



Volume 24 Issue 03
March 2024

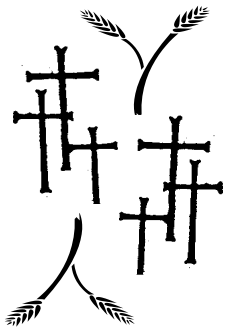
www.prairiefaith.com

what's inside?

- ◇ Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser
- ◇ PFSM Council Minutes
- ◇ March Worship Schedule
- ◇ Christian Youth Education
- ◇ A Message from Pastor Jon
- ◇ Parish Nurse Insert
- ◇ Kids Activity Insert
- ◇ Calendar

Follow Prairie Faith on
Facebook!!

facebook



To all the Lectors
for sharing their
time and talents
and making our
services special!

PRAIRIE FAITH COMPANION

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser

Sunday, March 17, 2024
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us for our Annual Baked Potato Bar to be held March 17th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Enjoy a wonderfully planned meal, featuring baked potatoes with a great variety of toppings along with assorted pies and cakes for dessert. The Community is invited!!



There will be a freewill offering. All proceeds will go toward the Trego County Out-of-Town Transportation Van Fund!

A Sign-Up Sheet is available on the board at the entrance to the BLC Sanctuary, if you would like to Donate a Food Item or Volunteer to Help! It's Great Fun!

Looking Forward to Seeing You There!

In 2023, the Out-of-Town Transportation Bus provided 465 rides for medical purposes, 8 for school (FHSU), and 57 other (airport, veterinarian, store, etc.)

WAKEENEY COMMUNITY

Good
Friday
Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024
12:10 P.M.

by His wounds we are healed

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
338 N. 7th St., WaKeeney

PLEASE JOIN US!

EASTER SUNRISE
SERVICE

Sunday, March 31 at 7:00 a.m.
Hope, Renew, Rejoice

Emanuel Lutheran Church
(7 Miles South of Ogallah 1-70 Exit 135)

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.



Prairie Faith Shared Ministry
 Pastor Jon Anderson
 Church Office Location:
 338 N 7th Street
 WaKeeney, KS 67672

Phone—(785) 743-2005
 Email - blc1@ruraltel.net
 www.prairiefaith.com

PFSM Council Members and Phone Numbers

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

PF Council Minutes Continued

Richard gave the report on the financial packet. Explanation was given on year to date compared to the prior year. Starting in Jan. 1, 2024 the Pulpit Supply will go from \$160 to \$170 and \$55 for each additional service. Mileage rate will increase from 50.5 cents to 60.5 cents. Richard presented a proposed 2024 budget. The Council went over the proposal and approved it pending approval at all congregational annual meetings.

Pastor Jon went over his recent activities and also the upcoming activities. He will be on vacation from Dec. 26th through January 1, 2024. Pastor Brenda Rogers from Trinity Lutheran in Hays will cover pastoral support while he is on vacation. The annual meetings are as follows: St. John on January 14th; Emanuel on January 21st and Bethlehem on January 28th. Everything seems to be going well.

Nancy submitted a written report for the Parish Nurse to the council. Please give Nancy any feedback or ideas on the Parish Nurse program.

Communications: Bob was given a letter from a place in Hays looking for donations, he will bring to the next meeting.

Old Business: Pastor Jon reminded all council members that at the annual meetings they need to vote on the revised covenant, the Prairie Faith budget and the congregation budget.

New Business: Richard presented a proposed updated ad for the communications and office specialist position along with a job description and pay scale. Gail will continue to be a back up. Discussion was held on putting the ad out at the end of the year or the beginning of next year.

Pastor Jon encouraged everyone to start planning for Lenten Services as Easter is early this year.

Next meeting will be February 6th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Library and Richard will have devotions.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Kathleen Fabrizius, Secretary

Bethlehem & Pastor Jon:

Address: 338 N. 7th St.
 WaKeeney, KS 67672

Office Phone: (785) 743-2005
 Cell Phone:
 E-mail: pjzionem@yahoo.com

St. John Church info:

Address: 394 St. John - St. Andrew Road
 Ellis, KS 67637

SJ Office Phone: (785) 726-3207
 PF OfficePhone: (785) 743-2005

Parish Nurse—Nancy Bollig, BSN,RN

Address: 338 N 7th Street
 WaKeeney, KS 67672

Cell Phone:
 E-mail: parishnurse@ruraltel.net

Pastor Jon is available by appointment.
To get in touch with Pastor Jon, please call his cell phone or the church office.

**Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council Minutes
 December 12, 2023**

The December 12, 2023 meeting of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council was held at Bethlehem Church library in WaKeeney.

The following churches and representatives were in attendance: Bethlehem – Richard Jensen, Margaret Schmitt; St. John – Bob Schonhaler, Katie Dreiling; Emanuel –Kathleen Fabrizius.

Also in attendance was Pastor Jon Anderson.

Called to order by President Bob.

Devotions were given by Margaret.

An agenda, minutes and financial packet was given to all attendees.

Minutes from the October 17th, 2023 meeting were accepted as presented.

Continued next column

**WaKeeney Lenten Breakfasts
 Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.**

- 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



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 March

March 3— Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Chris Trogstad
 Lector—Bev Armbruster
 Head Usher— Mary Cunningham
 Acolyte—Gabe Schneider

March 6— Pastor Jon Anderson
LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.
 Leader/Cantor—Mary Cunningham
 Character—Lazarus ~ Played by Terry Kortan
 Organist/Pianist—Barb Reinert
 Lector—Sherry Galloway
 Head Usher— Jeremiah Burbach
 Acolyte—Raylan Conness

March 10— Pastor Jon Anderson
INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
 Organist/Pianist—Mary Cunningham
 Lector—Larry Dietz
 Head Usher— Richard Jensen
 Acolyte—Maura Albers

March 13 —Pastor Jon Anderson
LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.
 Leader/Cantor—Sandee Scott
 Character—The Paralytic ~ Played by Laura Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Barb Reinert
 Lector—Myrna Mai
 Head Usher— Jeremiah Burbach
 Acolyte—Tatum Cook

March 17— Pastor Shelly Klingensmith
 Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level
 Lector—Kathy Dietz
 Head Usher— Larry Dietz
 Acolyte—Levi Conness

March 20—Pastor Jon Anderson
LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.
 Leader/Cantor:—Laura Anderson
 Mary Magdalene ~ Played by Lisa Garrett
 Organist/Pianist— Mary Cunningham
 Lector— Linda Glaze
 Head Usher—Jeremiah Burbach
 Acolyte—Tucker Yingling

Continued next column

Volunteers for March

Bethlehem Volunteers, continued

March 24— Pastor Jon Anderson
PALM SUNDAY
 Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level
 Lector—Mel Fabrizius
 Head Usher— Ruth Shiltz
 Acolyte—Weston Conness

March 28— Pastor Jon Anderson
MAUNDY THURSDAY—Service at 8:00 p.m.
 Organist/Pianist—Chris Trogstad
 Lector—Mary Cunningham
 Head Usher— Ruth Shiltz
 Acolyte—Thaddeus Albers

March 29— Pastor Jon Anderson
GOOD FRIDAY 12:10 p.m. Community Service
 Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson
 Lector—
 Head Usher— Ruth Shiltz

March 29— Pastor Jon Anderson
GOOD FRIDAY—8:00 p.m. Service
 Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson
 Lector—
 Head Usher— Sarah Gibbs

March 31—Pastor Jon Anderson
EASTER SUNDAY
 Organist/Pianist—Mary Cunningham
 Lector—Mel Fabrizius
 Head Usher— Jeremiah Burbach
 Acolyte—Gage Garrett

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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

March 3— Pastor Emer. Randy Gibbs

March 17—Pastor Jon Anderson

March 31—Pastor Jon Anderson

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Sunrise Service



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 March

March 3—Pastor Jon Anderson

Greeter—Bill Dietz
Lector—Terry Kortan
Communion—Dennis Keller and Darrell Keller
Organist—Katie Dreiling
Sound—Lyle Johnston

March 6—

SOUP SUPPER — 6:30 p.m.

LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.

Character—Mary Magdalene ~ Played by Lisa Garrett

March 10—Pastor Jon Anderson

Greeter—Rodger Fischer
Lector—Josh Keller
Organist—Katie Dreiling
Sound—Lyle Johnston

March 13—

SOUP SUPPER — 6:30 p.m.

LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.

