



The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

February 2018



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God's work. Our hands.

Friends in Christ:

This month we continue our exploration of some of the things we see and use in worship with a look at the vessels we use to receive Holy Communion.

When Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples, they all received from one loaf of bread and one cup of wine. Probably the dishes they used at the meal were fairly ordinary for that time and place. (Even if they had special dishes for a special occasion, they would not have been able to afford anything too elaborate. Movie lovers may remember this point made very dramatically in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.)

The very first Christians communities probably also used whatever dishes they had available! When Christians have had a chance, though, they have often chosen to use the best materials they could afford. This could be anything from beautiful hand-made pottery to silver plated with gold.

The plate is officially called the **paten**, from the Greek or Latin word for “plate”. It’s generally just a plate, made to match the rest of the communion set. Because it looks pretty much exactly like the standard plates we still use today, a lot of time we just call it “plate”.

The cup is called the **chalice**, and again “chalice” is simply an old-fashioned word for a cup. It has come to refer to a specific kind of cup, attached to a base by a stem. For hundreds of years the standard method of receiving the wine was to simply take turns sipping from the chalice.

Today we also often have trays of little individual cups. They don’t have a fancy old-fashioned name from Latin or Greek, because they were introduced quite recently. (Well, it was in the 1890s, in the American northeast—but that’s pretty recent compared to the 2000-year-old chalice and paten!)

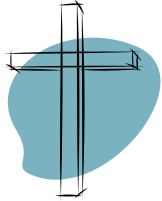
Sometimes around this time of year, people wonder about communion and the spread of seasonal illnesses like colds and the flu. These illnesses can be quite serious, so it’s important to take those concerns seriously. Surprisingly, *no* method of distributing communion has been linked with spreading disease! However, it certainly doesn’t hurt to take sensible precautions, like washing your hands, limiting how many people touch the bread and the individual cups, and especially staying home if you’re sick.

Whichever method you use, when you receive the bread and the wine of communion, Lutheran Christians believe that you are receiving the body and blood of Christ—and with them, the forgiveness of sins, as Jesus promised.

A beautiful chalice and paten can help to remind us of what an amazing gift that is. But the most important thing is the gift itself! And the gift is Jesus.

Pastor Sarah Taylor





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February Worship And S.S. Schedule

Feb. 4th - 9:00a.m. Worship at LaSalle
9:15a.m. Sunday School Zion
10:30 Worship at Zion
Zion's Annual meeting and potluck

Feb. 11th - 9:00a.m. Worship at L.H.
10:30 Worship at Zion

Feb. 18th - 9:00a.m. Worship at LaSalle
9:15a.m. Sunday School Zion
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Feb. 25th - 9:00a.m. Worship at L.H.
10:30 Worship at Zion

Vital Statistics

Lake Hanska

Dec 17 at LaSalle \$240.00
Christmas Eve 26 \$427.00
Dec 31 at LaSalle \$2,684.00
Jan 7 at LaSalle \$705.00
Jan 14 24 \$1,773.00

La Salle

Dec 17 \$533.00
Christmas Eve 77 \$609.00
Dec 31 20 \$512.00
Jan 7 25 \$1,521.00
Jan 14 at Lake Hanska

Zion

Dec 17 51 Christmas Eve 36
\$6,515.00
Dec 31 at LaSalle
Jan 7 39 Jan 14 26
\$1,654.50

Lenten Worship

February 14th - Ash Wednesday 7:00p.m. Worship service at Zion

February 21st - Lenten Worship at Lake Hanska
6:00p.m. Supper 7:00p.m. Worship



February 28th - Lenten Worship at LaSalle
6:00p.m. Supper 7:00p.m. Worship

Funeral



Carri Gustafson - Friday January 5, 2017 at Zion Lutheran Church

Zion Members: Your giving reports will be in your mailbox at Church if you did not receive one in the mail.

Watowwan River Conference Assembly

Sunday February 25th - 2:00p.m.
at First Lutheran Church in St James

Let all you do be done with LOVE
1 Corinthians 16:14



Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

LaSalle W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Faith Tietz and
Donna Schultz

No Meeting in February

Lenten Supper
Wednesday Feb 28th

Lake Hanska W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Sue Stoesz,
Lanna Raatz and Deb Koch

Wednesday February 7th -
9:30a.m. Sewing, All ladies of Lake
Hanska Church are welcome to join
us for coffee at 10:30a.m.

Lenten Supper
Wednesday Feb 21st

Zion W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Sharon Miller
Communion: Wanda Larson and
Beth Lassas

Flowers: Mary

Annual Meeting - Feb 4th - Mary
serves the meal - potluck

Sewing - Tues. Feb. 6th
and Wed Feb. 7th

Wednesday February 7th
9:30a.m. Bible Study, General meeting
follows Bible Study, Sewing

Packing food for Food for Kidz Sunday April 8, 2018

Equipping Congregations Day EVERYDAY REFORMERS

Saturday February 10, 2018

8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Willmar MN

All Are Welcome!

Congregation Members, Council Officers, Christian Educators, Pastors...Everyone!

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton will be our keynote speaker for the day,
speaking on the theme of Everyday Reformers.

Bishop John Anderson, will share stories of everyday reformers in the SW MN Synod.
He will reflect light toward some of the bright spots across our synod

Choose 3 Different workshops to attend throughout the day!
a full workshop list with descriptions is available on the Synod Website

Let Pastor Sarah or a council member know if you would like to attend!

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