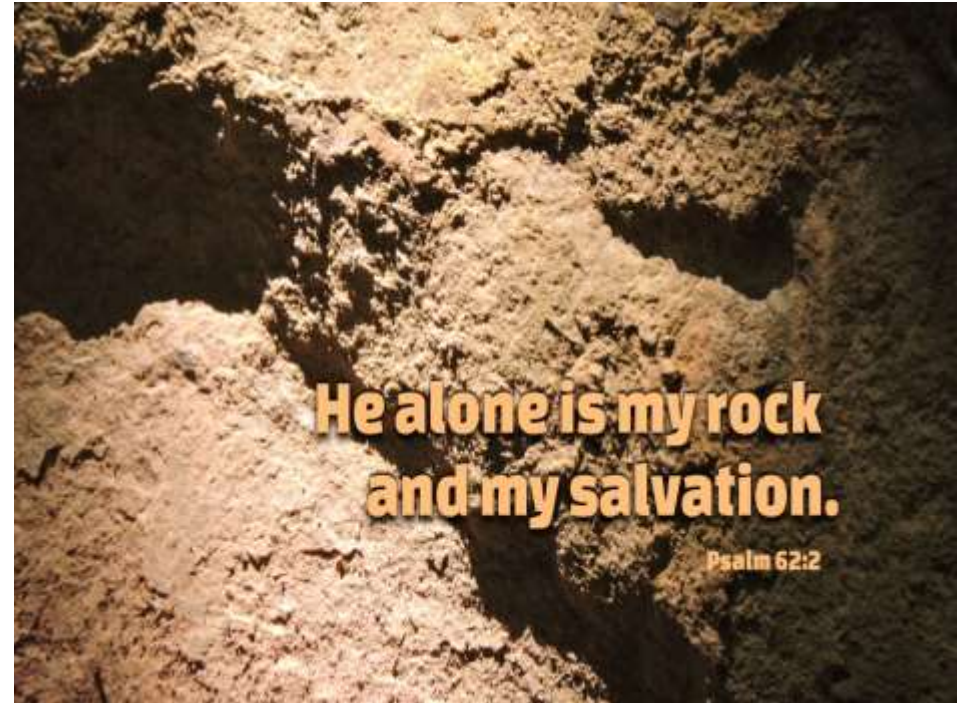


WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024

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

Communion celebrated
the 1st and 4th Sundays in January

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

- *Confession & Forgiveness p. 77
- *OPENING HYMN "Lord Speak to Us That We May Speak" #403
- *Greeting p. 78
- *The Kyrie p. 78
- *Hymn of Praise "Glory to God in the highest..." p. 79

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Merciful God, through the gift of your grace you call us to repentance, obedience, and eternal life. Transform us so that we are able to set aside all that might prohibit us from following your call to new life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING **Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12**
PSALMS **Psalm 62:5-8, 12**
SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 7:29-35**

- *Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83
"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83
- *HOLY GOSPEL **Mark 1:14-20**
"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83
- PULPIT HYMN "O Jesus I Have Promised" #503

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY "He Leadeth Me" #501

*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed p. 85

*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing the Peace.

The Offering

*The Offertory "Create in me..." p. 75

*Offertory Prayer p. 87

*The Lord's Prayer p. 91

*The Blessing p. 95

*SENDING HYMN

"They Will Know We Are Christians"

Grey Hymnal #677

Go in peace, serve the newborn King.

Thanks be to God

Postlude

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PIANIST: Nancy Scalisi
LECTOR: Nancy Scalisi

~ Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests. ~

~ Please call or email with your request. ~

The first lesson is from the 4th Chapter of Ecclesiastes

⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:¹⁰ If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. ¹¹Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? ¹²Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 62 (read responsively)

⁵Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

⁶Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

⁷My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

⁸Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

¹²And with you, Lord, is unfailing love"; and, "You reward everyone according to what they have done."

Amen.