Character—Thomas ~ Played by Pastor Jon

March 17—Pastor Jon Anderson

Greeter—Darrell Armbruster
Lector—Darrell Keller
Communion—Bob and Sue Schonthaler
Organist—Katie Dreiling
Sound—Lyle Johnston

March 20—

SOUP SUPPER — 6:30 p.m.

LENTEN SERVICE —Service at 7:30 p.m.

Character—The Paralytic ~ Played by Pastor Randy

March 24—Pastor Jon Anderson

PALM SUNDAY

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

March 28—Pastor Jon Anderson

MAUNDY THURSDAY—Service at 8:00 p.m.

March 29—Pastor Jon Anderson

GOOD FRIDAY—Service at 8:00 p.m.

Continued next column

Volunteers for March

St. John Volunteers, continued

March 31—Pastor Jon Anderson

EASTER SUNDAY

Greeter—Terry Kortan
Lector—Vonda Ackerman
Communion—Brenda Lucas and Rodger Fischer
Organist—Katie Dreiling
Sound—Lyle Johnston



St. John

1 Kaylene Brin
4 Justin Keller
6 Trevor Funk
7 Wanda Kortan
9 Tim Kroeger II
11 Marvin Keller
16 Skyler Keller
18 Aleta Keller
18 Scott Kortan
23 Kathy Desaire
28 Darrell Keller
28 Stephanie Daniels
29 Bill Dietz
29 Dustin Daniels
31 Harry Zachman
31 Cage Daniels

Emanuel

3 Erik Fabrizius
10 Mark Fabrizius
10 James Morrill

Bethlehem

3 Chloe Woods
3 Amanda Conness
5 Tucker Yingling
6 Ashley Conness
10 Grady Long
11 Brice Custer
11 Cindy Level
14 Dean Papes
14 Melvin Fabrizius
17 Gerald Armbruster
17 Richard Jensen
20 Elaine Conness
20 Gail Jensen
21 Mitch Kroeger
21 Hannah Enslow
22 Nikki Daubert
23 Ryan Daubert
24 Carolyn Riggs
28 Joseph Herskowitz
29 Treygan Desair
31 Linda Crossland
31 Edgar Deines

Wedding Anniversaries

18 Cody & Lisa Garrett —Bethlehem
23 Tracy & Dennis Dinkel—St. John

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

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

March 6—Tacos, cake, milk or juice
 March 13—SPRING BREAK!!— No Midweek
 March 20— Pancakes, sausage, bananas, milk or juice
 March 27— Ham, macaroni and cheese, sliced apples, cookies, milk or juice

Wednesday, March 13
 SPRING BREAK...YEA!!
 NO MIDWEEK

BLC MARCH LENTEN SERVICES
 SERVICES AT 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 6
 Wednesday, March 13
 Wednesday, March 20
MIDWEEK DISMISSES
AT 7:15 P.M. on
March 6th and 20th

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



Sunday School/Confirmation at St. John

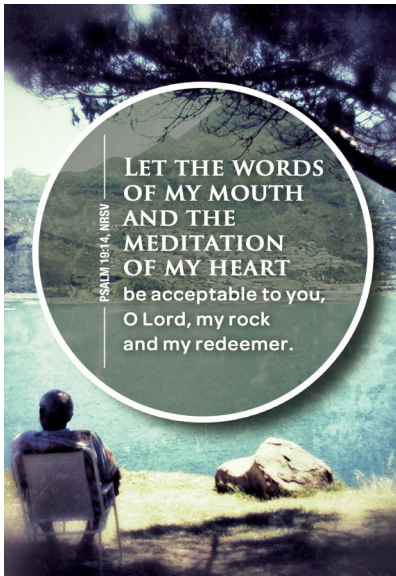
Confirmation Class, Sundays, February 11th and 25th at 12:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 14 at 8:00 p.m.
Lenten Services, Wednesdays Feb. 21st & 28th at 7:30 p.m.
Soup Supper before Lenten Services on Feb. 21st & 28th at 6:30 p.m.

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!



