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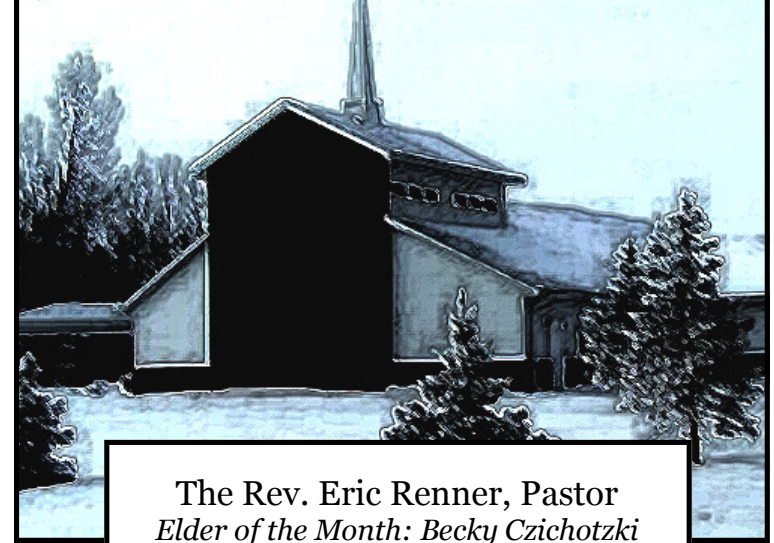
**Happy
Valentines
Day**

Shepherd of the Prairie

and the

Shepherd's Christian Preschool

FEBRUARY 2012



The Rev. Eric Renner, Pastor
Elder of the Month: Becky Czichotzki

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"Guiding all to live, love, learn, and lead for Christ"



Shepherd's Notes

Watchwords for 2012

Church: "The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven." - James 5:15

Elders: "Do not fear or be dismayed!" - Joshua 8:1

Trustees: "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go." - Psalm 32:8

Christian Education: "Christ says, "If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?" - Matthew 18:12

Preschool: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:14, 16

Women's Fellowship: "Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord." - Psalm 32:10

Choir: "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

Prayer Shawl: "Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed." - 1 Peter 3:13,14

Boy Scouts: "Christ suffered for since once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." - 1 Peter 3:18

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

Words are in a straight line left to right or top to bottom

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(Matthew 4:1-4) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (NRSV)

Word List

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2012 Mid-Week Lenten Services

Our 2012 series of Wednesday evening Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at Bethel. Pastor Eric will be presenting the message during this service. This year, our theme is Artisans of the Crucifixion. This series includes five consecutive dramatic presentations portraying people who might have been the artisans of certain items used at Christ's Passion. Services will begin at 7:00 PM and will include a time of refreshments following worship. Our schedule of services and locations is as follows:

February 22 – Bethel

February 29 – Shepherd of the Prairie

March 7 – Goshen

March 14 – Canaan

March 21 – Shepherd of the Prairie

March 28 – Bethel

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There is a **Board of World Mission / Antioch Project** gathering in North Dakota on February 24-26. This is a mission opportunity for all ages. Stay tuned for more info...

Prayers for the Community

Adeline Sanford, Amy Hewitt, Bailey Hewitt, Chip Bohner, Colin Wahl, Connie Asquith, Dorothy Romanchuk, Faith Hudson, Gavin Maus, Grace Hansen, Hope Hudson, Joe & Ann LaFortune, Joely Blesener, Joyce Ankeney, Judy Belter, Kevin Blanchette, Luella Laske, Marlene Hanson, Marlow Kineg, Myrna Peil, Sam Propsom, Sarah Fries, Sharon Lauderman, Steven Bubendorf, Terry Hamilton, and Tip Vining.

Prayers for the World

For unity in the Moravian Church in Honduras; for the wisdom in leadership of all nations; for those who suffer unjustly; for those seeking freedom of mind, body, or soul; for those affected by the continued unrest in the Middle East; those suffering with AIDS and the medical professionals working towards a cure; all those suffering in New Zealand; the children in the village of Ngolohano, Tanzania (village adopted by ND Moravian Youth); for all those in Kenya and Sudan who suffer; the people of Japan; the people of Libya; victims of recent tornados; in Nepal—the on going struggle of the Christian community as they still do not have an allocated burial ground—pray that it will be resolved soon and the government would look favorably on our request, for the 13 people who were recently baptized, that they might be stronger in their faith as they face challenges in their families and work places; for the expanding peace and presence of Christ in the world.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

A note from the Board of World Missions:

As we enter each New Year we often take the time to reflect on where we have been and where we are headed. At BWM we have goals of sharing God's love, building relationships with our partners and our churches, equipping people in mission, and being good stewards of the resources provided to us. In 2012 we hope to step back and see how we can more effectively meet these goals. Primary issues will be promoting new areas for sharing the gospel of Jesus and strengthening our global partners in their own mission. We are excited to see just where God might be taking us!

Judy Ganz
Executive Director

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 5th

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 12th

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

Sunday, February 19th

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration of Our Lord
2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Sunday, February 26th

First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Pastor Eric's Office Hours **Monday-Thursday 9AM—12PM**

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 9AM—3PM.

As always, there are other events such as hospital & home visits, meetings, out-of-state retreats, illness and other engagements that can come up. It's best to call the office first and, if necessary, make an appointment.

