



Healing Waters Parish

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Augustana – Bergen – St. Lucas – Yellow Medicine

An area parish of Lutheran churches in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota

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Spreading God's love

Sharing your faith with others can be done in many different ways. We should all be willing to give an answer to those around us as to the hope we have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15).

Here are some effective ways to spread Christianity to those around you.

Carry Tracts

Have tracts with you that you can give out any time you have an opportunity. There are tracts that are general in nature, but you can also find a variety of tracts that are situation appropriate. By this I mean you can get tracts that are written for waiters and waitresses, various holidays and events, as well as location specific tracts. Try to carry a variety of tracts in your purse or car so that you are ready to give one to those you meet.

Social Networks

Share your faith on Twitter and Facebook by including an occasional Bible verse. Share with others what that verse means to you

and why it is important in your life. You can do this without being "preachy."

Always Have a Bible Handy

You should always be ready to share your faith with those who may ask. You can get a small New Testament to carry with you at all times. There are many Bible apps on smartphones for various platforms. This allows you to always have a Bible with you.

Share Your Testimony

Look for opportunities to share your testimony with others. One of the most effective witnessing tools you have is your own Christian testimony. Telling others how God changed your life

gives them a chance to see that God is real to you and that you want them to have the same relationship with Him that you have.

Genuinely Care for Others

Comfort your friends and co-workers with God's love when they go through hard times. If you are loving and caring to your friends they will come to you when they have problems. Maybe you have recently read a Bible-based article that speaks to the problem your friend is facing, share the article with them. When they know you care they will gladly accept your offers of help.



Upcoming Events:

-Augustana potluck - Sunday, December 4. See page 4.

-Bergen potluck - Sunday, December 4. See page 4.

-Quilting for seniors begins in January. See page 6 for more information.

-Sunday School Christmas program at YMLC Sunday, December 11. See page 6 for more information.

-Caroling at The Filling Station in Clarkfield December 20. See page 7 for more information.

-Shetek Lutefisk Supper December 4. See page 8.



Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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Please notify us when:

- There is a birth or adoption of a child
- There is a death in your family
- There is a hospitalization in your family
- Someone becomes home bound
- Someone becomes unemployed
- You move or get a new phone number
- A child moves out of the house or attends college or whenever there is a cause for sorrow or a cause for joy

Healing Waters Parish, the body of Christ, wants to bring you Christ's love in all the seasons of your life.

Thank you for helping with the November newsletter assembly.
Janeen Kompelien, Connie Pehrson, Carol Engel, Joyce Gregg,
and Terri Thostenson.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 4

Augustana 9:00 a.m.....Kelly France
Bergen 10:30 a.m.....Kelly France
St Lucas 9:00 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson
Yellow Medicine Lutheran 10:30 a.m....Pr Dave Peterson

Sunday, December 11

Augustana 9:00 a.m.....Kelly France
Bergen 10:30 a.m.....Kelly France
St Lucas 9:00 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson
Yellow Medicine Lutheran 10:30 a.m....Pr Dave Peterson

Sunday, December 18

Augustana 9:00 a.m.....Kelly France
Bergen 10:30 a.m.....Kelly France
St Lucas 9:00 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson
Yellow Medicine Lutheran 10:30 a.m....Pr Dave Peterson

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve:

Augustana - 4:00 pm
St. Lucas - 5:30 pm
Yellow Medicine - 5:30 pm

Christmas Day:

Bergen - 10:30 am

Weather Related Cancellations Of Sunday School and Worship Services

Please listen to the following stations for weather related
announcements regarding Sunday cancellations:

KMHL – 1400 AM (Marshall)

or

KDMA – 1460 AM (Montevideo)

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(and save printing and mailing costs),
please email office@healingwatersparish.org.

Pastor Dave's Reflections

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. Galatians 4:4-5

It has been said that timing is everything whether the topic is sports, business or our health. When the timing is right; the swing of a bat in baseball can result in the hit that wins the game or even the world series, an interception in football can be the deciding play that can result in the winning moment, an idea coupled with an investment can become a successful business venture; and a medical discovery at the right time can mean the difference between life and death for one or many.

As we enter this last month of the year, our attention with respect to our faith and faith journey is drawn to time or timing as well. As the apostle Paul noted in writing to the people of Galatia, "when the fullness of time had come" God acted as only God could. In agriculture, a kind of fullness of time is dealt with every year. It happens as the spring as the planting happens when the conditions are right and later at the end of the growing season when harvest takes place. Any crop to be its best is gathered in only when it has matured and is at the peak of ripeness.

As we move towards our annual celebration of Christmas, sharing the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, we are reminded that God set the events in motion when the time was ripe so-to-speak for the world to witness and be embraced by the inimitable love of God; or as Paul put it "so that we might receive adoption as children." In that child, Jesus, so carefully wrapped by Mary, was a gift that had and has more potential than the world, even we who believe, can fully understand.