A Message from Pastor Jon



Psalm 19—"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun. It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. By them

also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

Psalm 19 begins by declaring that the universe itself proclaims the glory of the One who made it. When I lived in the country, every sunrise and each night sky that was filled with stars showed me the wonder of God's creation. The beauty and the order of nature-sunrise and sunset that happen each day, the order of seasons that is the same each year-tell us that Someone must be behind it. Indeed, there are many people who claim that they don't need to come to church to learn about God; they can see God in the way that nature unfolds. And it's true, you can, so much so that in Psalm 14:1 it says, "Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." But, nature can only point out that there is a creator-it can't tell us what sort of Creator this is. For that, we need the Scriptures and the church. Psalm 19, after describing the testimony of Creation that there is a God, goes on to point out that this God has laws and judgments, and while those laws are good for us, when we are confronted by them, we realize that we cannot keep them perfectly, no matter how hard we may try. Although this Psalm is part of the Old Testament, written centuries before Christ, the psalmist still recognizes that our hope lies not in our ability to keep the law perfectly, but in God's ability to cleanse us from sin and lead us in the right paths. In the New Testament God's method for doing this is clearly revealed-through Jesus Christ, our sins-your sins-are forgiven, and through the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened in our faith, and the Spirit works God's will through us. During this Lenten season, we are confronted with how far we have fallen from God's ways, but we also hear the Gospel, that God offers us mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, whose great sacrifice we remember throughout this season. May you have a blessed Lent, and may God's peace be with you.

Pastor Jon





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council Installation Sunday, March 10 ~ 9:00 a.m. Worship </div>					1	2
3 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 9:00a Em Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Women's Prayer Breakfast SJ—No Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship/Communion 12:00p SJ Confirmation Class	4 2:00p BLC WELCA 4:00p Yoga @ Library	5 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC	6 7:00a Lenten Breakfast Men at Christ the King Women at Church of God 6:00p Midweek Dismisses at 7:15 p 7:30p Lenten Service Bethlehem 7:30p St. John	7	8	9
10 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 9:00a BLC Installation of Council 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship	11 4:00p Yoga @ Library 7:00p SJ Council Mtg.	12 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC 7:30p BLC Council Mtg.	13 NO MIDWEEK 7:00a Lenten Breakfast Men at Methodist Women at Christ the King 7:30p Lenten Service Bethlehem 7:30p St. John	14 1:00p BLC WaKeeney LTC Communion	15	16
Spring Break—WaKeeney						
17 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00a Em Worship/Communion 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship/Communion 10:30a to 1:30p BLC Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser	18 4:00p Yoga @ Library	19 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC	20 7:00a Lenten Breakfast All Churches at Christ the King (Men and Women) 6:00p Midweek Dismisses at 7:15 p 7:30p Lenten Service Bethlehem 7:30p St. John	21	22 PFSM Newsletter Deadline	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00p SJ Worship/Communion 12:00p SJ Confirmation Class	25 4:00p Yoga @ Library	26 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC	27 6:00p Midweek	28 Maundy Thursday 6:00p BLC Worship 8:00p SJ Worship 1:00p BLC WaKeeney Sr. Apartment Communion	29 Good Friday 12:10p BLC Community Worship 6:00p BLC Worship 8:00p SJ Worship	30
31 Easter Sunday 7:00a Em Sunrise Service/ Communion 9:00a BLC Worship/Communion SJ—No Sunday School 10:00a SJ Easter Breakfast 11:00a SJ Worship/Communion	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0e68c; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." John 11:25</i></p> </div>					

Prairie Faith Shared Ministry
338 N 7th Street
WaKeeney, KS 67672
Office Phone: (785) 743-2005
Email: blc1@ruraltel.net



Summer Camp. For more information about Camp Tomah Shinga go to their website at <https://camptomahshinga.com> Hope to see you there!

COMING IN APRIL!! There will be a Joint Service at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** on **Sunday, April 7**, with Pastor Ethan Feistner conducting the service. Pastor Ethan is the Director of *Camp Tomah Shinga*, a member of the *Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Kansas* (located in the beautiful *Flint Hills of Kansas*). **Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m.** instead of 9:00 a.m. that Sunday with a potluck following Worship. This is an especially great opportunity for Parents whose kids may be interested in attending



Prairie Faith Shared Ministry
338 N 7th Street
WaKeeney, KS 67672
Office Phone: (785) 743-2005
E-mail: blc1@ruraltel.net

*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

Prairie Faith Companion
The monthly newsletter for members and friends of
Prairie Faith Shared Ministry