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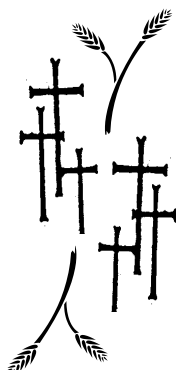
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# PRAIRIE FAITH COMPANION

**FILL IN THE SCRIPTURE:**

FOR GOD SO \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_, THAT HE  
GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN \_\_\_\_\_, THAT  
WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT  
\_\_\_\_\_, BUT HAVE \_\_\_\_\_.

**JOHN 3:16, KJV**

**I LOVE EASTER SUNDAY BECAUSE...** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS:**

BOTM \_\_\_\_\_  
SOCSR \_\_\_\_\_  
USEJS \_\_\_\_\_  
ENSOT \_\_\_\_\_  
ESIRN \_\_\_\_\_

**ISPY...**

HOW MANY EASTER EGGS CAN YOU FIND?

HE IS RISEN!

**HELP THE DISCIPLES FIND THE RISEN MESSIAH!**

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If you are seeking an opportunity to be a part of fulfilling work, the **Prairie Faith Parish Nurse Ministry** is welcoming new board members. We invite interested individuals from the community or any of the PFSM Congregations to attend a meeting or two. If you are interested, please reach out to Parish Nurse, Nancy Bollig or any of the Parish Nurse Ministry Board Members. For further assistance, you can contact the Prairie Faith Church Office at 785-743-2005 to get in touch with a board member.

*The mission of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry is to gather in God's name, share ideas & concerns, and actively shape the future of spiritual growth for our member congregations. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and through ordained and lay leadership, we offer this ministry to serve Christ in our communities.*



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### PFSM Council Members and Phone Numbers

Katie Dreiling, St. John,.....  
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Richard Jensen, Bethlehem, Treasurer.....  
Margaret Schmitt, Bethlehem.....  
Kathleen Fabrizio, Emanuel, Secretary.....



***How the time has flown by!***  
PFSM Council is looking for volunteers from each of the Prairie Faith congregations to help with the planning of Pastor Jon's retirement celebration on Sunday, June 15.

If interested, please contact your PFSM Council representative. Thanks!



Easter Lilies will once again grace our Sanctuary at Bethlehem Lutheran Church during the Easter Season, beginning with the 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service. Anyone wishing to share an Easter Lily, please have them to the BLC church library by noon on Good Friday, April 18. If you wish to dedicate a Lily in memory or honor of a loved one, forms are available in the back of the bulletin, on the tables in the Sanctuary, Church Office and on the Prairie Faith Shared Ministry website. Thank you for contributing to the beauty of Bethlehem's Sanctuary with your Lilies! Thanks!



#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, 338 N. 7TH ST., WAKEENY

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem Library

#### ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, 394 ST. JOHN-ST. ANDREW ROAD, ELLIS

(7 miles North of Ellis, I-70 Exit 145)

April 13th & 27th, Immediately following Worship  
Worship is at 11:00 a.m.



## Bethlehem

Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.  
Mid-Week School, Wed @ 6:00 p.m.  
(during public school year)  
Office: 785-743-2005  
(Please leave a message)

### Volunteers for April

**April 2**—Pastor Jon Anderson

**LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.**

Leader/Cantor—Sara Flax

Narrator and Lector—Laura Anderson

Theme—"The Spear"

Organist/Pianist—Mary Cunningham

Head Usher—Bridget Cook/Jeremiah Burbach

Acolyte—Tatum Cook

**April 6**—Pastor Shelly Klingensmith

Organist/Pianist—Mary Cunningham

Lector—Bev Armbruster

Head Usher—Richard Jensen

Acolyte—Gage Garrett

**April 9**—Pastor Jon Anderson

**LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.**

Leader/Cantor—Mary Cunningham

Narrator and Lector—Bev Armbruster

Theme—"The Stone"

Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level

Head Usher—Bridget Cook/Jeremiah Burbach

Acolyte—June Schneider

**April 13**—Pastor Jon Anderson

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Baptism of Eliza Dirks**

Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson

Lector—Mel Fabrizius

Head Usher—Ruth Shiltz

Acolyte—Thaddeus Albers

**April 17**—Pastor Jon Anderson

**MAUNDY THURSDAY—Service at 7:30 p.m.**

Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson

Lector—Linda Glaze

Head Usher—Ruth Shiltz

Acolyte—Tucker Yingling

**April 18**—Lay Leader ~ Laura Anderson

**GOOD FRIDAY—Service at 7:30 p.m.**

Organist/Pianist—Chris Trostad

Lector—Myrna Mai

Head Usher—Bridget Cook/Jeremiah Burbach

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### Volunteers for April

Bethlehem Volunteers, continued

**April 20**—Pastor Jon Anderson

**EASTER SUNDAY—Service at 9:00 a.m.**

Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level

Lector—Lisa Garrett

Head Usher—Bridget Cook

Acolyte—Weston Conness

**April 27**—Pastor Jon Anderson

Organist/Pianist—Mary Cunningham

Lector—Beth Billinger

Head Usher—Kelsey Kinderknecht

Acolyte—Levi Conness

## Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship — 9:00 a.m.  
(every 1st & 3rd Sundays)

**April 6**— Pastor Emer. Randy Gibbs  
9:00 a.m.

**April 20**—Pastor Jon Anderson



*Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service  
7:00 a.m.*

WaKeeney Lenten Prayer  
Breakfasts  
7:00 a.m.

