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HAPPY NEW YEAR NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Another year has passed and we are facing a new year. This year I would like to see the different groups in our church bring more information to the newsletter so we can share the great works your groups do with the congregation. Each month we publish this newsletter to keep our congregation informed on events of our church. A monthly summary from each group containing schedules and future events would be great! Tell us what your group is doing. We need to bring some more Church wide news to our newsletter and I cannot do this unless I hear from your groups. There is so much that goes on in our church but it seems to not make it to the newsletter. I do the best with the information I am given. Hopefully with better planning, your groups future events can be published in the newsletter and not just the bulletin. Looking forward to getting a monthly summary before newsletter deadline!! Thank you. Laura Krogwold

**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR SERVING,
USHERING, MONEY COUNTING
AND ALTAR ARE LOCATED IN
THE NARTHEX. PLEASE SIGN-UP
TO HELP!!**

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DAN

The following is taken from the *Luther's Small Catechism*.

The 1st article of the creed
*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth.*

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT

No one is self-sufficient. Each one of us receives life and support as a gift from outside of ourselves. Is the gratitude of Christians different from that of those who do not know God as our gracious Father?

Consider the generosity of God not only in miraculous events such as this, but also in His daily blessings.

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. [14] When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

[15] As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

[16] Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

[17] "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

[18] "Bring them here to me," he said. [19] And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. [20] They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. [21] The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Why does the catechism use the word "all" nine times in the explanation of the 1st Article?



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This emphasizes the completeness of God's creative work. It is another way of saying that God create the "heavens and the earth."

John 3:27

To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven.

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

1 Cor. 4:7

For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

What is the significance of confessing that God did all of this out of "fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me"?

God did not have to create the world. He created it freely, out of love.

Psalms 136:4-9

to him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever. [5] who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever. [6] who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever. [7] who made the great lights His love endures forever. [8] the sun to govern the day, His love endures forever. [9] the moon and stars to govern the night; His love endures forever.

God created each one of us and mercifully sustains us in spite of our sinfulness.

Acts 14:16-17

In the past, he let all nations go their own way. [17] Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

Life in this world remains a good gift even when we feel that life is more of a curse than a gift, more of a burden than a delight, more tearful than joyful.

Philip. 4:11-13

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. [12] I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living

in plenty or in want. [13] I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Creation and redemption are closely bound together. It is by God's goodness and mercy that we were created, and it is by God's goodness and mercy that we are made new again in Christ.

Isaiah 43:1

But now, this is what the Lord says he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

Why do we say that it is our duty to "thank and praise, serve and obey"?

It is right and proper for creatures to respond to the gifts of their Creator in word ["thank and praise"] and deed ["serve and obey"].

Joshua 24:15

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

How do I thank and praise God?

I thank God by expressing me gratitude for that He has done for me.

1 Tim. 4:4-5

For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, [5] because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

1 Thes. 5:16-18

Be joyful always; [17] pray continually; [18] give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I praise God by proclaiming and praising His works.

Psalms 40:5

Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

I thank and praise God as I worship with fellow believers and within my daily routines.

Philip. 4:6



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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

We are to care for others, both in their physical needs and in their need to know the love of God and all that He has done for them in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

1 Peter 4:10-11

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. [11] If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

How should we think of our calling as human creatures within the rest of God's creation?

God cares about His creation and called us to care for it.

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

What does it mean to be a caretaker?

We are God's servants who are to do His will, looking after His creation as He entrusts it to us.

Luke 12:48

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

What are some of our responsibilities as caretakers?

We care for our bodies.

1 Cor. 6:19-20

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; [20] you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

We care for our possessions and finances.

Ephes. 4:28

He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

We are to care for the church, church workers, and church property.

Malachi 3:8

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'

"In tithes and offerings.

John 12:3-8

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

[4] But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, [5] "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." [6] He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

[7] "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. [8] You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

Philip. 4:14-20

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. [15] Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; [16] for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. [17] Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. [18] I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. [19] And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

[20] To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

We are to care for the rest of God's creation: the earth, its bounty, and all life.

Genesis 2:15



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The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Proverbs 12:10

A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal.

Genesis 6:19-22

You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. [20] Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. [21] You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

[22] Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, out of Your fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, You have created me and endowed me with all that I have in this body and life, and You continue to defend me from all evil. Receive now my thanks and praise for all of your gifts and shape my life to serve and obey You in the callings which You have given me; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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.

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

It's the second most wonderful time of year, our church's Annual Meeting! This year the wonderful event will happen on January 20th after Worship. What does this mean for you?

- If you handle the finances for your group in our church, your financial statements are due by Saturday, January 12th.
- The nominating committee might be calling asking if you would like to be on council.

COUNCIL MEETING

There is no council meeting in the month of January because of the Annual Meeting. The next council meeting will be February 11th. If you are unable to attend the meeting or have any concerns please contact Dean Lashua at 920-572-4569

NORTHLAND CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2018

Members Present Sandy Witkowski, Debbie Thompson, Carrie Powell, Bruce Mitchell, Kevin Dahle, Dean Lashua, Dianne Erickson

President Dean L. called meeting to order.

