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PRAIRIE FAITH *Lenten Services*

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ASH WEDNESDAY – February 14

6:00 p.m. ~ Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Jon

8:00 p.m. ~ St. John Lutheran Church with Pastor Jon

WED. EVENING LENTEN SERVICE – February 21

7:30 p.m. ~ Bethlehem Lutheran Church Service

6:30 p.m. ~ St. John Lutheran Church Soup Supper

7:30 p.m. ~ St. John Lutheran Church Service

WED. EVENING LENTEN SERVICE – February 28

7:30 p.m. ~ Bethlehem Lutheran Church Service

6:30 p.m. ~ St. John Lutheran Church Soup Supper

7:30 p.m. ~ St. John Lutheran Church Service



Wakeeney Lenten Breakfasts

Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

Feb. 21 ~ Men at Bethlehem
Women at Methodist

Feb. 28 ~ Men at Church of God
Women at Bethlehem

March 6 ~ Men at Christ the King
Women at Church of God

March 13 ~ Men at Methodist
Women at Christ the King

March 20 ~ All Churches (Men & Women)
Christ the King

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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- Robert Schonhaler, St. John, President.....
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- Margaret Schmitt, Bethlehem.....
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*Pastor Jon is available by appointment.
 To get in touch with Pastor Jon, please call his cell phone
 or the church office.*



*Birthdays
 And
 Anniversaries*

St. John

Bethlehem

- 1 Steven Dietz
- 5 Haily Gilbert
- 5 Trystin Wanker
- 7 Sara Fisher
- 10 Natalie Armbrister
- 13 Bob Ackerman
- 14 Hunter Talkington
- 16 Michael Armbrister
- 16 Alex Kober
- 17 Dana Armbrister
- 21 Rodger Fischer
- 22 Sarah Couse
- 22 Terry Kortan
- 23 Stephanie Calvery
- 24 Heather Schonhaler
- 25 Fred Fisher
- 26 David Schonhaler
- 27 Parker Desaire
- 28 Arnold Sauer

- 1 Kevin Struss
- 12 Julian Coker
- 12 Brian Conness
- 13 Mitch Schmitt
- 14 Melissa Rush
- 15 Danielle Katt
- 22 Hunter Yingling
- 23 Carson Cook
- 27 Weston Deaver

Wedding Anniversaries

- 14 Gary & Marsha Armbrister
 St. John
- 16 Jerry & Bev Armbruster
 Bethlehem
- 19 Dustin & Terena Becker
 Bethlehem
- 27 Bob & Sue Schonhaler
 St. John

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Part-time Job?

[We are in need of a Custodian](#)

If interested or have any questions,
 please call the church office at 785-743-2005 or
 contact any of Bethlehem's Council Members.



**PARISH NURSE ADVISORY
 BOARD MEETING**

Monday, February 26, 2024
 at 5:00 p.m. in the BLC Library
Visitors are invited & welcome!



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 February

February 4— Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Chris Trogstad
 Lector—Laurita Burbach
 Head Usher— Laurita Burbach
 Acolyte—Tucker Yingling

February 11— Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson
 Lector—Deb Fabrizius
 Head Usher— Sarah Gibbs
 Acolyte—Elias Hille

February 14— Pastor Jon Anderson
ASH WEDNESDAY—Service at 6:00 p.m.
 Organist/Pianist—Chris Trogstad
 Lector—
 Head Usher— Laurita Burbach
 Acolyte—Tatum Cook

February 18 —Pastor Shelly Klingensmith
 Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level
 Lector—Myrna Mai
 Head Usher— Bridget Cook
 Acolyte—Thaddeous Albers

February 21— Pastor Jon Anderson
LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.
 Organist/Pianist—Barb Reinert
 Lector—
 Head Usher— Jeremiah Burbach
 Acolyte—Dalton Conness

February 25—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist— Mary Cunningham
 Lector— Carolyn Riggs
 Head Usher—Bret Conness
 Acolyte—Weston Conness