**April 2 ~** Men at WaKeeney Methodist  
Women at Christ the King

**April 9 ~** Men and Women at Christ the King



Please join us **Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service**, for a Congregational Baby Shower Fellowship and the Baptism of Eliza Helene Dirks, daughter of Taylor and Amelia and Sister Tabea. Come celebrate with us and welcome Eliza to Bethlehem's Family of Faith!



# St. John Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship—11:00 a.m.  
(Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
(during public school year)

## Volunteers for April

**April 2—LENTEN SERVICE—Service at 7:30 p.m.**

Theme—"The Spear"  
Narrator—Bob Schonhaler  
Organist/Pianist—Katie Dreiling

**April 6—Pastor Shelly Klingensmith**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL—10:00 a.m.**

Greeter—Bee McElroy  
Lector—Dennis Keller  
Communion—Bob & Vonda Ackerman  
Organist—Katie Dreiling  
Sound—Lyle Johnston

**April 9—LENTEN SERVICE—Service at 7:30 p.m.**

Theme—"The Stone"  
Narrator—Ryan Windholz  
Organist/Pianist—Katie Dreiling

**April 13—Pastor Jon Anderson**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL—10:00 a.m.**

**BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Jon following Worship**

Greeter—Bob Schonhaler  
Lector—Vonda Ackerman  
Organist—Katie Dreiling  
Sound—Lyle Johnston

**April 17—Pastor Emer. Randy Gibbs**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY—Service at 7:30 p.m.**

Organist—Katie Dreiling  
Sound—Lyle Johnston

**April 18—Pastor Jon Anderson**

**GOOD FRIDAY—Service at 7:30 p.m.**

Organist—Katie Dreiling  
Sound—Lyle Johnston

**April 20—Pastor Jon Anderson**

**EASTER BREAKFAST—10:00 a.m.**

**EASTER SUNDAY—Service at 11:00 a.m.**

Greeter—Bill Dietz  
Lector—Josh Keller  
Communion—Dennis Keller & Darrell Keller  
Organist—Katie Dreiling  
Sound—Lyle Johnston

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## Volunteers April

**April 27—Pastor Jon Anderson**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL—10:00 a.m.**

**BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Jon following Worship**

Greeter—Rodger Fischer  
Lector—Sue Schonhaler  
Organist—Katie Dreiling  
Sound—Lyle Johnston



### Bethlehem

- 1 Austin Kinderknecht
- 2 Josh Enslow
- 4 Kyle Crossland
- 5 Matthew Coker
- 9 Deven Schoenthaler
- 10 Eric Cunningham
- 15 Brooks Conness
- 16 Brenda Hilmes
- 16 Mary Ann Schneider
- 18 Bev Armbruster
- 19 Paityn Armbruster
- 20 Jami Albers
- 21 Margaret Schmitt
- 25 Ashley Garrett
- 29 Mark Hafliger
- 29 Lyle Larson
- 29 Caleb Burbach
- 30 Taylor Schoenthaler

### St. John

- 4 Deborah Jones
- 4 Jamie Keller
- 6 Sarah Gabel
- 11 Kara Homburg
- 12 Brianna Brin
- 13 Logan Brin
- 17 Delwin Massier
- 18 Randy Armbrister
- 18 Trayton Kroeger
- 19 Hope Couse
- 21 Brianna Fischer
- 23 Don Davis
- 23 Amy Fisher
- 25 Joshua Keller
- 28 Andrew Lucas
- 30 Crystal Armbrister



### Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Bret & Ashley Conness — Bethlehem
- 5 Thomas & Nicole McElroy — St. John
- 7 Craig & Linda Crossland — Bethlehem
- 9 Tate & Bridget Cook — Bethlehem
- 13 Rodger & Kenda Fischer — St. John
- 17 Scott & Tania Kortan — St. John
- 27 Alise & Brandon Gosselin — Bethlehem
- 27 Darin & Natalie Armbrister — St. John
- 28 Tim & Aleta Keller — St. John

# Midweek at Bethlehem

You are invited to come, join your friends in fellowship and learn more about Jesus and God's Word. You do not have to be Lutheran to attend. Meal begins at 6:00p, followed by Worship/Music and classes at 6:45p. Class dismisses at 7:30p. Classes include Pre-K thru 8th grade. During Lent, class will dismiss early for Lenten Services. Midweek will be held at the regular time on early-dismissal days from school. For more information about our Midweek program, please contact the BLC Church Office at 785-743-2005.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

### BETHLEHEM MIDWEEK MEALS

April 2—Ham, macaroni & cheese, apple slices, cookies, milk or juice

April 9—Ham or turkey sandwich, cheese slice, fresh fruit, chips, brownies, milk or juice

April 16—Tacos, cake, milk or juice

April 23—Hot Dogs/buns, relishes, fruit, chips, dessert, juice



The Bethlehem Children's Choir will be singing for our Easter Sunday Worship Service. Come enjoy Easter Sunday Worship with us and celebrate and encourage our youth!

