



# The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

November 2017



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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Friends in Christ:

Have you ever wondered where we get the list of Scripture readings each week, and how it is that I can match them to my sermons? How is it that my children's Bible even matches most of the time? Have you noticed that sometimes, if you visit another church, they have the same readings we do?

In our area, Lutherans often *don't* ask these questions, because we just expect things to be this way! But Christians from other traditions sometimes do things quite differently. In some traditions (and even in some ELCA Lutheran congregations), it is the job of the preacher to choose a new set of readings each week.

My preference, and the preference of a lot of ELCA Lutheran preachers, is to use a lectionary. "Lectionary" is a fancy term for a list of readings. The list helps to plan things in advance. It keeps everybody on the same page. As a preacher, I like following a lectionary because I appreciate the discipline of having to deal with Scripture readings that sometimes I would rather not deal with. (If I did not have this discipline, how often do you imagine I would pick readings that mention birds?)

The lectionary we use is called the "Revised Common Lectionary", which dates to 1994 in its current form. It is based on many older lectionaries, so some of the readings we use match up with what Martin Luther would have used 500 years ago. It is the most widespread lectionary and is based on very ancient patterns, so quite often we have the same readings (or almost the same) as our Roman Catholic neighbors *and* our Lutheran partners in South Africa!

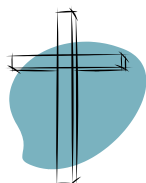
The Revised Common Lectionary runs on a three-year cycle, with one year each focusing on the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. (Readings from John show up on festivals and special occasions throughout all three years.) Most of the time there is also a reading from the Old Testament, a reading from one of the New Testament letters, and a response from the book of Psalms. This is just one way of arranging things, and it has its flaws. (For example, since the Old Testament is the largest part of the Bible and we only get one reading and one Psalm a week, a great deal is left out.) But the Revised Common Lectionary works about as well as any other.

Because no list of readings can ever be perfect, one of the unwritten rules is that you are never *required* to follow it exactly. Sometimes the preacher might prayerfully decide that another reading is needed in order to announce the good news that we need to hear on a given day. The lectionary even allows us to go "off lectionary" like that!

Sometimes local considerations affect the list. This year, Christmas Eve (December 24) will fall on a Sunday. Whenever that happens, it makes for a very short fourth "week" of Advent! This year, as we prepare for the closing of La Salle Lutheran Church, I think it's especially important that all of our congregations get to experience the full season of Advent. So we're pushing things back a week starting with November 19. If you attend Sunday worship between then and December 24, you will notice that the date on the "Today's Readings" insert doesn't match the date on the calendar—but otherwise things will seem pretty much as usual.

This very small change will give us a little more time to enjoy the seasonal decorations—and to remember that Jesus is coming again to make all things new. I think it's worth it.

Pastor Sarah Taylor



## Vital Statistics

### Lake Hanska

<b>Sept 24</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$872.00</b>
<b>Oct 1</b>	at LaSalle	<b>\$296.00</b>
<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$722.00</b>
<b>Oct 15</b>	at LaSalle	<b>\$151.00</b>

### La Salle

<b>Sept 24</b>	at Lake Hanska	
<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$798.00</b>
<b>Oct 8</b>	at Lake Hanska	<b>\$310.00</b>
<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>

### Zion

<b>Sept 24</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>\$2,612.53</b>
<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$909.00</b>
<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>\$2,057.00</b>
<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>\$2,963.00</b>



## November Worship Schedule

### Sunday worship

9:00a.m - LaSalle - November 5th and 19th  
 9:00a.m. - Lake Hanska November 12th & 26th  
 10:30a.m. - Zion

## Sunday School

9:15a.m.-10:15a.m. at Zion Church  
 November 5th and 19th



## Thanksgiving Eve Joint Worship Service

Wednesday November 22nd 7:00p.m.  
 with communion  
 at Lake Hanska



## Parents of Zion Sunday School Students

Zion Christmas Program  
 Sunday December 17th during worship



contact Sarah at 507-240-0134 or  
 email her at slomo@live.com. if you have any questions!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Phillippians 4:6

Prairie Land Lutheran Parish  
 Annual Meeting  
 Thursday December 7, 2017  
 7:00p.m.  
 at Lake Hanska Church

# Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

## LaSalle W-ELCA

**Altar Guild:** Yvonne Skarphol  
and Pam Stokes

**Thursday November 9th  
PLL Joint Bible Study at  
LaSalle Church.**

**LaSalle W-ELCA Business  
meeting after Bible Study**

## Lake Hanska W-ELCA

**Altar Guild:** Beth Kral, Bonnie  
Lilleodden and Nancy Lilleodden

**Wednesday November 1st  
Quilting at 9:30a.m. Meeting at  
12:30p.m.**

**Thursday November 9th  
PLL Joint Bible Study at  
LaSalle Church.**

## Zion W-ELCA

**Altar Guild:** Sonja Smesmo  
**Communion:** Kay Grams  
and Alicia Helling

**Flowers:** Mary Circle

**Sun. Nov. 19th**  
Thank Offering

**Thursday November 9th  
PLL Joint Bible Study at  
LaSalle Church.**

## November 2016 - October 2017

### Our Saints

#### Saints who have died in the faith

Wes Anderson	Dec. 11, 2016
Julie Barrows	Dec. 27, 2016
Thomas Jensen	Dec 28, 2016
Jerry Ahlness	Jan. 3, 2017
Margie Paulson	Jan. 7, 2017
Arnie Frederickson	Jan. 24, 2017
Delores Forseth	April 12, 2017
Inez Schmiesing	April 26, 2017
Janice Awes	May 3, 2017
Lorraine Ellanson	May 24, 2017
Vernelle Botten	July 5, 2017
Cindy Simpson	July 6, 2017
Judy Grothem	July 24, 2017
Lyle Ouren	Sept. 10, 2017
Alice Brudelic	Sept. 10, 2017
Gudrun Kjelshus	Sept. 17, 2017
Ardyce Reinhart	Oct. 19, 2017

#### Saints who have been baptized into the faith

Emily Claire Hernandez	Dec. 4, 2016
Bentley Dean Johnson	Dec. 11, 2016
Emily Rose Goblirsch	April 9, 2017
Kaytlin Marie Lilleodden	May 28, 2017
Stella Ann Christenson	June 4, 2017
Avery Lane Knaak	July 2, 2017



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with communion

at Lake Hanska

## **Share God's Love. This Year, Give Gifts That Change Lives!**

### **Support Lutheran World Relief and Give a Gift for Christmas**

Farmers, Fair Trade and You! **Give Lutheran World Relief Gifts or Donate!**

**Go to: LWR.ORG then go to Donate and you have a choice to donate money or shop the LWR Gift Catalog**



### **God's Global Barnyard**



An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market. Check out the new gifts for 2017

**To provide an animal or gift to a family in need go to:  
[www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts)**

Christ the King Sunday will be Sunday November 19th. The First Sunday of Advent will be Sunday October 26th. Altar Guild from each church please make note of this. This is a change from the Thrivent Calendar.



### **Colossians 1: 3-5**

“In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.”

### **Funeral in the PLLP**

Lyle Ouren Friday September 29, 2017 at Zion Church



Anyone that needs a special visit or has an emergency please call Pastor Sarah at 803-873-0792, call Jill Miller at 507-439-6565 or tell a Council member!

If you are moving and have a change in address please email your address to Jill at [pllsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:pllsecretary@gmail.com) or drop it off at the Parish Office