February 28— Pastor Jon Anderson
LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.
 Organist/Pianist—Barb Reinert
 Lector—
 Head Usher— Jeremiah Burbach
 Acolyte—Bentley Conness

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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

February 4— Pastor Emer. Randy Gibbs

February 18—Pastor Jon Anderson

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 February

February 4—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Rodger Fischer
 Lector—Josh Keller
 Communion—Tim and Aleta Keller

February 11—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter — Darrell Armbruster
 Lector—Brenda Lucas

February 14—Pastor Jon Anderson
ASH WEDNESDAY—Service at 8:00 p.m.

February 18—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Bee McElroy
 Lector—Dennis Keller
 Communion—Bob and Vonda Ackerman

February 21—
SOUP SUPPER — 6:30 p.m.
LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.

February 25—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Terry Kortan
 Lector—Vonda Ackerman

February 28—
SOUP SUPPER — 6:30 p.m.
LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.



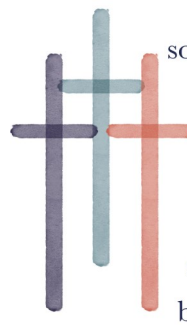
Midweek at Bethlehem

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 and we will put you in touch with a Midweek representative.



BETHLEHEM MIDWEEK MEALS

- Feb. 7**—Ham, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, cookies, milk or juice
- Feb. 14**—Ash Wednesday — No Midweek
- Feb. 21**—Goulash, corn, French bread, peaches, milk or juice
- Feb. 28**—Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, brownies, milk or juice



For God
so loved the world,
that he gave
his only son,
that whoever
believes in *him*
should not perish
but have *eternal life*.

John 3:16



BLC ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE AT 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 14
NO MIDWEEK

BLC FEBRUARY LENTEN SERVICES

SERVICES AT 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, February 21
Wednesday, February 28
MIDWEEK DISMISSES
AT 7:15 P.M.

Sunday School/Confirmation at St. John

Confirmation Class, Sundays, February 11th and 25th at 12:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 14 at 8:00 p.m.

Lenten Services, Wednesdays Feb. 21st & 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Soup Supper before Lenten Services on Feb. 21st & 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School at St. John meets on Sunday Mornings during the school year prior to worship at 10:00 a.m.

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!



first day of lent: 02/14/2024

Lent 2024

Do something NICE for a teacher or pastor.

3 Read a Bible story or book.



7 Learn an Easter song.



11 Draw or decorate colorful Easter eggs.



15 GIVE SOMEONE A COMPLIMENT.



19 Download Easter coloring pages, print and color.

Make a cross with things you find in nature. two

4 Play your favorite game with someone.

four



8 Make a cottonball lamb & think about how Jesus is the Lamb of God.

12 Surprise someone with a SPECIAL NOTE.

12

16 Help with yardwork or pick up a piece of litter.



20 Tell God what you are thankful for.

LIST reasons why you love Easter. twenty one



FORGIVE someone for something they did to you. 25



29 Draw an Easter picture for your family.

thirty three Play a game in the dark with flashlights.

37 Make an Easter card.



twenty three Spread Joy!

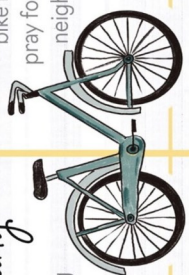
Have a palm parade around your home. twenty four

27 Read about Good Friday. (John 19:16-37)



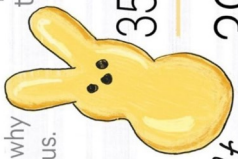
Go on a nature scavenger hunt & find things that remind you of Jesus.

Go on a walk or bike ride & pray for your neighbors. 31



thirty Make something for someone.

Play stack the Peeps. (See who can stack the most Peeps in a minute.) 35



34 Tell someone why you love Jesus.

Read about Jesus' resurrection. (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20)



Attend an Easter service.