### BLC APRIL LENTEN SERVICES

BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 2

Wednesday, April 9

**Final Night of Midweek  
for the schoolyear  
Wednesday, April 23**

### MIDWEEK DISMISSES

AT 7:15 P.M. on

April 2nd and 9th, during Lent.  
Please Join Us for Worship!



## Sunday School at St. John

**Sunday School will be held in April at 10:00 a.m. as follows:  
Sunday, April 6th, April 13th and April 27th**

Please join us as we celebrate another great year of Fellowship, Worship and Learning! If you would like more information about Sunday School, please call a St. John Sunday School representative or the Prairie Faith office at 785-743-2005 and we will put you in touch with a St. John Sunday School representative. Looking forward to seeing you there!



# A Message from Pastor Jon



*John 12-1-8-“<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”*

This year the month of April is equally divided into a time of sorrow and a time of celebration. April 6<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, when we remember how Jesus was anointed by Mary in preparation for His burial. The entire Lenten season is a reflection on Jesus’ coming death and the necessity for it—our sinfulness, resulting in the need for redemption. There is a brief note of joy on April 12<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, as Jesus rides into Jerusalem to shouts of “Hosanna”—but the mood quickly changes as Jesus is betrayed, arrested, and led to His death. Then on April 20<sup>th</sup> the mood changes from sorrow to celebration, as we remember Jesus’ resurrection with joy, and the joy continues the following Sunday, as we recall Jesus’ joyful reunion with His disciples. This April we are reminded that throughout our lives, as in Jesus’ life, there will be times of great sorrow and great joy—but whether we are crying “Have mercy”, “Hosanna”, or “Hallelujah”, God has promised to be with us through it all, and this we can count on through all the seasons of our lives. May the remainder of the Lenten season prepare you to celebrate the joyous Easter that follows and may God’s peace be with you.

*Pastor Jon*



## MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Friday, April 18, 2025 at 12:10 p.m.**

Generations Church  
611 Barclay Ave., WaKeeney

Pastor Jon Anderson, Preacher







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>"I am the resurrection and the life."</b> John 11:25</p>		<p>1 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC</p>	<p>2 7:00a <u>Lenten Breakfast</u> Men at WaKeeney Methodist Women at Christ the King</p> <p>6:00p BLC Midweek Dismisses at 7:15p</p> <p>7:30p <u>Lenten Services</u> Bethlehem St. John</p>	3	4	5
<p>6 <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 9:00a Em Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship/Communion</p>	<p>7 2:00p BLC WELCA 4:00p Yoga @ Library</p>	<p>8 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC</p> <p>7:30p PFSM Council Meeting at St. John</p>	<p>9 7:00a <u>Lenten Breakfast</u> Men and Women at Christ the King</p> <p>6:00p Midweek~Dismisses @ 7:15p</p> <p>7:30p <u>Lenten Services</u> Bethlehem St. John</p>	10	11	12
<p>13 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion <b>Baptism of Eliza Dirks</b> <b>Congregational Shower</b> 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship/No Communion 12:00p SJ Bible Study</p>	<p>14 4:00p Yoga @ Library</p>	<p>15 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC</p>	<p>16 6:00p Midweek~Dismisses @ 7:30p</p> <p>7:30p BLC Council Meeting in BLC Library</p>	<p>17 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 1:00p BLC WaKeeney LTC Communion</p> <p>7:30p <u>Services</u> Bethlehem St. John</p>	<p>18 <b>Good Friday</b> <u>Services</u> 12:10p Ministerial Alliance Service New Generations Church ~ Pastor Jon Preacher</p> <p>7:30p Bethlehem St. John</p>	19
<p>20 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:00a Em Worship/Communion <b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion <b>BLC Children's Choir</b> 10:00a <b>SJ—Easter Breakfast</b> SJ—No Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship/Communion</p>	<p>21 11:00a BLC ~ WaKeeney LTC Worship 4:00p Yoga @ Library</p>	<p>22 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC</p>	<p>23 6:00p Midweek~Dismisses @ 7:30p</p> <p><b>Final Midweek of the School Year</b></p> 	<p>24 1:00p BLC WaKeeney Sr. Apartment Communion</p>	<p>25</p> 	26
<p>27 <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00p SJ Worship/No Communion 12:00p SJ Bible Study</p>	<p>28 4:00p Yoga @ Library</p>	<p>29 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC</p>	30			

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*May all your people from all the ends  
of Earth be gathered into one in you.*

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