

Announcements & Activities

West Prairie prayer list:

Jonie Bang, Phyllis Disque, Joyce Greer, Alan Goranson, Brittney Hawke, Dennis Kramer, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Denny Norstrud, Scott Norstrud, Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, LeAnn Peterson, Roger Peterson, our sister church in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA and Bethel Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, IA.

Please let me or Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have. We will gladly list them. Cindy at csarver52@gmail.com or 319-931-3570.

Condolences to the family of **Lois Holst** (mother of Bryon Holst) who passed away on 1/19/23. God has brought her into His eternal embrace and may He provide her family with comfort and support.

Movie Night tonight 6:30 pm, movie to be determined

This Week's Activities

Wed., Feb. 1, 2023	7:00 pm	Naomi Circle, Sharon hosting at her home. New book starting: <i>Mothers and Daughters of the Bible</i> , by Shannon Breme
Sun., Feb. 5, 2023	8:30 am	Worship with Communion, fellowship following.
	9:45 am	Sunday School

February Volunteers

Fellowship: Feb. 5 — Janet and John Haugen
Feb. 12 — Julie and Jan Reimann
Feb. 19 —
Feb. 26 —

Lector: Cindy Sarver

Usher(s):

Flowers:

Communion Prep and Clean-up: Cindy Sarver

Happy Birthday: Waylon Bromeland (1/30), Anthony Haugen (2/1), Candy Johnson (2/2)

Baptismal Anniversary: Waylon Bromeland (1/30), Candy Johnson (2/?), Julia Holland (2/1), Scott Fruhwirth (2/1), Cody Fruhwirth (2/1)

Note: Bulletin Information can be sent to Cindy by email: csarver52@gmail.com or phone/text-319-931-3570. Entry deadline, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Healing Service

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023**

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion given the 1st and 4th Sundays in January

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and on the internet.

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Healing Service **January 29, 2023**

The Service of the Word for Healing

Jesus Christ is the Almighty Healer and has mercy for all that are burdened in body, mind or spirit. We call upon our Lord and Savior to be present with us today and comfort all with His loving hands.

**Please stand as able.*

P: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness. p. 77

*OPENING HYMN *Lord, Speak to Us That Way We Speak* #403

Opening Dialog:

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C: And his mercy endures forever.

P: They cried to the Lord in their trouble,

C: And he delivered them from their distress.

P: He sent forth his Word and healed them,

C: And saved them from the grave.

P: The Lord is righteous in all his ways,

C: And loving in all his works.

P: The Lord upholds all who fall;

C: He lifts up those who are bowed down.

P: The Lord sustains them on their sickbed.

C: And ministers to them in their illness.

P: The Lord is my strength and my song,

C: And he has become my salvation.

P: Let us pray. Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Blessing:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

*CLOSING HYMN *"God Will Take Care of You"* **Grey Book #56**

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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PIANIST:

Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR:

Cindy Sarver

~Pastor will be available for visitations and prayer requests~

~ Please call or email with your request~

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us. Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people are seated.

HYMN *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”* #294

Laying of Hands and Anointing

Those who wish to receive laying of hands and anointing may come to the altar one at a time, waiting in the aisles until the person ahead is anointed. As you step forward, give your first name to the minister so that it may be included in prayer.

You may sit or stand for the anointing.

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, _____; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver him/her from the power of evil; and preserve him/her in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.

R: Amen

After all have returned to their places, the people stand for the closing rite.

*Closing Rite:

P: The Almighty Lord—a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you known and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C: And his mercy endures forever.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, surrounded by the snares of this world, we cannot stand apart from the power of your grace. Strengthen us in body, mind, and spirit so that we may continue in the face of all that threatens to overcome us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**The people are seated.*

FIRST LESSON

Micah 6: 1-8

PALMS

Psalm 15

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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“Glory to you, O Lord”

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12

“Praise to you, O Christ”

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Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony

HYMN OF THE DAY *“I Need Thee Every Hour”* **Grey Book #443**

Bidding Prayers:

P: Let us pray for all who suffer.

