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# Good News

of West Prairie Lutheran Church

**October 2023**

## **Church Service, 9:00 am**

- 1 No Communion
- 8 Communion
- 15 No Communion
- 22 Healing Service
- 29 Communion- Reformation Sunday

**Fellowship Following Service**

**Sunday School, 10:30 am**

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## **Church and Community Events**

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LCMC National Gathering, St. Louis, MO: Oct. 1 – 4.

Pastor Tony and Nancy will be gone, 9/30 – 10/6.

Naomi Circle: Wed., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Lanette Branstad hosting at her home.

Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak:  
Esther, pgs. 185-209

Fall Dinner: Sun., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Menu: BBQ Meatballs, Cheesy Potatoes, Southern Green Beans, Roll, Dessert, Drink Adult \$10, Children 10-5 \$5

WOW Quilt Group: Wed., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 am at church.  
Lunch following: TBD.

Church Council Meeting: Wed., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

VFW Post 6161, Leland: Pancake Breakfast:

Sun. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7am – 1pm cost \$5

Bible Study Club Meeting: Wed., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at church.

Julie/Jan Reimann and Wendell Finer hosting



## Message from Pastor Scalisi

Christ's Forgiveness is Incredible.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.  
Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

We have all been hurt by someone at some time. Sometimes that wound was so deep that we hurt for a long time. Sometimes we had to forgive that person numerous times. This is what prompted Peter's question, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Matthew 18:21 NIV  
Jesus' response was startling. "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." Matt. 18:22 But is this a turn number? Does Jesus really want us to keep track? By no means! Seven is a perfect number in the Bible and so what Jesus was saying is a perfect number times a perfect number or an infinite number.

But why do we forgive our neighbors? Simple, because God has mercy for us. This is explained in the parable following this conversation between Jesus and Peter. God, our king forgives the servant and in turn the servant should have mercy on his fellow servant. WE have the capacity and should love our neighbor because God first loved us.

God does not keep a score card of our sins. God forgives us not because of what we do or how we act. He forgives us because of who He is. He forgives because of His unwavering unlimited love for His people. When we forgive others, we strengthen our bond as Christians. We are all brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ and therefore, as one body we are obligated to forgive others as we say in the Lord's Prayer.

Blessings Pr. Tony

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## Happenings

West Prairie was blessed to have a fourth generation baptized at the church. Ellen May Hesse, the daughter of Rachel and Andrew Hesse, the granddaughter of Carla (Eide) and Brian Johnson, and the great-granddaughter of Irene Eide, was baptized on September 10, 2023. It was a blessing to share this event with Ellen's family.

Irene Eide celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday (9/12) with both her family and church family on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We are blessed that she was able to join us and we wish her continued health throughout the coming years. Irene's family provided a delicious cake to celebrate her birthday and Ellen's baptism.

September 10<sup>th</sup> was a busy Sunday. The installation of Sunday School teachers and a blessing for the children was also held during service with a Rally Day potluck following. Members of the congregation brought so much wonderful food to share and the Sunday School provided tasty Maidrites. Thank you to all who participated and helped in the kitchen.



Four generations



Irene Eide and  
great-granddaughter, Ellen



Sun. School Teachers:  
Nancy, Wendell, Jodi



On August 27<sup>th</sup> we welcomed home **Ryan Mullins** who was serving our nation for the past year in Europe. It is wonderful to have him back from his deployment. We appreciate your service to our country.

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## Visitors

In July we had a special visit from **Pastor Norman Omodt and his wife, Anita**, who live in the Rochester area. Mrs. Omodt was confirmed and the couple were married at West Prairie. During Fellowship Pastor Omodt and his wife presented a short program about their adventures while missionaries in Columbia during the 1960's. Pastor Omodt left the congregation a book he wrote recounting his experiences. You can find the book in Fellowship Hall.



Upcoming visitors will be the **Isaacson Family on October 15<sup>th</sup>**. They will be joining us for service and fellowship. Let us give them a warm welcome.

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# Prayer List

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Phyllis Disque  
Irene Eide  
Joyce Greer  
Brittany Hawke

Martha Messner  
Ryan Mullins  
(in the military)  
Nicholas Oppman

Allen Peterson  
Jean Peterson  
Roger Peterson  
Jacob Reupke

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## Happy Birthday

6	Jack Holland	12	Louise Nath
6	Colette Reimann	18	Tristyn Branstad
8	Lanette Branstad	21	Terry Durby
8	Leo Colby	26	Paris Reimann
		30	Jodi Fjeld

## Wedding Anniversaries

17 Ben and Whitli Bromeland  
24 William and Sarah Kirschbaum  
27 Kevin and Betty Williams



## Baptismal Anniversaries

2	David Branstad	17	Irene Eide
11	Jill Holland	24	Johanna Juveland
13	Ceara Mullins	25	Caitlin Fjeld
15	Garrett Fjeld		

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## Communion

**All Baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table of Grace.**

Those not yet communing, of any age, may for any reason, come to the Table for a **verbal blessing**. You can indicate your desire for a blessing by **crossing your arms across your chest**.

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Anyone who has any **dietary restrictions** of either the bread or the wine, may commune with either element and be confident of receiving the fullness of God's Grace.

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The Lutheran Church in accordance with the Bible, believes, teaches, and confesses in the **REAL PRESENCE** of the Lord's Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the bread and the wine. The bread and the wine are given and shed for the forgiveness of sin and salvation of the believer.