

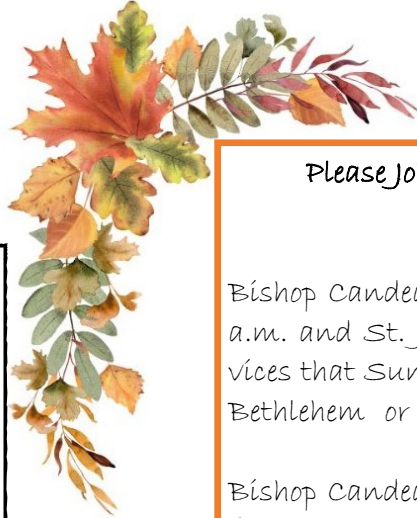


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Please join us and welcome Bishop Susan Candea on Sunday, October 6, 2024.

Bishop Candea will be leading worship at Bethlehem at 9:00 a.m. and St. John at 11:00 a.m. Emanuel has canceled services that Sunday and encouraging their members to attend Bethlehem or St. John to hear Bishop Candea's Message.

Bishop Candea will meet with members of the Call committee following worship at St. John at 12:30 p.m. as we move forward in our Call Process.

Sunday, October 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Worship
Blessings at Bethlehem

- ⊕ Special Music by the Children's Choir
- ⊕ Welcome and Receive New Member ~ Beth Billinger
- ⊕ Presentation of Bibles to 3rd grade youth ~ Maddux Garrett, Brooks Conness and Jackson Sherfick
- ⊕ Installation of Midweek Staff



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You are Invited!

Sunday, October 27, 2024 at **10:30 a.m.** (Note the time change)

PFSM COMBINED SERVICE AT BETHLEHEM

338 N. 7th Street, Waukegan

Blessing of New Prayer Shawls (Ministry of PFSM Parish Nurse Ministry)

Potluck following Worship

No Worship Services held at St. John or Emanuel



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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Bethlehem

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

Volunteers for October

October 6— Bishop Susan Canda
Call Committee Meeting with Bishop @ St. John~12:30p
 Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level
 Lector—Bev Armbruster
 Head Usher— Sarah Gibbs
 Acolyte—Elias Hille

October 13— Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Chris Trogstad
 Lector— Kathy Dietz
 Head Usher—Jeremiah Burbach
 Acolyte—Gabe Schneider

October 20— Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson
 Lector—Ashley Conness
 Head Usher— Bridget Cook
 Acolyte—Raylan Conness

October 27—Pastor Jon Anderson
REFORMATION SUNDAY
JOINT SERVICE @ BETHLEHEM at 10:30 a.m.
BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS
POTLUCK FOLLOWING WORSHIP
 Organist/Pianist—Mary Cunningham
 Lector—Larry Dietz
 Head Usher— Jeremiah Burbach
 Acolyte—Bentley Conness

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 OR by going to
<https://prairiefaith.com/mission/giving> and look for **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**



Blessing of New Prayer Shawls will be during PFSM Combined Worship Service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Reformation Sunday, **October 27, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.** Many thanks to those of you who have shared your gifts and talents to comfort others by making prayer shawls! **PFSM Parish Nurse Ministry**

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship — 9:00 a.m.
 (every 1st & 3rd Sundays)
October 6— No Worship at Emanuel
Bishop Canda at Bethlehem & St. John
October 20—Pastor Emer. Randy Gibbs

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 as indicated below)

Volunteers for October

October 6—Bishop Susan Canda
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 10:00 A.M.
Call Committee Meeting with Bishop @ St. John~12:30p
 Greeter—Bee McElroy
 Lector—Dennis Keller
 Communion—Bob & Vonda Ackerman
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

October 13—Pastor Jon Anderson
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Greeter —Bob Schonhaler
 Lector—Vonda Ackerman
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

October 20— Pastor Jon Anderson
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 10:00 A.M.
PASTOR APPRECIATION POTLUCK FOLLOWING WORSHIP
 Greeter—Bill Dietz
 Lector—Sue Schonhaler
 Communion—Dennis Keller & Darrell Keller
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

October 27—Pastor Jon Anderson
REFORMATION SUNDAY
JOINT SERVICE @ BETHLEHEM at 10:30 a.m.
BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS
POTLUCK FOLLOWING WORSHIP

(No Worship Service or Sunday School at St. John)

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Message from Pastor Jon:

Matthew 9:37-38—"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

In the month of October, we have two special events happening in Prairie Faith. At the end of the month, on Sunday, October 27th, we have a combined service at Bethlehem at 10:30, celebrating Reformation Sunday, with a potluck following. And at the beginning of the month, on October 6th, Bishop Candea is coming to preach at Bethlehem and St. John. Emanuel is canceling their service and encouraging their members to attend one of the other services to hear the bishop. Then at 12:30 at St. John, Bishop Candea will meet with the call committee.



Now, as your outgoing pastor (as of July 1st, 2025) I have nothing to do with the call committee-in fact, I am strictly prohibited by our congregation's constitutions to exert any influence in your choice of a pastor. I am thankful to all the folks who have agreed to serve on the call committee. But although I cannot exert any influence on the committee, I do have one important task to do, and so do all of you, whether you serve on the committee or not, and that is to pray for them in their work. Just today in the Salina Journal (September 20th) I read about the difficulty many congregations are having in finding a pastor, especially small town and rural congregations. Yet I believe that right now, God is preparing someone, somewhere, to take this call when I leave, or possibly even before-Prairie Faith is prepared to take on the new pastor as an associate, should they become available while I am still here.

Jesus' words from Matthew still apply today-the world may not be as interested in the church as they once were, and fewer people may be interested in serving the church-but the world still needs Jesus, and God's church still needs pastors. I encourage all of you, in the days and weeks to come, to pray for the call committee as they prepare the profile and as they begin the process of interviewing candidates for the new pastor of Prairie Faith.

