 1st Krogwold

March 8th Carl T.

March 15th Kevin D.

March 22nd Craig A.

March 26th Krogwold (Ash Wednesday)

March 29st Bruce M.

SERVING AFTER WORSHIP IN MARCH

March 1st Timdal Family

March 8th Heschke Family

March 15th Pagel Family

March 22nd Thompson Family

March 29th Weber/Olson Family

LOVE-LY SUPERLATIVES

To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances,
to seek him the greatest adventure, to find him the
greatest human achievement.

—St. Augustine

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Katie Moen, Donald Carlson

3rd Kristi Dippel

9th Kali Finch, Mark Finch, Carl Thompson

11th Tracey Allred, Marian Carlson

13th Brody Fisher, John Lashua, Jack Lashua, Mark Moen

15th Kristin Allred, Ryan Finch

16th Robert Evans

17th Gerald Witkowski

18th Donald Dippel, Peter Timdal

19th Marcus Braga

21st Patricia Melum

22nd Morgan Hahn

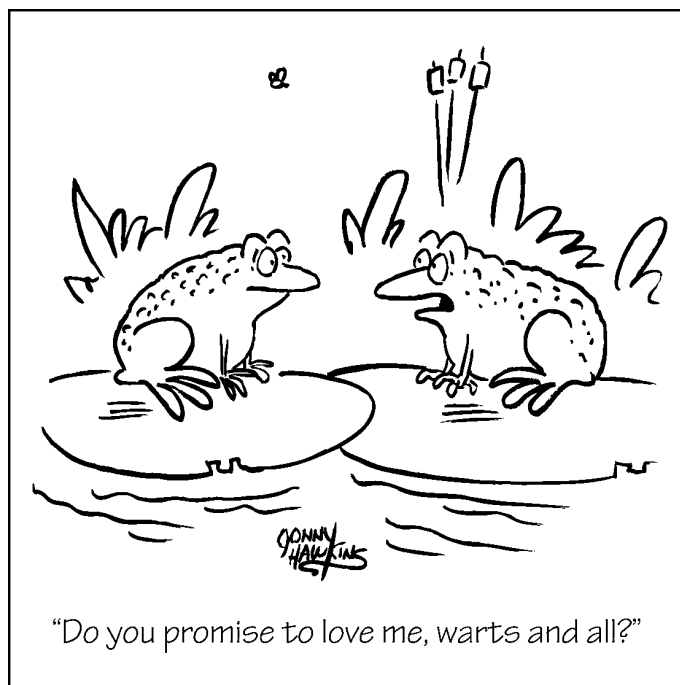
24th Randall Peterson

25th Chase Timdal

27th Stuart Wogsland

If you have not seen your birthday listed in the newsletter please call or email the church office at (715) 445-2956 or email at

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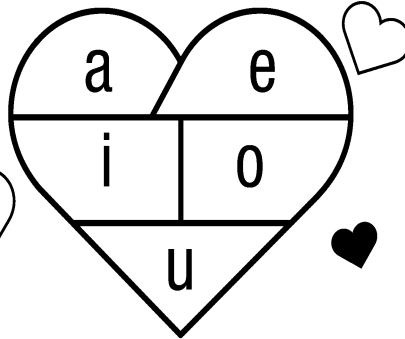


A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.



*Directions: Use the heart key
to fill in the missing vowels
from John 15:14, 17, NIV.*



"Y _ _ r my fr _ _ nds _ f

y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...

Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:

L _ v _ _ ch _ th _ r."

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Friendship squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game
to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other." John 15:14, 17, NIV