Prairie Faith Shared Ministry
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Emanuel Lutheran Church
St. John Lutheran Church



FROM THE PASTOR

Genesis 3:19b-“You are dust, and to dust you shall return”

This is one of those strange years when two seemingly incompatible days collide. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine’s Day, February 14th. All around us, the stores are filled with pretty red flowers, heart-shaped cards and heart-shaped boxes of candy-but in the church there are no flowers, no treats-the mood is very somber-and foreheads are marked not with a heart with an arrow through it, but with a cross traced in ashes, accompanied by the solemn words printed above, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return”. Can you imagine that verse imprinted on one of those little chalk-like valentine candies that we see this time of year? Is there a connection between these two radically different days on our calendar? This Ash Wednesday, as every Ash Wednesday, as mentioned earlier, a cross will be traced on the foreheads of the faithful in ashes, a sign of their frailty-your frailty-your utter dependence on God. The hearts we see everywhere every Valentine’s Day are a sign of love-and so is the cross that will be traced on foreheads. The cross reminds not only of our frailty and dependence on God, and not only of the necessity of the cross to pay the penalty for our sin, but also of God’s great love for us despite our sin. God loves you more than any person ever could-loves you so much that He gave Jesus to die for you and be raised for you. On Ash Wednesday, and throughout Lent, we remember Christ’s great act of love, as Christ said, in John 15:13, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.” So it’s appropriate for us to observe Ash Wednesday even on Valentine’s Day, because on Ash Wednesday, we remember how much God loved us-how much God loves you-loves you so much He was willing to send Jesus to die to enable you to live with Him forever. May God’s peace be with you, throughout Lent and always.

Pastor Jon



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Join us at Bethlehem on Sunday, February 11th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Worship, for a Baby Shower Fellowship and the Baptism of Tabea Riz Dirks, daughter of Taylor and Amelia Dirks. We will also be welcoming Taylor and Amelia as new members of Bethlehem. <i>Come celebrate this event with us and welcome Taylor, Amelia and Tabea into our Church Family!</i></p>				1	2	3
<p>4 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 9:00a Em Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship/Communion</p>	<p>5 2:00p BLC WELCA 4:00p Yoga @ Library</p>	<p>6 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC 7:30p PFSM Council Mtg.</p>	<p>7 5:00p BLC Worship Comm. Mtg. in Library 6:00p Midweek</p>	8	9	10
<p>11 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 9:00a BLC Baptism of Tabea Riz Dirks and Welcome Taylor, Amelia and Tabea to our Church Family! 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship 12:00p SJ Confirmation</p>	<p>12 4:00p Yoga @ Library 7:00p SJ Council Mtg.</p>	<p>13 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC 7:30p BLC Council Mtg.</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday NO MIDWEEK 6:00p BLC Worship 8:00p SJ Worship</p>	<p>15 1:00p BLC WaKeeney LTC Communion</p>	16	17
Bethlehem Meals on Wheels						
<p>18 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00a Em Worship/Communion 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship/Communion</p>	<p>19 President's Day 4:00p Yoga @ Library</p>	<p>20 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC</p>	<p>21 Lenten Service 7:15p Midweek Dismisses 7:30p BLC Worship 7:30p SJ Worship</p> <p>7:00a Lenten Breakfast Men at Bethlehem Women at Methodist</p>	22	<p>23 PFSM Newsletter Deadline</p> 	24
<p>25 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00p SJ Worship 12:00p SJ Confirmation</p>	<p>26 11:00a BLC WaKeeney LTC Worship 4:00p Yoga @ Library 5:00p Parish Nurse Advisory Board Mtg. in BLC Library</p>	<p>27 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC</p>	<p>28 Lenten Service 7:15p Midweek Dismisses 7:30p BLC Worship 7:30p SJ Worship</p> <p>7:00a Lenten Breakfast Men at Church of God Women at Bethlehem</p>	29		



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

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St.. John's Lutheran Church
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