As we prepare to celebrate this year we continue looking to the time and timing of God, as did the generations of believers who looked for arrival of the messiah. What we also look for and await is Jesus' return. As much as Christmas is about how God became one of us, there is so much more. Like the disciples who watched Jesus ascend into heaven and thought that just maybe he might return in their lifetime and bring to completion the presence of the kingdom; the Advent and Christmas season for us is also about preparing, watching for and waiting for the fullness of time to happen once again. When this happens again we or all who are present will witness, experience, and hopefully celebrate the accompanying fullness of God's grace and redemption for all.

May you have a joyous and peace filled Advent and Christmas season.

Pastor Dave

P.S. Rena and I would like to invite you to the parsonage for what has become for us a tradition of providing a time of fellowship, food and fun as we host an Advent Open House. The open house will run from 1-4 pm on Sunday, December 18. Come, take time to rest during an otherwise hectic season, and visit with friends and neighbors, and depart as you need to.

Pastor Dave Peterson's Office Hours:

Tuesday: St. Lucas parsonage 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Wednesday: St. Lucas parsonage 9:00 am –
12:00 pm, Yellow Medicine 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday: Augustana 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
(afternoons for visitation)

Friday: Yellow Medicine and visiting 8:00 am –
12:00 pm, St. Lucas Parsonage – 1:00 pm-5:00 p.m.

Community Prayer List

Jared Stevens, Duane Severson, Bret Herigon,
Jill Boehne, Margaret Remiger, Jerome Timm,
Cindy Buyert, Tony Rodriguez, Adela Espinosa
+ Please let our church secretary or the pastors
know of any change that should be
made to the prayer list.

AUGUSTANA CHURCH NEWS

Augustana Lutheran Church

921 11th Avenue
Clarkfield, MN 56223
320-669-4645

December work group leader: Stan & Karen Kaatz

Rachel Circle: Rachel Circle will not meet in December.

Council: Todd will contact council members to set next meeting date

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4	9:00 a.m
Sunday, December 11	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 18	9:00 a.m.
Friday, December 24	4:00 p.m

Augustana
Prayer List
family of
Jack Londgren,
Karen Johnson, Pr.
Rena Peterson,
Marion Varpness

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS STILL NEEDED:

When HWP does services once a month at Valhalla we bring something small for residents to have following church. It can be bars, cookies, cake, cheese & crackers, or whatever you wish to bring. Have enough to serve about 25 people. Call Nancy Chasteen at 669-7427 if you can take one of the following remainder dates in 2016: October 5, November 2 or December 28. Services start at 2:00 pm so please drop it off at Valhalla any time prior to 1:30. Staff there will serve and clean up.

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Augustana funds are still very low, so please remember your financial commitment to our church.

Remember to bring your donations for the Clarkfield Food Shelf, a box is at church.

“Afternoon with Santa” on Sunday December 4th from 3-5PM at the Clarkfield Care Center. Come see Santa, sleigh rides, caroling starting at 4:00 PM. Cookies and hot chocolate. Donations for the Clarkfield Food Shelf would be greatly appreciated! Everyone of all ages invited
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We are planning to have a Potluck Brunch following services on Sunday, December 4th. Hope you can make it for great food and fellowship.

If you have information you would like to have in newsletter, please contact Nancy Chasteen at 320-669-7427/320-226-1529 or nchasteen68@hotmail.com

BERGEN CHURCH NEWS

Bergen Lutheran Church

4603 310th Ave.
Granite Falls, MN 56241
320-369-7092



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 11	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 18	10:30 a.m
Sunday, December 25	10:30 a.m

Bergen Prayer List:
Pr. Rena Peterson

Opening Church:

Marcie Augeson & Daniel Gabrielson

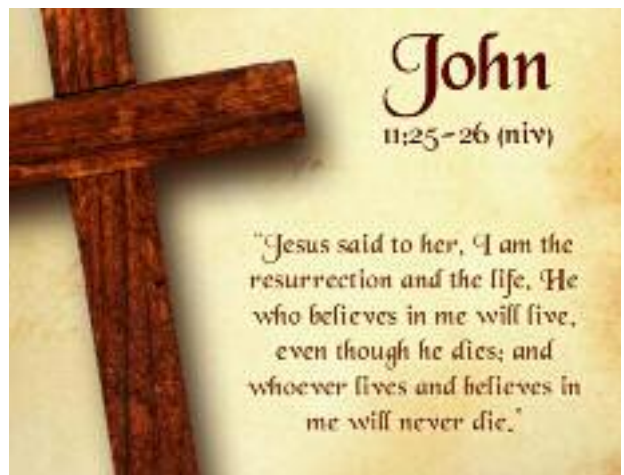
Work Group Leaders:

Group 2: David & Janet Gabrielson

Bergen women's meeting will be held December 14 at noon at the church. The meeting will be potluck.