C: Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in him strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for recovery from sickness.

C: O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those in affliction.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, give comfort to the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those who minister in healing.

C: Almighty God, source of human knowledge and skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that, by their ministries, the health of all people may be promoted, and your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends.

C: Loving God, our creator and redeemer: Give strength and gentleness, patience and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their hope be in you, and by their ministry of love let your love be known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those who desire our prayers.

C: Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your strong arms around them. Touch them with your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in you and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those making decisions.

C: O Lord our God, send your Holy Spirit to guide us, that we may make our decisions with love, mercy, and reverence for your gift of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us salvation.

C: Blessed be God.

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses.

C: Blessed be God.

P: Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power.

C: Blessed be God.

P: Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants who are gathered here with your presence; drive away their sickness of body and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve you now and evermore.

C: Amen

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed p. 85

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us share God's peace.

OFFERING

**Please stand*

THE OFFERTORY "Create in me" p. 75

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 5th Chapter

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Healing Service

January 29, 2023

The first lesson is from the 6th Chapter of Micah

6 Listen to what the LORD says: "Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. ² "Hear, you mountains, the LORD's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. ³ "My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. ⁴ I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. ⁵ My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD." ⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DO
Justice
LOVE
Mercy
WALK
Humbly
with your *God*
MICAH 6:8

Let us pray Psalm 15 (responsively)

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

² **The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;**

³ Whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;

⁴ **Who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;**

⁵ Who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Amen



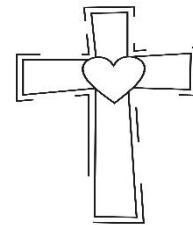
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The second lesson is found in the 1st Chapter of 1 Corinthians

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." ²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Church Council Minutes, January 2023

The Auditor's report was presented by Julie Reimann. All the books are in balance. Rita Schutter will look over the Sunday School books, and there are some Circle bank deposit reports that should be added to the books. Terry Durby made a motion to approve the report, second by Jodi Fjeld, approved.

Discussion was held concerning the placement of a monitor in the church sanctuary to be used during the service. Items to be considered include; cost of a monitor or T.V., possible additional computer, wiring, and bracket for hanging. Also considered were; the location in the front of the church, who would enter the information and who would run it during use. The topic was tabled to allow for more investigation and discussion with others who were not attending the meeting. It might be possible to set up a temporary monitor to see how it would look.

Caroll Carson presented the Treasurer's report for 2022. Total income for 2022 was \$77,466.64, which was decreased by losses in our mutual funds. Charitable giving totaled \$24,848.60 which included some carryover funds from 2021. Total expenses for the year were \$90,274.47. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Wendell Finer, seconded by Jodi Fjeld and approved.

Caroll Carson reviewed the proposed budget, answering questions as presented. An amount of \$8,700 was included in the budget for a new entry ramp. Benevolences/outreach totaling \$10,750 was reviewed and discussed. The proposed 2023 budget totaled \$84,725. A motion was made by Lanette Branstad to approve the proposed 2023 budget, seconded by Judy Norstrud, approved.

Council elections included a nomination of Cindy Sarver to replace Ceara Mullins, by Lanette Branstad. Lisa Durby agreed to stay on the council. Lanette Branstad made a motion that nominations cease, and a unanimous vote be cast. Terry Durby seconded the motion, and it was approved.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lanette Branstad, seconded by Phyllis Disque and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Durby
Council Secretary

The West Prairie Church council met Wednesday January 11, 2023. Attending the meeting were Julie Reimann, Jan Reimann, Jodi Fjeld, Ceara Mullins, and Lisa Durby. Terry Durby was absent. Also attending the meeting was Caroll Carson and Pastor Tony. President, Julie Reimann called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jan, seconded by Jodi and approved.

Pastor Tony led devotions based on Romans Chapter 15, verse 13. In his report, Pastor Tony noted his participation in the Waldorf band concert and that he enjoyed the Christmas caroling. The movie night continues to go well. He also informed the council that he and Nancy have planned a Honeymoon cruise departing from Florida. They will be gone from April 20th through May 2nd.