Debbie T. opened with Prayer.

Old Business

Secretaries report was read, a motion to accept report made by Kevin D. 2nd by Bruce M. Carried

Treasures report was read checkbook balance \$2,251.95, savings \$26,945.16 Motion made by Debbie T. to accept report 2nd by Kevin D. carried. Carrie reported she has not been able to pay all Benevolence do to lack of funds. A motion was made Kevin D. to authorize Carrie to take \$5,000.00 out of savings to pay Benevolence. 2nd by Sandy W. motion carried. Sandy W. will put a plea in the bulletin for funds before the New Year.

No report on Sunday School Projector.

Church lighted sign repair will continue to be looked into.

New Business

Lee Halverson has asked to use the Church on January 12, 2019 for the Vita Cristo meeting.

New member approval for Doug E. Thompson. Motion was made to accept by Sandy W. 2nd Debbie T. carried.

Discussion on forming a maintenance committee, more discussion at Annual meeting.

Discussion on a February 2019 Marriage blessing service and potluck more information to follow.

Motion made to adjourn by Kevin D. 2nd by Sandy W.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

These minutes have not been approved.
Secretary, Dianne Erickson.

END OF THE YEAR DONATIONS

Forgot your offering or want to give more to church? You still have time. For your donations to be counted on the 2018 tax year they need to be in the church mail box, N9880 State Hwy 49, Iola, WI 54945, by Saturday, December 29th. Thank you



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BUDGET SHORTFALL

Time Period: 1-1-18 through 12-11-18.

We are facing a budget shortfall for the above time period of \$7,070.28. We prayerfully request that the congregation takes this matter under consideration. A detailed treasurers report is available on the information table in the narthex.

Sincerely – Northland Church Council

COUNCIL MEMBER INSTALLATION

The Northland Church Council will be installed during the Worship service on February 3rd.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Northland Church Council has started a “Building Improvement Fund”. We need to start raising funds for much needed improvements and maintenance of our church building. Please make your checks out to “Northland Lutheran Church” and on the memo line put: “*Building Improvement Fund*”. Just a few of the projects for next year include concrete work on our front and rear entrances of the church and shed. A new metal shed roof, a new wider shed door and the refinishing of our hardwood floors in the sanctuary. If you have questions contact one of our council members. Please make your checks out to “Northland Lutheran Church” and on the memo line put: “Building Improvement Fund” Thank you!

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, January 15th. If you have questions please contact Dianne Erickson at 715-677-4683.

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 Building Improvement 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 715-445-2956.

PRAYER REQUEST

The prayer group will no longer be meeting at church on Thursdays. If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Mary Fiane at 715-281-5310.

CATECHISM CLASS

We will be having Catechism Class on the following Dates January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. If you have questions please call Pastor Dan at 715-321-2198.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVING!!!!

After 27 years as the Northland Women’s Group Treasurer, Gerry Larson is finally able to retire from the position. We would like to thank her for her many years of serving her church as the Women’s Group Treasurer.

At this time, we would like to welcome Diana Anderson as the new Treasurer for the Northland Church Women. May God bless you in your new position!!!

AGAPE CENTER

Support and donations are needed for the Agape Pregnancy Center in Waupaca. They run solely on donations and volunteers, which allows them to bring God’s glory and teachings into the lives of pregnant women. There is a bassinet in the Narthex for donations. The Agape Center is looking for baby care items such as blankets, diapers, formula, pacifiers, clothes, diaper wipes, etc. For questions regarding donations for the Agape Center, contact Jan Hoks at 715-701-0626.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Susan Voie
- 3rd John Peterson
- 4th Dausen Anderson
- 5th Dorothy Kernen
- 10th Patricia Olson
- 12th Debra Bergen, Daniel Zeinert
- 13th Cole Smith, Anna Wogsland
- 16th Jordan Lashua
- 18th Debra Thompson
- 19th Lee Halverson
- 20th Janice Lee
- 21st Dennis Miller



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS (Cont.)

22nd Jackson Hahn
25th Keaven Olson
27th Briggs Wogsland
31st Richard Peterson

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

JANUARY 2019 AT A GLANCE

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Sally Van Epern

JANUARY USHER: Roy & Sally Van Epern

JANUARY OFFERING COUNTERS: None

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING: None, due to our annual meeting.

AA MEETING: Every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

TUESDAY QUILTER'S: January 15th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Thursday, January 17th.

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

January 7th Bruce M.

January 14th Kevin D.

January 21st Carl T.

January 28th Craig A.

AFTER WORSHIP SERVERS:

January 7th Pagel Family

January 14th Lashua Family

January 21st Krogwold Family

January 28th McKay Family

UPCOMING...

FEBRUARY 2019 AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY ALTAR: Laura Krogwold

FEBRUARY USHER: Confirmation Students

FEBRUARY OFFERING COUNTERS: Greg & Laura Krogwold

PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR FEBRUARY

February 3rd- Dale T.

February 10th Kevin D.

February 17th Bruce M.

February 24th Greg K.

SERVING AFTER WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

February 3rd- Timdahl Family

February 10th Louison Family

February 17th Kraemer Family

February 24th Stencil Family