Pastor Jon Anderson



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.

There are children's bulletins, puzzles and activity pages located on the children's table in the back of the sanctuary. Even if they don't work on them during worship, please feel welcome to pick them up and take them home for your kids.

Also, Parents, if there is something you would like to have for the kid's table, please let us know by contacting the church office.

Have a Blessed October!!



October
MIDWEEK MEALS

- October 2 - Tacos, cake, milk or juice
- October 9 - Pancakes, sausage, bananas, juice or milk
- October 16 - Ham, macaroni and cheese, apple slices, cookies, milk or juice
- October 23 - Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, brownies, milk or juice
- October 30 - Goulash, corn, French bread, fresh fruit, milk or juice

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
338 N. 7th St., WaKeeney

Sunday School at St. John

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

Sundays, October 6th & October 20th

Sunday School will NOT be held
Sundays, October 13th or October 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!





St. John

- 1 Opal Flinn
- 1 Brenda Lucas
- 4 Ashlyn Schonthaler
- 5 Adam Kober
- 8 Sarah Cearley-Windholz
- 11 Connie Keller
- 14 Emma Dinkel
- 17 Abigail Wanker
- 19 Eugene Massier
- 19 Mallory Kortan
- 19 Mariah Kortan
- 19 Byron Schonthaler
- 22 Tania Kortan
- 22 Erica Daniels
- 23 McKayla Schonthaler
- 26 Rachel Keller
- 29 Katie Dreiling



*As God adds Life to your Years,
may He add Years to your Life.
God Bless You as you
Celebrate Life and Love!*

Bethlehem

- 3 Judy Long
- 4 Olive Rush
- 6 Kayla Ward
- 8 Terry Long
- 10 Roman Custer
- 10 Clayton Kelley
- 16 Wanda Mai
- 16 Kay Wedermyer
- 19 Rhys Custer
- 20 Shawna Koehn
- 22 Amelia Dirks
- 22 Miramella Murphy
- 22 Monte Schmitt
- 23 Laynee Garrett
- 23 Mary Cunningham
- 23 Alys Moland
- 25 Doris Hafliker
- 27 Lisa Berg
- 29 Mick Glaze
- 30 Ron Scott
- 31 Kathy Dietz
- 31 DeeDee Heronemus
- 31 Ken Schoenthaler

Wedding Anniversaries

- 16 Ken & Linda Schoenthaler - Bethlehem
- 20 Rusty & Marlene Long – Bethlehem
- 23 Josh & Hannah Enslow - Bethlehem
- 23 Darrell & Johni Keller – St. John
- 26 Greg & Chris Trogstad – Bethlehem

Emanuel

- 26 Kathleen Fabrizio



Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before You today to lift up our Pastors Jon, Randy and Shelly in prayer. We ask that You bless them with Your wisdom, guidance, and strength as they lead our congregations. Let my prayer for my pastors come from a heart filled with grace and peace. Let my service for my pastors be an expression of faith that will honor You, God. Let my commitment to my pastors never waver so I can serve as long as the Lord sees fit to have me do so. Let my love for my pastors be a reflection of Your love for us all. Let my thoughts about a pastor never be judgmental, but always look to the heart. Help me to remember that my pastor is not perfect and cannot do everything alone. Stand by their side and help them serve in Your name. Watch over them Lord and allow them to continue their good work. **Amen.**



HELLO october

Pastor Jon will be on Vacation from Thursday, October 3 through Sunday, October 6.

Please Join us for Worship with Bishop Susan Candea on Sunday, October 6, at Bethlehem and St. John at their regular times.

Emanuel will not be having a service on October 6 and encouraging their members to attend at Bethlehem or St. John.

Bishop Candea will be meeting with the Call Committee following Worship at St. John at 12:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30 6:30p Bible Study Meeting at SJ	1 6:30p PFSM Bible Study In BLC Library	2 6:00p Midweek	Pastor Jon Vacation ~ Oct. 3rd thru 6th		
6 20th Sunday after Pentecost Bishop Candea Leads Worship at BLC & SJ 9:00a BLC Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Communion 12:30p Bishop Candea Meets with Call Committee at SJ	7 2:00p BLC WELCA Meeting & Bible Study 4:00p Yoga @ Library	8 6:30p PFSM Bible Study in BLC Library 7:30p PFSM Council Meeting at Bethlehem	9 6:00p Midweek 7:30p BLC Council Meeting	10	11	12
13 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a BLC Communion SJ—No Sunday School 11:00a SJ Worship	14 4:00p Yoga @ Library	15 6:30p PFSM Bible Study In BLC Library	16 6:00p Midweek	17 1:00p BLC WaKeeney LTC Communion	18	19
20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a Em Communion 9:00a BLC Communion Children's Choir Special Music 9:00a BLC Reception of New Member--Beth Billinger 9:00a BLC Midweek Staff Installation 9:00a BLC Bible Sunday to present 3rd grade Bibles 10:00a SJ Sunday School 11:00a SJ Communion 12:00p SJ Pastor Appreciation Potluck 7:00P SJ Council Meeting	21 4:00p Yoga @ Library	22 6:30p PFSM Bible Study In BLC Library	23 6:00p Midweek	24	25 	26
27  REFORMATION SUNDAY PFSM COMBINED SERVICE AT BLC @ 10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Prayer Shawls Potluck following Worship No Services at St. John or Emanuel	28 4:00p Yoga @ Library	29 6:30p PFSM Bible Study In BLC Library	30 6:00p Midweek	31 1:00p BLC WaKeeney Senior Apt. Communion HAPPY HALLOWEEN! 		



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

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