December 4th: Bergen Potluck following Worship

December 11th: Bergen Annual Meeting. A light lunch will be served by the council following 10:30 am worship. Annual meeting will take place after lunch. Light lunch served by council.



ST. LUCAS CHURCH NEWS

St. Lucas Lutheran Church
 4232 170th Avenue
 Cottonwood, MN 56229

St. Lucas Prayer List
 ravis Johnson, Pr. Rena
 Peterson, Donald Lowe,
 Donovan Stensrud

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 11	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 18	9:00 a.m.
Friday, December 24	5:30 p.m.

December Birthdays

01 Chery Stensrud
 Tanner Anderson
 06 Kris Brusven
 12 Richard Johnson
 Jailee Hartle
 13 Loren Anderson
 21 Nathaniel Brusven
 Ina Wojahn
 Dayton Herigon
 23 Shannon Lenz
 29 Teresa Hoff
 30 Izabella Dieken
 Alexandria Bofferding

ANNIVERSARIES

12 - Dennis and Cindy Anderson

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Scandinavian Fest this year. We received many compliments on the food and the service. It is awesome to see how everyone works together and helps out where ever there is a need. Thanks again for all the hours of work both at church and at home that make the Scandinavian Fest possible.



St. Lucas Lutheran Cemetery Association
 Rules and Regulations
 Effective January 1, 2016
 Memorial Day flowers and decorations are permitted one week before and one week after Memorial Day.
 Flowers and decorations at other times must not interfere with the maintenance and care of the cemetery. Removal of these will be at the discretion of the cemetery board.
 No planting of trees or plants is permitted.
 Cremated remains may not be scattered anywhere in the cemetery. The remains must be in a container and buried within a burial space approved by the cemetery board.
 The St. Lucas Cemetery assumes no responsibility for vandalism or defacing of interment lots.
 The cemetery board reserves the right to change these rules and regulations as they deem necessary for the operation of the cemetery.

YELLOW MEDICINE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church
 101 Main Street, P.O. Box 119
 Hanley Falls, MN 56245
 annettelsharkey@gmail.com
 www.healingwatersparish.org



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 11	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 18	10:30 a.m.
Friday, December 24	5:30 p.m.

YM Prayer List:

Julie Volstad, Heather Torke, Hiram Thostenson, Zee Anne Reishus, Pr. Rena Peterson, Bruce Engel, Mary Ellen Anderson, Loie Dale, Hazel Martin

YELLOW MEDICINE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER ASSIGNMENTS:

Ushers:

4 Milo Brusven
11 Josh Brusven
18 Kevin Eye
24 Gary Enger

Lay Readers:

4 Heather Velde
11 Glenn Sharkey
18 Kevin Eye
24 Kristin Nygaard

Altar Guild:

Connie Velde
Amanda Lecy

Communion Assistant:

Tim Velde

Counters:

4 Tim & Grant Velde
11 Tim & Grant Velde
18 Tim & Grant Velde
24 Tim & Grant Velde

Acolytes:

4 Janessa Bakkelund
11 Carter Eckstrom
18 Madelin Stolen
24 Hayden Eischens

Crossbearers:

4 Austin Pringle

Funeral Chairs:

Service Group #3
Carol Engel (507) 768-3695
Angie Thostenson (507) 766-0909

WHAT: QUILTING FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
WHERE: YELLOW MEDICINE LUTHERAN CHURCH
WHEN: MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, at 6:30 P.M.

It's time to start working on our quilts for the 2016 high school graduates. There will be a getting-started meeting on Monday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the church dining hall. (We will continue meeting each Monday evening during January and February to complete the quilts.) At this meeting, necessary items will be covered and questions will be addressed. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** All seniors, their families and others who would be interested in helping are asked to come. We will be creating some special quilts that not only warm the body, but also carry with them special thoughts and prayers of our church family. Quilting for high school graduates is a great time for fellowship and there are some tasty lunches as a bonus. If you have someone you would like to see included in this project, please give Colleen Hewitt (507-829-0722) or Sharon Stevens (507-828-8002) a call.
HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU ON JANUARY 9TH!

Yellow Medicine Lutheran WELCA News

Saturday, Dec. 3rd Advent Celebration starting at 11 a.m. Members from service group #4 are asked to provide a main dish and serve. The rest of us will bring Christmas-type goodies. Guests are welcome.