Having trouble getting to church on Sundays?

If there is a Sunday where you need assistance making it to worship and are in need a ride, please call the church office, and we may be able to connect you with someone in your area.

THE
SHEPHERD'S
CHRISTIAN
PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL NEWS



20 three, four & five year olds create a lot of excitement each morning in preschool. As children enter we make sure each is greeted, as well as their parents & siblings. So – what do we do each day? We follow the same daily schedule because that brings a sense of security to the children.

Children first wash their hands and then get involved with an activity around the room. We open our storytime with prayer, then the child of the day updates the calendar, followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance*. After the story, the children spend almost an hour doing a teacher-led activity such as painting or a craft to compliment the story or unit.

Next, we look forward to the healthy snack, which is followed by a music or large muscle activity – like a relay game or marching to music. Another less 'formal' storytime follows, which includes a bit more playfulness. We close our day with the 'Sharing Bag' (show-n-tell). Of course during nice weather we play outside with bikes, stompers and scooters.

The Shepherd's Christian Preschool strives to be a 'well-rounded' preschool – one that has *student led* AND *teacher directed* activities. We also want to lay a strong faith foundation of prayer, Bible Stories & songs as well as other literature, social, music and art experiences. We want to partner with parents as they raise their sweet children. Most importantly – we want each child to know WHO Jesus is and the way to Salvation!

Do you know any preschoolers who would love to be in our class next year? Our community registration will begin March 19. Registration forms will be in the church office.

Randa Thompson - director



GET CONNECTED

Make a Difference... in YOUR Church and in YOUR world!

Opportunities to serve in February

Greeters—Welcoming, outgoing persons to assist and meet the needs of our guests on Sunday morning and other special occasions. Live out your mission to serve God by serving others. No need to sign up! Just come early and welcome with a smile.

Joyful Noise Offering — This offering we take on the first Sunday of every month helps to extend a scholarship program to those interested in attending Shepherd's Christian Preschool.

The Food Collection basket—Please bring food items to feed the homeless. The Lord says, "What you do for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you do unto me."

Prayer Shawl Ministry/Outreach — Want to do something for a friend with cancer, a neighbor whose son/daughter is serving overseas in the military, a new mother? Discover the blessing that comes from blessing others. Once a month, we will share in the joy of giving as we knit and/or crochet for the loved ones on our prayer list. No experience required!

We need volunteers to serve at the Salvation Army. This is a joint ministry with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We serve four times each year, on the 5th Saturday of the month. Contact the church office if you are willing to be part of this service.

Music—Shepherd's Singers are always searching for new members with a joy for music in their heart. Rehearsals have started. Please see Rachel Baumgarten for more information!

Fellowship Snacks—There is a signup sheet to bring goodies/snacks for fellowship time on Sunday mornings.



If you need to hold an event at the church, please check the master calendar in the office for availability.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's happening — this month and beyond!

2012 Congregational Watchword

"The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven." - James 5:15

Pastor Eric will be away at Western District staff meetings from February 6-10.

Boy Scouts Pack #200 will be serving brunch and having their annual pinewood derby after worship on February 12.

Pastor Eric will be on vacation February 15th—19th.

The **Joint Board meeting** will be held on February 16th at 6pm.

The Rev. Sam Propsom will be preaching on Sunday, February 19th

Girl scouts will be selling cookies on February 19th.

Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 22nd at 7pm at Bethel Moravian Church.

There will be an **Antioch Project/ Board of World Mission** event on Feb 24-26.

Students involved with **United Campus Ministry** will be singing during worship and serving a taco salad lunch fundraiser on February 26th.

A **Mission Trip** is being planned to go to Minot in mid-March. If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Eric and he will get you the appropriate info.

North Dakota Moravian Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 25th— 8:00 AM









Canaan Moravian Church





February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Petro on I-29 & 45th	2 6:00 PM Jt. Board Mtg.	3 	4
5 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship— <i>Joyful Noise Offering</i>	6	7	8 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Petro on I-29 & 45th	9	10	11 10:00 AM Boy Scouts Pack #200
Pastor Eric at Western District Staff Meetings →						
12 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship <i>Boy Scouts brunch & derby following worship</i>	13 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Nat'l Flag of Canada Day 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Petro on I-29 & 45th 	16	17	18
Pastor Eric on Vacation →						
19 Transfiguration of our Lord 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship— The Rev. Sam Propsom <i>Girl Scouts will be here following worship to sell cookies</i> →	20 President's Day 	21	22 Ash Wednesday 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Petro on I-29 & 45th 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship @ Bethel	23 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet	24	25 8:00 AM ND Moravian Men's Breakfast @ Canaan →
Antioch Project event →						
26 First Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship— <i>Food Bank/Birthday Sunday— Holy Communion— United Campus Ministry Luncheon</i>	27 7:00 PM Girl Scouts	28 	29 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Petro on I-29 & 45th 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Worship @ SOTP			

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Love.*



Happy Birthday

- Florence Skarloken (2nd)
- Brittany Offner (9th)
- Amy Hewitt (13th)
- Charlotte Carlson (14th)
- Janson Steffan (20th)
- William Marohl-Steffan (27th)
- Larry Hahn (27th)

