



The Shepherd's Post

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Lutheran Parish
537 3rd Street
Walcott, ND 58077

March 2018

Worship & Events

SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 4	9 am Christine*	11 am Hickson*	
March 11	9 am Christine	11 am Walcott*	
March 18	9 am Christine	11 am Hickson	
March 25	9 am Christine	11 am Walcott	(Palm Sunday)
April 1: Easter	7 am Walcott*	9 am Christine*	11 am Hickson*

LENTEN WORSHIP

7:30 PM

February 28	<u>Love that Flows through Us:</u> Christine**
March 7	<u>Love Beyond Boundaries:</u> Hickson**
March 14	<u>Love that Lights the Way:</u> Walcott**
March 21	<u>Love that Gives Life:</u> Christine**
March 29	<u>Loving Like Jesus Loves:</u> (Maundy Thursday) Christine*
March 30	<u>What Wondrous Love This Is:</u> (Good Friday) Walcott

*Communion Worship
**Soup Supper at 6:30 pm

EVENTS

Mondays	Pastor Karin's day off
Tuesday-Thursday	9 am-1 pm Parish office hours
March 4	Installation of officers during worship —Christine & Hickson
March 11	Daylight Savings Time begins
March 15	7 pm Walcott Council
March 17	10 am Walcott WELCA meeting & brunch
March 20	April newsletter info due
March 21	First day of Spring!
April 4-10	Pastor Karin's vacation
April 7	Spring Cluster Meeting—Elim Lutheran, Fargo
April 10	12 pm Bethany Retirement Living Annual Meeting 7 pm Hickson Council meeting



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Time to
Spring Ahead
2 am March 11th



Enrich your Lenten Journey



If you are like me, it's difficult to comprehend that we are already entering our third week of lent.

How are you making the most of this Holy Season? Maybe you are giving up something for Lent, adding some special readings, or going to an extra church service during the week. But let's not forget some of the other possibilities too:

PRAY IN DIFFERENT WAYS

1. Maybe you want to add a visual element to your prayers: coloring or doodling or collaging.
2. Keep a prayer journal and look for ways your prayers are answered. Write them down so that you'll remember.
3. Use prayer beads.

ADD SOME CREATIVITY TO YOUR DAYS

1. Bake bread. As you shape the bread dough, think about how God shapes you.
2. Start a garden. Or buy several bunches of flowers at the grocery store and arrange them into one bouquet.
3. Write a poem about God. But before you start, fill in the following blank 25 times without thinking about it: God is like _____.
4. Sketch or doodle or collage.
5. Choose an art supply that gives you joy. Use it once a week.

DO MORE CHARITY AND/OR JUSTICE WORK

1. Make an extra contribution to your favorite charity. Maybe you could make one extra contribution per week. It doesn't have to be huge. But it could be.
2. Clean out your closets. Give away anything you haven't worn in the past year. Clean out your kitchen cupboards.
3. When you go to the grocery store, buy some extra food for your favorite charity.
4. Give some extra time during Lent. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or a food pantry. Go to a nursing home and sing some old Gospel songs. Think about the people you know who have lives that are falling apart; go buy cards and put them in the mail.

SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO BLESS AND BE BLESSED!

Pastor Karin

Blessed
to Be a
Blessing

Offerings as of 1/31/18

Congregation	2018 Budget	Monthly Offering needed	January Offering	Y-T-D Totals
Christine	\$ 24,900.00	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 925.00
Hickson	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 5,667.00	\$ 4,880.00	\$ 4,880.00
Walcott	\$ 73,347.00	\$ 6,113.00	\$ 3,111.50	\$ 3,111.50

March Wish List

1. Devotional materials for the parish
2. Weekly bulletin mailing to homebound/nursing home members: \$6/wk or \$25/mo
3. Sponsor April newsletter: \$50
4. Sponsor weekly bulletin: \$25
5. Mileage for pastoral visits: **any amount

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If you are interested in sponsoring one of these items, please contact LeAnn Toppen at 469-2183 or email her at shepluthpar@wtc-mail.net. Gifts will be acknowledged in the following newsletter.

Synod Events

This year's **Synod Assembly** will be held June 2-3 at the Fargo Holiday Inn. Two delegates are needed for both Christine and Hickson churches and one is needed to attend with Cheryl Anderson from the Walcott church.

The **Fargo Cluster meeting** will be held April 7th at Elim Lutheran Church in Fargo. All women are invited (including women from congregations that don't have a WELCA organization). More information to come

Let's build "Kits of Care"!

Our parish is collecting items to assemble **Personal Care Kits** to donate to Lutheran World Relief's "Project of Promise" from now until May. Please bring items to any of the churches and spread the word!

Items needed: bath-size bars of soap, adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging, sturdy combs, metal nail clippers, lightweight bath-size towel (20"x40" to 52"x 27") dark color recommended, very large rubber bands, string, ribbon or yarn to secure each kit.



