



The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

January 2021



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The New Year always brings with it some sense of anticipation. After a year like 2020 we are ready for something new, right?

The first new thing for Zion and Lake Hanska – an Interim Pastor. I am thrilled to be your Interim Pastor! I've served in this synod for 13 years, mostly in St. Cloud. I'm a 2nd career pastor having worked in early childhood education and Christian education for 15 years. While I have mostly lived and served in larger communities, my roots are in Dawson, Minnesota. I have many wonderful memories of going to Grace Lutheran in Dawson with my grandparents, building relationships with many of my grandparents friends as I hung out with Grandma at the restaurant she owned and discovering all of the small towns around Minnesota as I rode with Grandpa in his semi from the Dawson soybean plant.

I look forward to building relationships with you as we work together to deepen relationships with Faith, Zion and Lake Hanska and build this new partnership of congregations in preparation for Pastor Janna's arrival.

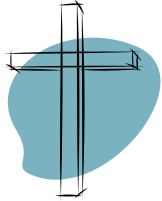
What will YOUR role be as we move forward? How can you share God's love in this place as you dream of something new in 2021? God is doing a new thing right here and YOU are an important part of this ministry. God will take your gifts and talents and use them to build God's kingdom in Hanska. A place where all people are loved and valued – after all, isn't that what Scripture calls us to do?

In the early church we hear that God added to their numbers day by day – not because they had the perfect Sunday school, or the perfect building – but because the community could “see how they loved each other.” The community around wanted to be a part of a group that truly loved each other and loved their neighbor. THAT, dear church, is what defines us!

I can't wait to see what God is going to do right here with this amazing community of Christ's disciples! I'm grateful for the opportunity to work with you.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Janine Olson



Vital Statistics

Lake Hanska

Nov. 22	14	\$446.00
Nov. 29	at Zion	
Dec. 6	21	\$1,262.00
Dec. 13	at Zion	\$526.00

Zion

Nov. 22	at Lake Hanska	
Nov. 29	27	\$4,445.00
Dec. 6	at Lake Hanska	
Dec. 13	41	\$3,120.00



January Worship Schedule

**Sunday January 3rd at 9:00a.m. at Lake Hanska
with communion**

**Sunday January 10th at 9:00a.m. at Zion
with communion**

Sunday January 17th 10:00a.m. at Lake Hanska
Lake Hanska's Annual meeting after worship

Sunday January 24th 10:00a.m. at Zion
Zion's Annual meeting after worship

Sunday January 31st at 9:00a.m. at Lake Hanska

Annual Meetings are coming up soon!!

Please drop off your information for the Annual reports
at the office or e-mail it to Jill as soon as possible.
(pllpssecretary@gmail.com)

January 17th Lake Hanska
January 24th Zion

Happy New Year

**It's a time for new beginnings in our personal lives
and in our church life.**

This will be the last PLLP Newsletter. We will be joining Faith in a
monthly newsletter to spread the news of our churches.

You can send your information for the newsletter to
Joyce Stensland - office administrator
office@faithoursaviours.org

Starting in January

Lake Hanska Church will receive mail at P.O. Box 65, Hanska

Zion will still get their mail at P.O. Box 27, Hanska.

The Parish will no longer have a P.O. Box.



*Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, the new creation
has come: The old has
gone, the new is here!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

Lake Hanska W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Pam Kjelshus and Jane Ahlness

Lake Hanska's Annual Meeting

Sunday January 17, 2021

Zion W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Sharon Miller

Zion's Annual Meeting Sunday January 24, 2021

For Church Cancellations

Listen to KNUJ (knuj.net), go on the Parish Website or check the PLLP Facebook page to see if church has been cancelled because of cold or snowy weather.

Ushers for January at Zion

Jon Reinhart, Dan Paulson, Landon Sletta
and John Thormodson

Council member for January: Karen P.

New Beginnings for our churches

As you know the call committee has been busy interviewing pastors for our new parish. They have called a new pastor for the three churches. Faith, Zion and Lake Hanska congregations have unanimously voted to extend this call. Pastor Janna Bader will be starting February 1, 2021.

Pastor Janna Bader graduated from Luther Seminary in 2015 and served as a first call pastor in Faith Lutheran Church in the NW MN Synod. A native of North Dakota, she studied Elementary Education at MSU in Moorhead and taught for twenty years before answering her call to ministry. Her ministry experience is a bit eclectic (but she likes eclectic!) from her time as a Sunday School Teacher, to being a Director of Youth and Family Ministries, to being a Synodically Authorized Minister in South Dakota, to serving internship at a five point parish in Minnesota, to becoming a solo pastor of a rural parish. Helping people connect their stories to their neighbors' stories and God's story is what she loves most about being a pastor. She likes hiking in the woods, kayaking, hymns on the piano, cooking meals with her husband (Mark), coffee and lefse.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

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