The Secretary's report was read. Jodi made a motion to approve the report, it was seconded by Ceara and approved.

Caroll presented the Treasurer's report for December. Withdrawals were \$6,102.17 which included Hastings Mutual payment and the copy machine contract. Deposits totaled \$5,493.82. The total expenses for 2022 were \$90,274.47, and income for the year was \$77,466.64. Total giving for the year was \$24,848.60. Anyone wanting to see the monthly Treasurer's report can find it posted on the bulletin board in entry way.

OLD BUSINESS

- AED, no new information.
- Advent project, Instruments for Haiti donation of \$1,000 has been sent.
- Treasurer's position: no one has expressed an interest in taking on the position. There is a possibility of splitting up the job. Caroll and Janell will look in to how it could be done.
- Budget discussions were held, and decisions made. Pastor Tony agreed to an 8.7% cost of living increase, bringing his salary to \$38,500. Jan made a motion to approve the proposed 2023 budget. A second was made by Jodi, and the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lisa and Ceara's council terms are up. Julie thanked them for serving on the council.
- The copy machine contract was reviewed. There was a 10% increase, \$48.40/ month. Cindy Sarver is the contact person.
- In preparation for Easter, Jan made a motion to approve the purchase of palms and ashes. Lisa seconded the motion, it was approved.
- Jan reported there was a water leak in the old basement that he repaired. There is still a leak in the men's bathroom wall, and the water in the bathroom has been shut off. This is something that must be addressed in the near future.
- It was decided that the council members would serve rolls and coffee for the annual meeting rather than having a potluck dinner.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jan, seconded by Ceara and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Durby
Council Secretary

Council Meeting post Annual Meeting, January 15, 2023

The West Prairie Church Council met following the 2023 annual meeting. The new council officers were appointed; President—Julie Reimann, Vice President—Jodi Fjeld, and Secretary—Lisa Durby.

The committees were reviewed, and a motion was made by Terry to approve the appointments and committees as discussed, a second was made by Jan, motion approved.

Council meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next council meeting will be February 8, 2023.

Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Jan, motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Durby

West Prairie Annual Meeting

The West Prairie annual meeting was held on Sunday January 15, 2023. Seventeen people were in attendance. President Julie Reimann called the meeting to order. Jan Reimann made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of nomination of new council members and placing a monitor in the sanctuary. A second to the motion was made by Wendell Finer, motion approved.

Devotions were led by Pastor Tony based on Genesis. Pastor Tony gave his yearly report, which will be printed in the 2023 yearbook. We need to focus on our mission statement, and the future of our congregation. Motion to approve the report was made by Cindy Sarver, seconded by Lanette Branstad, and approved.

The Secretary's report was given by Lisa Durby. A motion to approve the report was made by Terry Durby, seconded by Jodi Fjeld and approved.

The Naomi Circle report was given by Lanette Branstad. The circle has a balance of \$1,136.98 which includes monthly offerings, 2 funerals and 1 wedding donation. The Circle has completed the book, "Women of the Bible Speak" and will be reading "Mothers and Daughters of the Bible". The February meeting will be at Lanette's at 7:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to come. Judy Norstrud made a motion to approve the Naomi Circle report, seconded by Cindy Sarver, approved.

The WOW report was presented by Joan West. Their beginning balance was \$1,047.84, and their ending balance was \$745.15. A motion to approve the report was made by Lanette Branstad, seconded by Phyllis Disque and approved.

Jodi Fjeld gave the Sunday School report. The beginning balance was \$2,311.67 and the ending balance was \$2,341.94. A motion to approve was made by Terry Durby, second by Ceara Mullins, approved.

The Cemetery report was given by Terry Durby. Savings beginning balance was \$4,828.01, and the ending balance was \$3,608.48. The checking showed a beginning balance of \$32 and an ending balance of \$1,487.70. The annuity value is \$55,305.45. A motion to approve was made by Jodi Fjeld, second by Wendell Finer, approved.