December Birthdays

1 Adam Stengel
2 Cole Massmann
3 Chris Dahl
Shirley Mock
Megan Timm
5 Aurora Massmann
Traci Wolner
6 Bruce Gustafson
7 Charles Waller
8 Emma Gregoire
9 Cindy Eye
Isabella Shultz
14 Tyler Timm
15 Mavis Gustafson
16 Kaiden Pringle
18 Brooks Torke
19 Travis Naab
Justin Torke
20 Naomi Kuehl
Ryan Naab
Kristin Nygaard
Chantel Olson
21 Greg Marlette
22 Kathy Torke
24 Emily Cole
Christina Enger
Nick Hanson
25 Beth Brouwer
Trenton Dale
26 Hunter Fry
28 Madasyn Ludwig
29 Teagen Gustafson
Mikael Torgerson
30 Hayden Eischens
Sue Lindstrom
31 Steven Fry Jr.

Sunday School Events - December

4 Children DO NOT sing in church due to Sunday School practice.
10 THIS IS A SATURDAY!! Sunday School Christmas Program practice (total rehearsal) from 9:00 am -11:00 am.
11 Sunday School from 9:10 - 10:10 a.m. with Sunday School Christmas Program to follow during 10:30 Worship Service - meal following worship
18 Birthday party for Jesus during Sunday School
25 No Sunday School - Christmas break

Ministerial Acts:

FUNERAL: Wesley Morris Sheveland passed away on Friday, October 28, 2016, and was buried at Yellow Medicine Lutheran East Cemetery on Saturday, November 5, 2016.



...but the gift of
God is eternal life in
Jesus Christ
our Lord.
-Romans 6:23

News & Notes

THE DECEMBER YMLC COUNCIL MEETING will be held Wednesday, December 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

QUILTING will be starting on Tuesday, January 10th at 9:00 a.m. and continues on Tuesdays through March. Slightly used sheets or fabric is needed to make quilts. Also, if anyone has ideas on where we can deliver some quilts, please call Connie Velde 507-828-4227.

NEW COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE: Is your church cookbook worn out, splattered with various ingredients, missing a cover or pages? You are in luck, for the newly reprinted Favorite Recipes of Yellow Medicine Lutheran cookbook is now available. This is a joint fundraiser between the church and WELCA. Cookbooks are \$10.00. Please contact Cindy Eye if you would like to purchase one. (507) 768-3547 or ceye@mvtvwireless.com

Yellow Medicine Lutheran East and West Cemetery

Rules and Regulations

- No shrubbery shall be allowed.
- All family decorations are at the family's own risk and will be removed at the next mowing.
- All foot markers to be set at grass level to preclude equipment damage.
- It shall be the duty of the Sextons to enter upon any lot or grave to prohibit, modify or remove and dispose of any structure or object which may have been placed there in violation of any of the rules and regulations submitted, or which may be considered in their judgment to be unsightly, dangerous, or objectionable or interferes with the cemetery operations.
- Family shall be responsible for the cost of snow removal in the case of winter burials.
- The cemetery board reserves the right to change these rules or to make such other rules as they deem necessary for the operation of the cemetery. No notice of such intended changes shall be required.

Effective: March 17, 2010

FIRST EVER HEALING WATERS
PARISH CAROL SING at the Filling
Station in Clarkfield on Tuesday,
December 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
Please come and sing with us!



LOIE'S ADDRESS: Loie is lonely at her new place in Wisconsin and being so far from her boys and family, and would love to get mail. Let's flood her mailbox with caring thoughts!

Loie Dale
Wissota Health and Regional vent Center
2915 County Highway I
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

HEATHER'S ADDRESS: Heather will be at this address through Christmas. Please send her greetings!

Heather Torke
St. Gertrude's Health and Rehab Center
1850 Sarazin Street
Shakopee, MN 55379

Christmas Card Act of Kindness December One Thing

Holiday times can be very lonely for seniors or the elderly. Letters received, even from those they don't know, lift the spirits and bring holiday cheer to those living in Senior Homes, or nursing homes. Please share a holiday greeting card to be delivered to the local nursing homes in our community. You can share your favorite Christmas memory, a funny joke, a treasured bible verse or just a "Happy Holidays" will do. The recipient will enjoy the card and your kindness. You can bring as many as you like. Cards will be delivered the week of Christmas. There will be a box in the narthex for you to drop them off.

*Shetek Lutheran Ministries
Lutefisk Supper
Sunday, December 4th 2016
5:30p.m.
Ticket \$15.00*

Enjoy an evening of Fellowship, sing-a-long, & Delicious Food. Lutefisk, Meatballs, Lefse and much more!!



“Limited Seating”
Must have Reservati

Please Call or mail reservation by November 20, 2016
Shetek Lutheran Ministry, Keelley Island - Grayton MN 56172 (507) 76
Prepaid reservations only. Thank You!!
Tickets \$15

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