



**FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER
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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 2019 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.

Also, for some of you, who have not been at Church to pick up your 2018 Financial Statements, they have been mailed. If you have not received it by the end of the month, please contact the office at 715-445-2956.

Thanks, Laura J. Krogwold, Church Secretary

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DAN

Matthew 10:36-39

Well-meaning family members can be your worst enemies. [37] If you prefer father or mother over me, you don't deserve me. If you prefer son or daughter over me, you don't deserve me.

[38] "If you don't go all the way with me, through thick and thin, you don't deserve me. [39] If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me.

The Presbyterian pastor, Eugene Peterson, writes: "We outlive our past over and over again. There comes a moment when I am no longer a spouse, I am no longer a parent, I am no longer employed, I am no longer healthy. There are periods of my life that are immensely valuable and enjoyable and useful but which by their very nature cannot be perpetuated. Ironically, if we try to perpetuate them in the name of love, we ruin love. Detachment is not disloyalty; it is a requirement for the next movement of love, which is a movement into a more complete love. Such movements almost always being in feelings of loss and deprivation. But detachment is not loss—It is a precondition for new life and hope as we walk into the future."

As someone who lost two important people in my life last year I can relate to these words. Situations and relationships change over time. Circumstances come and go, as live into future situations and relationships.

Our past is very important to who we are in our lives. We are formed by our past. Yet, we were not created to get stuck in the past. When we lose family and friends who have always been there, there is now an empty space in our lives that cannot be replaced in the same way it was before. As we walk through these experiences, either as individuals, families, or a congregation, we must realize that the past cannot be duplicated in the present as it was before. God calls us into the future to walk with Him and He wants us to know that He is present with us as He leads us into a new future.

This is how we grow in our faith and relationship with God.

When Jesus spoke to his disciples concerning the fact that He would not always be with them, and that He would be crucified, His followers did not want to hear it. They wanted things to stay the same; they were comfortable with the way things were.

After Jesus was crucified, the disciples were at a loss. They floundered in the midst of grief and despair. Yet Jesus would not allow them to stay there. Jesus's Resurrection from death, gave them a new reality that empowered them with the presence of the Holy Spirit to walk with Him into the future. And He gave them the power and inspiration to continue what He started. Our God is a God of hope and new life; and He does not want us to get stuck in the past.

God speaks this same message to His people in the days of the Prophet Jeremiah where God says:

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity." Jeremiah 29:11-14

God is calling us into a new future, a new hope, and new life. Amen.

In Christ, Pastor Dan



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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.

2019 LENTEN SERVICES 7:00 PM

March 6th Ash Wednesday (Communion)
March 13st Lenten Worship
March 20th Lenten Worship
March 27th Lenten Worship
April 3rd Lenten Worship
April 10th Lenten Worship
April 18th Maundy Thursday (Communion)
April 19th 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 Dean Lashua from his service as our Church President. It is not an easy job, so we thank you for your dedication.

We would also like to recognize Gerry Larson for her 27 years of service as the Northland Ladies Group Treasurer.

COUNCIL MEMBER INSTALLATION

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

COUNCIL MEETING

The February council meeting will be on Sunday, February 10th 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 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Just a reminder, Lent begins March 6th 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 2019 Newsletter will be February 14th. Help us save postage by having your newsletter emailed to you. Contact the office at northlandcurch@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.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Northland council is looking to start a maintenance committee to help prioritize and manage a variety of projects that need to be done at our church. If you are interested, please contact Bill Hahn at 920-840-5275.



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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 19th. If you have
questions please contact Dianne Erickson at 715-
677-4683.

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- Kraemer Family
February 10th Louison Family
February 17th Timdahl Family
February 24th Stencil Family

UPCOMING...

MARCH 2019 CHURCH INFORMATION

- MARCH ALTAR:
MARCH USHER: Dean & Carson Lashua
MARCH OFFERING COUNTERS: Bruce &
Marilyn Mitchell
PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR MARCH

- March 3rd- Carl T.
March 6th -Krogwold
March 10th Dale T.
March 17th Kevin D.
March 24th Bruce M.
March 31st Carl T.

SERVING AFTER WORSHIP IN MARCH

- March 3rd- Melum Family

- March 10th Thompson Family
March 17th Anderson Family
March 24th Hahn Family
March 31st Weber/Olson Family

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Katie Moen, Donald Carlson
3rd Kristi Dippel
6th Elaine Elchuk
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, Russell Larson
25th Chase Timdal
27th Stuart Wogsland
28th Lisa Nerlien

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
northlandchurch@hotmail.com.

Puzzle section with title 'PUZZLE WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE', instructions, and candy hearts containing words like REFUGE, LOVE, PEACE, CHRIST JESUS, STRENGTH, ALWAYS, PERFECT.



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YOU ARE INVITED

FEBRUARY 10th at 10:00 AM

Northland Church will be hosting a
Marriage Vow Blessing.

This is open to all married couples as an opportunity to have your marriage blessed. It doesn't matter if you have been married for a month or 60 years, God is continually blessing marriage. We will be celebrating that on February 10th. Pastor Dan will be performing a Marriage Vow blessing during Worship.

Following Worship there will be a potluck in the basement.
Come and celebrate.

Please pass the message on to couples that have been married here but may belong to another church.

If you have question call the church office at 715-445-2956