- ◆ **Parish office hours:** 9 am-1 pm—Tuesday - Thursday
- ◆ **April Newsletter info due:** March 20th
- ◆ **Christ in Our Home** devotionals are available in the church entrances



The parish council designated the Lenten offering to go to the **Richland School District's "PB&J Fund"** (Peanut Butter & Jelly) which is for students who cannot afford to snacks for milk breaks.

Please make check payable to your congregation and drop off in the offering plate at any worship service.



THANKS DARLA!

Thanks to **Darla Rufer** for making prayer boxes for each church to use during Lent. Look for prayer cards in which to submit your prayer.. any paper will do! 😊



**RICHLAND
COMMUNITY DINNER
AND BINGO**

**Friday, March 16th
Richland High School,
Colfax**

*5 pm Chicken dinner &
Bingo*

5-8 pm Concessions

6-8 pm Fun Night

All ages welcome!

*Sponsored by the
Richland PTO*

(Storm Date: April 13th)

This month in Christine...

WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Worship will be held Sundays at 9 am the month of March. Usher this month is **Joe Wallevand**. Sunday school will be held at the same time as worship.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Coffee and treats will be served following Sunday worship this month. If you are willing to serve, please sign up in the church entrance. Thank you!

LENTEN WORSHIP

Christine will host the parish soup supper and Lenten worship services on February 28th and March 21st. Soup supper begins at 6:30 pm and worship at 7:30 pm.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday communion service will also be held at Christine at 7:30 pm. (No soup supper).

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: none

2018 Christine leaders

President: Josh Granholt

Secretary: Joe Wallevand

Treasurer: Darla Rufer

Deacons: Matt Granholt
& Carter Sharff

Trustees: Josh Granholt
& Ryan Skoog

Board of Ed: Jen Skoog

Bethany Homes Rep.: ??

ELCA Synod Delegates: ??

Bethany, did you know...

... Nearly two dozen worship services are conducted at Bethany Retirement Living each month? Bethany's Chaplain, Pastor Phil Larson, leads worship at both campuses on Sundays, and on Wednesday mornings at Bethany on University. Additionally, he offers worship on Thursday mornings for residents in the Memory Care Unit. Catholic Mass is celebrated each Friday at Bethany on University and Tuesdays at Bethany on 42nd. Several churches conduct worship in the Mavis Whiting Chapel at Bethany on University for their members and others who resident at Bethany. To find out more or to assist with worship, contact Bethany Retirement Living at 701.239.3234.

Feed My Starving Children

Feed my Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of nutritionally complete meals designed for malnourished children in developing countries. Founded in 1987, it has reached out to more than 70 countries. The annual event was held in Fargo on February 9-10 at Atonement Lutheran Church.

Grant and daughter **Morgan Retzlaff** along with **Stephanie and Jason Ingebrigtsen** and daughters **Solvay and Elsa** (below left) and the **Duchscherer family: Brian, Kelly, Abby and Trenton** (below right) were on hand to package meals at the event. What a great way to serve God as a family!

Source:

Feed My Starving Children website



HICKSON WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
March 4 & 18

LENTEN WORSHIP

6:30 Soup Supper
7:30 pm Worship
March 7



3/5: Blain Johnson
3/6: Marshall Tangen
3/7: Alex Larson
3/9: Greg Anderson
3/12: Jon Vikander
3/13: Hartley Ellingson
3/20: MaKenna Braaten
3/27: Dorothy Brakke
3/29: Amy Anandel
Breanne Anandel

2018 HICKSON COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LEADERS

President: Jodi Freitag

V President: Penny

Vikander

Secretary: Kim Wold

Treasurer: Allen Ricker

Deacons: Penny

Vikander & LeeAnn

Shultz

Trustees: Carol

Freeman & Todd Wold

Board of Ed: Jodi

Freitag & Kim Wold

EaND Synod

Delegates: NEED 2

Bethany Retirement

Living Reps: Jerome &
Sandy Nipstad

HICKSON LUTHERAN CHURCH UNAPPROVED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Council members present: Jodi Freitag, Allen Ricker, Carol Freeman, LeeAnn Shultz, Kim Wold, Penny Vikander, Pastor Karin

The council meet briefly after the annual meeting to appoint new council positions.

President: Jodi Freitag

Vice President: Penny Vikander

Secretary: Kim Wold

Penny Vikander made a motion for Allen Ricker to continue as treasurer. Carol Freeman seconded. Roll: All yea, motion carried

New Business

Allen Ricker made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the Eastern North Dakota Synod on Giving Hearts Day. Kim Wold seconded. Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Council meetings set for 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: April 10th, June 12th, August 14th, October 9th, December 11th.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Allen Ricker moved to adjourn, LeeAnn Shultz seconded. Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Freitag

A LITTLE "TECHY" CHURCH HUMOR...

