



The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

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Friends in Christ:

Maybe you've heard already. I thought I should tell the full story, just to clear things up.

On the third day of Christmas, I got my first broken bone, my first stitches, and my first CT scan.

It happened not ten minutes after I arrived at my parents' house in Ohio. My mother had dinner on the table. I went upstairs to grab something or other, and at the top of the steps, my foot slipped. I caught myself, but not before my chin hit the top step with enough force to make something go *crunch*.

There wasn't any particular reason for it to happen. I didn't slip on the ice. (There wasn't even any ice outside.) It was just one of those things. Luckily, it happened when my parents were there to help. They got me to the ER, where I got the stitches and the CT scan, and eventually a diagnosis: broken jaw.

The oral surgeon that I saw in Ohio referred me to an oral surgeon in Minnesota, and I was able to return home at about the same time I had originally planned. I didn't have to have the most intense kind of surgery to repair the break, but I did wind up needing to have my jaw wired shut, which is still a pretty intense procedure. They kept me overnight in the hospital, even! (Another first.)

I'm on my way back to normal now. I need a little extra rest, I need to keep up a schedule of frequent small meals (due to the liquid diet), and I need to limit how much talking I do. Over the next few weeks things should gradually improve, and I'm looking to be done with this whole thing entirely by the beginning of March at the latest.

Needless to say, this is not how I planned to spend the weeks leading up to the beginning of the Lenten season! The big thing you will likely notice is that I'm not able to speak clearly or long enough to be leading worship, so we'll be having guest preachers. Think of it as an opportunity to reconnect with the wider church, and to hear the good news from different voices!

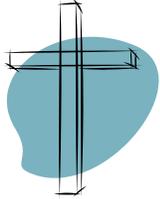
If you have immediate pastoral care needs, I can still talk *some*, and I can also arrange for someone else to visit you if you need that. Please be in touch! (If you text, texting is always good, but I can also talk on the phone some.) I will also be slowly reaching out to the folks I regularly visit, as my energy allows.

I take some comfort in remembering that it's not my voice we really need to be hearing—it's God's voice. God's voice can speak through silence as well as through speech. God's voice can speak through acts of caring and compassion.

I've heard God's voice speaking so clearly in the many people who have helped me out, or offered to help, or promised to keep me in their prayers. I have a new appreciation for just how much those prayers mean when you're having a tough time!

Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to recover. Someday this will make for some great sermon illustrations. Until then, know that I will be using the extra rest time to pray for you, as well.

Pastor Sarah Taylor



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February Joint Worship Schedule

Feb. 2nd- 10:00a.m. Worship at Zion/Sunday School
Annual Meeting and Potluck following Worship

Feb. 9th - 10:00a.m. Joint Worship at Lake Hanska

Feb. 16th - 10:00a.m. Joint Worship at Zion/S.S.
2:00p.m. Watonwan River Conference
at First Lutheran Church in St James

Feb. 23rd - 10:00a.m. Joint Worship at Lake Hanska

Vital Statistics

Lake Hanska

Dec 22	14	\$5,783.00
Dec 24	47	\$785.00
Dec 29	28 Joint at L.H.	\$748.00
Jan 5	Joint at Zion	\$1,253.00
Jan 12	29 Joint at L.H.	\$938.00
Jan 19	Worship Canceled at Zion	

Zion

Dec 22	27	
Dec 24	89	
Dec 29	Joint at L.H.	
offering for 22, 25 and 29		\$9,499.87
Jan 5	44 Joint at Zion	\$1,410.00
Jan 12	Joint at L.H.	
Jan 19	Worship Canceled	



Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday February 26, 2020, 7:00p.m. at Zion Church

Just a Reminder

Don't forget to register for communion! Please either sign a communion card at Lake Hanska or the communion book at Zion.

Make sure your cash offering is in an envelope.

This makes bookkeeping for both churches easier!

Thank you!

Watonwan River Conference Assembly

Sunday February 16th - 2:00p.m.
at First Lutheran Church in St James

Zion Members: Your giving reports are in your mailbox at church. If you would like yours mailed to you please contact Lisa at 507-276-2775



Let all you do be done with LOVE

1 Corinthians 16:14

Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

Lake Hanska W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Bonnie Lilleodden
Beth Kral and Nancy Lilleodden

Wednesday February 5th

9:30a.m. Sewing, All ladies of Lake Hanska Church are welcome to join us for coffee at 10:30a.m.

Zion W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Sharon Miller

Communion: Beth Lassas
and Jill Miller

And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

I Corinthians

February Ushers at Zion: Tim Miller,
Aaron Miller, Clyde Larson and Dayton Larson

Equipping Congregations Day

LEAParticipation

Leap into participation this leap year

Saturday February 29, 2020

8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Willmar MN

All Are Welcome!

Congregation Members, Council Officers, Christian Educators, Pastors...Everyone!

Key Note Speaker: Pastor David J. Lose, Senior Pastor serving Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

Entering the Bible with Heart, Mind, and Soul

Lutherans eagerly affirm that Scripture is the Word of God. But what do we mean when we say that? Given the gamut of ways of reading Scripture — running from “it’s a collection of human wisdom” to “it’s inerrant and inspired” — what do Lutherans really believe? In what ways, that is, do we believe Scripture is true? How does it function as a useful guide and norm for our faith and life? What do we do with “difficult passages” that seems violent or exclusionary? Answering these questions is crucial if we are to allow our lives to be shaped by God’s Word and invite others into our faith communities anchored in the preaching and teaching of the Scriptures. Join us for a day of learning, practical exercises, and discussion as we immerse ourselves in God’s living and dynamic word.

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