The second lesson is found in the 7th Chapter of 1 Corinthians

²⁹What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁰those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. ³²I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. ³³But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—³⁴and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. ³⁵I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the 1st Chapter.

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" ¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Announcements & Activities

Prayer list:

Robin Ciuffetti, Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Martha Messner, Nicholas Oppman, Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, Jacob Reupke, and ***our sister churches in the LCMC***: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, Shepherd of the Prairie, Huxley, IA and Stratford Lutheran Church, Stratford, IA.

Please let Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have.

Today from 7 am to 12 Noon

Leland VFW 6161 Pancake Breakfast. Cost \$5



This Week's Activities

Sun., Jan. 28, 2024	9:00 am	Worship with Communion, fellowship following
	10: 30 am	Children's Sunday School

January / February Volunteers

Fellowship: Jan. 28 – Lanette Branstad
Feb. 4 – Colette Reimann
Feb. 11 –

Lector: *Jan.:* Nancy Scalisi, *Feb.:* Lisa Durby

Altar Flowers:

Communion Prep & Clean-up: Dave and Sandy Snider

Happy Birthday: Bristol Swanson (1/15), Emerson Schutter (1/17),
Cindy Sarver (1/18), Caroll Carson (1/23)

Baptismal Anniversary: Bryon Holst (1/26)

Church Council Minutes, December 2023

The West Prairie Church council met Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Attending were Julie Reimann, Jan Reimann, Jodi Fjeld, Terry Durby, Lisa Durby, Ryan Mullins, and Pastor Tony.

President, Julie Reimann, called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the agenda with an addition of possible purchase of candles was made by Terry. Second by Jan, motion approved.

Pastor Tony led devotions from Jeremiah 21 and 22, then shared his monthly report. He submitted his expenses for the Iowa District meeting for reimbursement. Jan made a motion to reimburse Pastor Tony \$118.00 for district meeting registration of \$20 and for mileage of 150 miles. Jodi seconded the motion, approved.

The secretary's report was read. A motion to approve was made by Jodi, seconded by Terry, and approved.

Ryan presented the treasurer's report. Income for November was \$7,134.16, expenses were \$5,836.51. The Abbett scholarship account total is \$41,770.11; \$6,770.11 is available for scholarships. A motion to approve the report was made by Jan, seconded by Terry, and approved.

Old Business

- Entrance ramp project is moved to the spring.
- The painting project is moved to spring.
- Treasurer gift purchase was discussed. Terry made a motion to purchase a \$100 gift certificate to Signatures Restaurant using funds from the Fall Dinner. Jodi seconded the motion, approved. Jan made a motion to spend up to \$150 on an engraved pocket watch using funds from the Fall Dinner. Jodi seconded the motion, approved. Ryan will purchase the watch and Terry will get the certificate. The gift will be given at Christmas.

New Business

- Copy machine issue was discussed. An email concerning the tracking of copies has been received. Ryan will contact the company to find out what must be done to correct the problem.
- The annual meeting date will be determined according to Ryan's schedule. A vacation has been planned, and National Guard duties will need to be considered. Terry will be going off the council.
- Budget review and recommendations were made. Ryan will put a final budget report together for the January council meeting.
- Discipleship- Pastor Tony shared information about *Youth Alpha* which is a program that reaches out to youth to make them feel important by being interested in what they do.
- Discussion was held concerning the increase in the price of stamps. Terry made a motion to use Fall Dinner funds to purchase 6 rolls of Forever Stamps totaling \$396. Jodi seconded the motion, approved.
- Discussion was held regarding the purchase of battery-operated candles for the windows and aisle. Jodi made a motion to purchase 2 sets of batteries and 2 sets of candles at a cost of \$117.36. Seconded by Lisa, approved.
- Caroling is scheduled for Saturday, December 16th. Singers will go to Forest Plaza, the nursing home, and a few homes.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 11th at 6:30. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jodi, seconded by Terry, and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Durby