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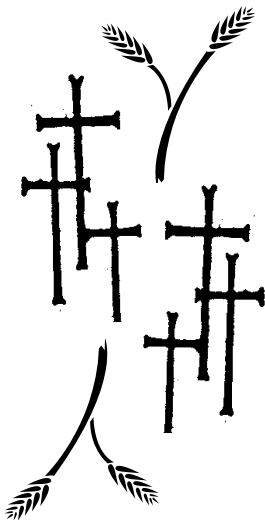
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Groundhog Supper



Stay and Savor or Grab and Go!

5-7 P.M.

**February 2,
2025**

**Sponsored by the
St. John Women**

St. John Lutheran Church

North of Ellis on the blacktop road

'Come and have breakfast' John 21:12



Drivers are needed to transport community members to out-of-town medical appointments when the out-of-town general public transportation van is unable to provide their ride. Your mileage is reimbursed! Please contact Nancy, Prairie Faith Parish Nurse at 785-743-2005 for more information. Thank You!

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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- Katie Dreiling, St. John.....
- Robert Schonhaler, St. John, President.....
- Richard Jensen, Bethlehem, Treasurer.....
- Margaret Schmitt, Bethlehem.....
- Kathleen Fabrizius, Emanuel, Secretary.....



Birthdays
 And
 Anniversaries

St. John

Bethlehem

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Steven Dietz | 1 Kevin Struss |
| 5 Haily Gilbert | 12 Julian Coker |
| 5 Trystin Wanker | 12 Brian Conness |
| 7 Sara Fisher | 13 Mitch Schmitt |
| 10 Natalie Armbrister | 14 Melissa Rush |
| 13 Bob Ackerman | 15 Danielle Katt |
| 14 Hunter Talkington | 20 Rose Doxon |
| 16 Michael Armbrister | 22 Hunter Yingling |
| 16 Alex Kober | 23 Carson Cook |
| 17 Dana Armbrister | 27 Weston Deaver |

Wedding Anniversaries

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 21 Rodger Fischer | 14 Gary & Marsha Armbrister
St. John |
| 22 Sarah Couse | 16 Jerry & Bev Armbruster
Bethlehem |
| 23 Stephanie Calvery | 19 Dustin & Terena Becker
Bethlehem |
| 24 Heather Schonhaler | 27 Bob & Sue Schonhaler
St. John |
| 25 Fred Fisher | |
| 26 David Schonhaler | |
| 27 Parker Desaire | |
| 28 Arnold Sauer | |

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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.

THANK YOU...to the members of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry's Call Committee for their hard work in preparing Prairie Faith's Site Profile for submission to the Synod and to Bishop Susan Candea for her guidance as we move forward in calling a new Pastor upon Pastor Jon's retirement. Our Prairie Faith Congregations appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. Please keep our Search Committee and PF Congregations in your prayers.



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 2—Pastor Shelly Klingensmith
 Organist/Pianist—Chris Trogstad
 Lector—Linda Glaze
 Head Usher—Richard Jensen
 Acolyte—Tucker Yingling

February 9—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level
 Lector—Ashley Conness
 Head Usher—Bridget Cook
 Acolyte—Weston Conness

February 16—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson
 Lector—Janette Burbach
 Head Usher—Jeremiah Burbach
 Acolyte—Levi Conness

February 23—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Mary Cunningham
 Lector—Lisa Garrett
 Head Usher—Kelsey Kinderknecht
 Acolyte—Thaddeus Albers



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St. John Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship—11:00 a.m.
 (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. as listed below
 (during public school year)

Volunteers for February

February 2—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Bill Dietz
 Lector—Sue Schonthaler
 Communion—Dennis Keller and Darrell Keller
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

February 9—Pastor Jon Anderson
SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 10:00 A.M.
 Greeter—Rodger Fischer
 Lector—Josh Keller
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

February 16—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Darell Armbruster
 Lector—Sarah Windholz
 Communion—Bob & Sue Schonthaler
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

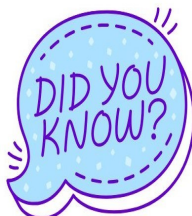
February 23—Pastor Jon Anderson
SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 10:00 A.M.
 Greeter—Bee McElroy
 Lector—Dennis Keller
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston



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BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH



You are not required to be on Council to serve as Head Usher, Lector, help with building and grounds and other volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in any areas of service, please see the sign up sheet on the message board or call the church office at 785-743-2005 and a council member or Pastor Jon will reach out to you with more information.