Submitted by Rita Amundson, Walcott

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: and also with you!

Pastor: Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone or Kindle Bibles to 1 Cor. 13:13?

(Pause)... Now, let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter, or Facebook and chat with God. (Silence) As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit or debit cards ready. You can log on to the church WIFI using the password "Lord909887".

Ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshipers

- *Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.*
- *Those who prefer to use iPads may open them.*
- *Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account.*

The Holy Spirit will be truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCS and laptops beep & flicker!

FINAL BLESSING & CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please long in and don't miss out!
2. Thursday's Bible study will be held live on Skype at 1900 hrs GMT. Please don't miss out!
3. You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counseling and prayers. God bless and have a nice day!

AND JESUS WEPT...

Thank you!

Thanks to those who served coffee and treats during fellowship hour following 9 am worship services in February!

**Shelly & Stu Swandal
Linda & Allen Stone**

**Sandy & Ron Heglie
Beth and Greg Oestreich**

May will be the next month Walcott will have fellowship hour following 9 am services. Sign up sheet is in the church entrance.

2018 Walcott Council members and leaders

President: Cheryl Anderson
V President: Denise Heglie
Secretary: Sandy Heglie
Treasurer: Leeanne Girodat
Deacons: Ron Heglie & Dan Girodat
Trustees: Allen Stone & Derek Rhodenbaugh
Board of Ed: Beth Oestreich

WELCA President: Nina Stone
Nominating Committee: NEED 2
Communion Preparer: Marlene Rieger
EaND Synod Delegates: Cheryl Anderson & NEED 1 MORE
Bethany Retirement Living Reps: Bette Jordheim & Susan Hanson

WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE
MARCH 11 & 25
 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
Usher: Arnold Jordheim

LENTEN WORSHIP
MARCH 14
 6:30 pm Soup Supper
 7:30 pm Worship

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 30
 7:30 pm Worship

COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15

WELCA MEETING
MARCH 17
 10 am
 Bonnie C & Marilyn J, hostesses

WELCA News

The Walcott WELCA will meet Saturday, March 17th at 10 am. Brunch will be served by **Bonnie Christianson and Marilyn Jordheim**.

The upcoming Spring Cluster Meeting will be held April 7th at Elim Lutheran

Church in Fargo. More information will come as I receive it; but be thinking on whether or not you will attend so we can get our registration in after our March meeting.

Thank you! - Nina Stone, President



March BIRTHDAYS

- 3/2: Charlie Rieger
Marlene Rieger
- 3/4: Sue Farsdale
- 3/8: Drew Nelson
- 3/16: Jared Bakko
- 3/17: Cheryl Anderson
- 3/19: Bette Jordheim
- 3/20: Mike Heglie
- 3/23: Sandy Heglie
- 3/24: Rayder Rude
- 3/28: Dan Grad
- 3/30: James Heyen



NOTE FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

I have recently been hired as Church Relations Specialist to work with churches and/or their women's group to share what Lutheran Social Services does and ways YOU can become more involved in this social ministry of the church.

I or another staff person would welcome the opportunity to speak to your church and/or women's group, provide pulpit supply or visit about Lutheran Social Services and its many programs.

If any of your members are Thrivent members and are looking at ways to utilize Thrivent Choice Dollars and/or establish an Action Team, I would be glad to provide suggestions/help.

Thank you for walking with us as we provide social ministry with you. Your support is needed and SO appreciated! God bless!

Jean Quigley, jquigley@lssnd.org, 701.340.9026

THE GREAT COVER UP

At Bethany Retirement Living, we try very hard to avoid an institutional or medical feeling. By and large, we're pretty successful. However there's one area where we need some help... Many of our residents' beds have a generic bedspread. We envision an environment where every resident would have the warmth and comfort of a hand-made quilt on their bed. If your church has people who quilt, we would be delighted if they could provide us with one (or more) twin-sized quilt (approx. 56"x78") to make our residents' rooms more inviting and give them a reminder of what they likely had on their bed when they were younger. Quilts may be brought to either Bethany campus and given to the receptionist. Our residents would be grateful!

- Grant Richardson, Sr. Executive—Development and Community Relations

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT BETHANY RETIREMENT LIVING

Coffee Shop: Tuesday-Thursday mornings or Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. (contact Maren)

One-Day moving residents: Tuesday, March 13. (contact Maren)

Ongoing needs: Resident activities, entertainment, companionship, playing games, escorting residents to events, office help.

If interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Maren Johnson 701.239.3246 (Bethany on University) or Laurie Schnabel 701.478.8904 (Bethany on 42nd).









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As often as
you eat
this bread
and drink
the cup,
you proclaim
the
Lord's death
until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

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