



# The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

November 2020



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

Friends in Christ:

*"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers..." 1 Thessalonians 1:2*

Many of you have probably heard by now that I am preparing to move back to Ohio, to start a new call there and to be closer to my family. I'm excited about this new opportunity, but I miss all of you in Minnesota already!

Thinking about that, I'm reminded that a large part of what we call the New Testament is made up of letters between Christians in different parts of the world. Scholars think that some of these letters were likely written even before the gospels! Letters allowed whole communities to connect with people they cared about across great differences in all sorts of difficult circumstances.

Maybe it's my preoccupation with moving that caused this practice to stand out to me. It seems to me to be evidence that from literally the earliest records we have, it's been part of the regular pattern of Christian life that some people move on and some people stay.

Maybe you've been one of the people who moved on at some point in your life. Maybe the community where you live right now is not where you started out. Maybe you spent some time away, for education or a job or some other reason, and then came back. Or maybe you're a person who has mostly stayed in one place, or who at least is staying put for this season.

Either way, you can experience both challenges and opportunities. It's difficult to go to a new place, to learn new rhythms and form new relationships, but it's a gift to have a fresh start. It's also difficult to stay in one place and say good-bye, to have to work things out where you are, but it's a gift to be able to deepen and depend on existing relationships.

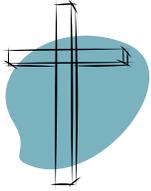
The Body of Christ has room in it for all of those different experiences. The differences are not just accepted; they are valued! In fact, if it wasn't for this dynamic—some people leaving, others staying—we wouldn't even have some of the most beloved books of the New Testament.

As I prepare to leave this place, we are separated by more than just physical distance. We're separated by "social distancing" and other precautions that are necessary in a pandemic. We're separated by ideological differences that threaten even our humanity. The letters of the New Testament remind us that those separations don't have to end our relationships. We can still be connected. In Christ, we still *are* connected.

So I'd like to join Paul and his friends in saying, *I give thanks to God for all of you*. You will be in my prayers, as I hope I will be in your prayers. I encourage you to pray for your new pastor, whoever that may be, and for one another. Perhaps someday I'll be back in Minnesota to visit, but whether we see each other again, or not, God will hold us all.

In Christ,

Pastor Sarah Taylor



## Vital Statistics

### Lake Hanska

Sept. 20th	at Zion	\$252.00
Sept. 27th	17	\$556.00
Oct. 4th	at Zion	\$726.00
Oct. 11th	12	\$718.00

### Zion

Sept. 20th	18	\$1,682.00
Sept. 27th	at Lake Hanska	
Oct. 4th	25	\$1,315.00
Oct. 11th	at Lake Hanska	
Oct. 18th	28	\$3,240.00

## November Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00a.m.

November 1st - Worship at Zion Church  
with Communion

November 8th - Worship at Lake Hanska Church  
with Communion

November 15th - Worship at Zion Church

November 22nd - Worship at Lake Hanska Church

November 29th - Worship at Zion Church

This is our schedule for now. PLLP will not have online services in November. You can watch an online service done at Faith Lutheran in Madelia on Faith and Our Saviors Facebook page.

Please check the website or Facebook for time of worship and any other changes.



# Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

## Lake Hanska W-ELCA

**Altar Guild:** Beth Kral,  
Bonnie Lilleodden and Nancy Lilleodden

**Wednesday November 4th**  
Quilting at 9:30a.m. Coffee at 10:30a.m.

## Zion W-ELCA

**Altar Guild:** Sonja Smesmo

**Communion:** Sonja Smesmo and  
Brenda Thormodson

Zion Welca Thank Offering - money goes  
to the NUMAS House

## November Ushers for Zion

Dallas Larson, Delman Larson, Dayton Larson  
and DuWayne Redmond

**Council member:** Kay Grams



November 2019- October 2020  
Our Saints

### Saints who have died in the faith

*Lois Hage      November 14, 2019*

*Carole J. Marstone      December 16, 2019*

*Mae Carol Olson      March 20, 2020*

*Orville Royer      April 5, 2020*

*Charles "Chuck" Gustafson      June 9, 2020*

*Beatrice Darlene Warling      August 4, 2020*

*Joan H. Lilleodden      August 11, 2020*

*Arlys L. Sletta      September 2, 2020*

*Mary Frederickson      October 24, 2020*

### Saints who have been baptized into the faith

*Weston Daniel Hoffman      June 28, 2020*

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**No Online worship for the PLLP for November**

**Parish Website: [www.prairielandlutheran.org](http://www.prairielandlutheran.org)**

**Scandian Grove Lutheran Church's Annual  
Lutefisk and Homemade Meatballs Drive Thru Fall Supper  
No preorders - Just hop in line**

**Saturday, November 7, 2020 11:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.**

**Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, 42869 County Rd 52, Saint Peter, MN 56082**

**\$12/Meal, \$15/Meal with double fish**

**Drive Thru Menu – Lutefisk, Meatballs, Mashed potatoes, Peas and Carrots,  
Melted butter, White sauce, Gravy, Bun and Cookie**

**Questions? Call 507-246-5195**

**A portion of the proceeds will go to charity.**



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Phillippians 4:6

If anyone has an address change or doesn't want the newsletter anymore please let Jill know at [pllsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:pllsecretary@gmail.com).

Thank you!

If you are in need of pastoral care please call Jill at 507-439-6565

Please keep the call committee in your prayers as we move ahead in the process of calling a new pastor.

**Albion Church Bazaar 2020**

The Albion Women are trying something new this year. Since COVID-19 put a stop to the traditional bazaar, we will be holding an online bazaar! An online auction will be held from Nov. 1st - Nov. 15th. The auction will be hosted through a site called 32auctions and the auction link is [www.32auctions.com/AlbionBazaar2020](http://www.32auctions.com/AlbionBazaar2020)

If you are interested you will need to sign up for an account with 32auctions prior to placing a bid. Items are being added now. Payments will be made directly through the 32auctions site.