THANK YOU!

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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

February 2— Pastor Jon Anderson
Annual Meeting ~ 8:30 a.m. before Worship

February 16—Pastor Emir. Randy Gibbs

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

Teaching your Child How to Pray

Prayer Prompts



I'm so thankful that you gave me

_____.

I'm so glad that you helped me with

_____ today.

I love you God because you

_____.

Please help me tomorrow as I

_____.

Please watch over (person) _____.



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BETHLEHEM MIDWEEK MEALS

- Feb. 5—Tacos, cake, milk or juice
- Feb. 12—Goulash, corn French bread, fresh fruit, milk or juice
- Feb. 19—Chili cheese nachos/hot dogs, fresh fruit, cookies, milk or juice
- Feb. 26—Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, brownies, milk or juice

HELLO PARENTS

If there are any items you would like added to the children's table in the sanctuary or ways your kids would like to be involved in the church and worship, please contact the church office or Pastor Jon at 785-743-2005. You are also welcome to drop us a note through the Prairie Faith Shared Ministry website at

<https://www.prairiefaith.com/contact/>

or go to the CONTACT tab at the top of the web page.

Sunday School at St. John

Sunday School at St. John meets at 10:00 a.m. on February 9th and 23rd.

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!



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE CARDS



Jesus Christ is
the same
yesterday and
today and
forever.
Hebrews 13:8

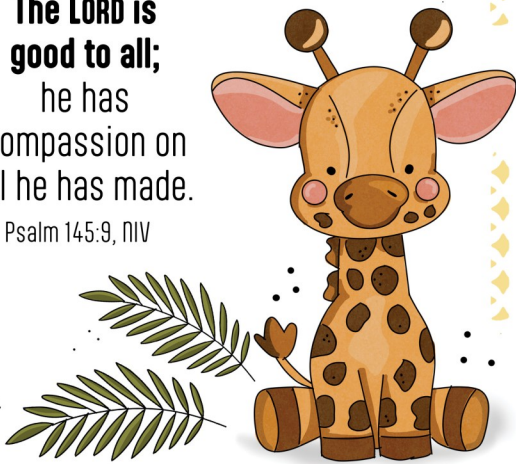


This is the day that
the LORD has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24, ESV

**The LORD is
good to all;**
he has
compassion on
all he has made.

Psalms 145:9, NIV

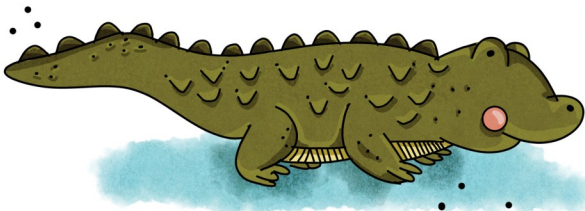


**Be strong and
courageous...**
for the LORD
your God is
with you
wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9, ESV

Trust in the LORD with
all your heart and lean not
on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5, NIV



Love the LORD
your God with
all your heart
and with **all your**
soul and with
all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV







FROM THE PASTOR

1 Corinthians 13-“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

The day after Christmas, the stores that were once filled with holly and tinsel and Christmas cards were filled with valentines, little stuffed animals, and boxes of candy. How well do I remember being in grade school and having to bring a box of those little valentines, one for each person in the class, and a special one for the teacher. I remember feeling bad when one year I was one valentine short, even though the girl who didn't get one was new and I didn't even know her. Valentine's Day is a fun way to remember those we love. But, 1 Corinthians chapter 13, the famous “love chapter”, reminds us that there's far more to love than just remembering someone with a card or candy. The love described in that chapter is a translation of the Greek word agape, meaning unconditional love-love that always demonstrates care for others, not just on a certain day of the year-the same love that God has for each of us, despite the ways that we have failed Him. God is patient and kind to us, offering us forgiveness and mercy even when we don't deserve it. 1 Corinthians 13 reminds us that this world, and the things associated with this world, will one day come to an end-but love-unconditional, gracious love-God's love-never ends. Sometimes we wonder why, if God loves us so much, that life can be so difficult sometimes. When St. Paul wrote this text, mirrors were much poorer than they are today. When you looked in a mirror, you got only an approximation of what you looked like. In the same way, we don't understand everything that goes on here, but one day we will understand, and we will be constantly experience the love of God. Until that day, may God's peace be with you.

Pastor Jon.

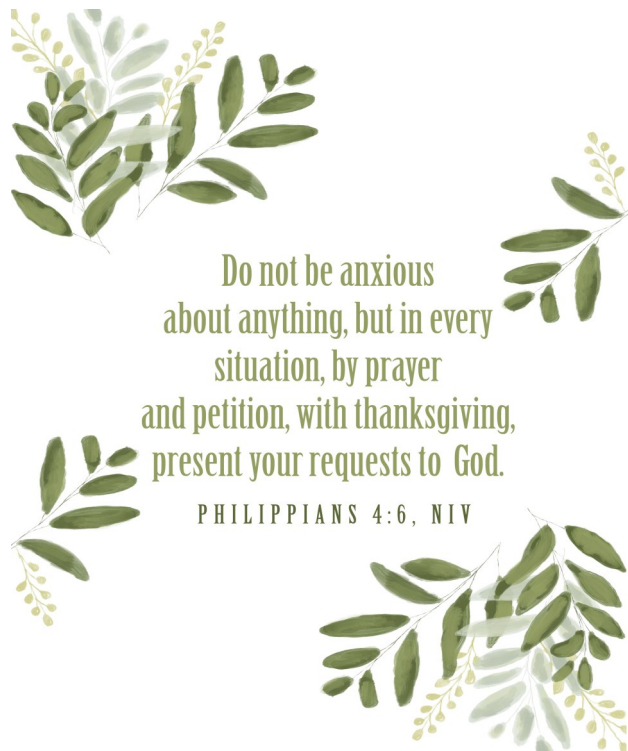


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Presentation of Our Lord GROUNDHOG DAY 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 8:30a Em Annual Meeting 9:00a Em Worship/Communion SJ No Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship/Communion 5:00p SJ GROUNDHOG SUPPER	3 2:00p BLC WELCA BLC Library 4:00p Yoga @ Library	4 6:30p PFSM Bible Study BLC Library	5 6:00p Midweek	6	7	8
9 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship	10 4:00p Yoga @ Library	11 6:30p PFSM Bible Study BLC Library 7:00p SJ Council Mtg	12 6:00p Midweek 7:30p BLC Council Mtg. BLC Library	13 5:00p Parish Nurse Advisory Board Meeting in BLC Library	14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! 	15
16 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00a Em Worship/Communion 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion SJ No Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship/Communion	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY 4:00p Yoga @ Library	18 6:30p PFSM Bible Study BLC Library 7:30p PFSM Council Mtg. BLC Library	19 6:00p Midweek	20 1:00p BLC WaKeeney LTC Communion	21 PFSM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	22
23 7th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00p SJ Worship	24 4:00p Yoga @ Library	25 6:30p PFSM Bible Study BLC Library	26 6:00p Midweek	27 1:00p BLC WaKeeney Sr. Apartment Communion	28	



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

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

PHILIPPIANS 4:6, NIV



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

Bethlehem Lutheran Emanuel Lutheran
WaKeeney, KS Rural Ogallah, KS

St.. John's Lutheran Church
North of Ellis, KS

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