

Church with a View

Union Prairie Lutheran Church
31872 State Highway 16, Lanesboro, Minnesota 55949

In 2004 Victor Yushchenko stood for the presidency of the Ukraine. Vehemently opposed by the ruling party Yushchenko's face was disfigured and he almost lost his life when he was mysteriously poisoned. This was not enough to deter him from standing for the presidency.

On the day of the election Yushchenko was comfortably in the lead. The ruling party, not to be denied, tampered with the results. The state-run television station reported "ladies and gentlemen, we announce that the challenger Victor Yushchenko has been decisively defeated."

In the lower right-hand corner of the screen a woman by the name of Natalia Dmitruk was providing a translation service for the deaf community. As the news presenter repeated the lies of the regime, Natalia Dmitruk refused to translate them. "I'm addressing all the deaf citizens of Ukraine" she signed. "They are lying and I'm ashamed to translate those lies. Yushchenko is our president."

The deaf community sprang into gear. They text messaged their friends about the fraudulent result and as news spread of Dmitruk's act of defiance increasing numbers of journalists were inspired to likewise tell the truth. Over the coming weeks the "Orange Revolution" occurred as a million people wearing orange made their way to the capital city of Kiev demanding a new election. The government was forced to meet their demands, a new election was held and Victor Yushchenko became president.

Jesus once said, "*If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*" In a political year like this one, truth seems an endangered species. Those rung for office call each other liars, and bend, stretch, and twist the truth to make their ideas and their policies seem more correct than their opponent's ideas. Humans will always make up whatever truth they wish, whether it's to deny Global Climate Change, or to shun vaccines, or to question each other's sanity. Jesus is ultimately the only lasting truth. Jesus' truth is that we are created and saved by a loving God, and that in his hands we all are well. Jesus' truth is that the more we give to others, the more we will have. Jesus' truth gives life, gives hope, and gives peace.

May God's everlasting truth be in your hearts always,

Pastor Paul Thompson



Ham and meatball supper is going to be held on October 2nd. Everyone is to bring 4 pies and a pound of butter. For those of you who choose not to do that, please send \$40.00 to Deb Ristau ASAP. Also, if you can bring butter early to Church, we can use it for the lefse making. We will not be calling people to work—there is a sign up sheet in the back of the Church.

Cook and mix potatoes, roll lefse, fry and wrap September 14 starting at 4:00 PM, 16 starting at 8:00 am Call Cindy Holmen at 467-3725 for information. Squash date is September 28th at 8:00 am at Norrin Storelees and baking them the next day.

Contact Dwight Storelee at 467-2343 for details.

Potatoes and meatball rolling will be on Saturday, October 1st at 8:00 am

The dinner is from 12:00 until 6:00. It is important for everyone to do their part if the supper is to be a success.

Confirmation will begin on September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

If you need to contact Pastor Paul, his cell phone number is 507-273-8504 and his email is pthomp821@hotmail.com.

Youth Blast at Good Earth Village is an excellent time to deepen your connection to God in the beautiful outdoors. Grades 3-6 are invited October 7-8 and November 4-5. November 11-12 is reserved for grades 6-8. The gifted staff of Good Earth Village make a comeback for these fall and winter retreats to guide and mentor youth in a big faith refresher. For info visit goodearthvillage.org/youth-blast or call 507-346-2494.

Thank you to everyone who worked at Buffalo Bill Days Root Beer Float Stand. It was a huge success.

We are compiling email addresses for the Church. Please email your address to Luanne at mvf4@acegroup.cc or call 467-2343 or drop off in the Church basement.

WELCA will be packing school kits to be shipped off. Items still needed are pencil sharpeners, black ball point pens, 16 count crayons and notebooks 70 count wide ruled. Also personal care kits will be packed. Items needed are thin and cheap bath towels, bath size bars of soap, toothbrushes, combs and nail clippers. Thank you



Join us for:

Fellowship on September 18th and October 16th for coffee and treats after Church Services.

Also, on the third Sunday of every month we will be having a round table discussion with any concerns or questions anyone has.

Church News

We are working on creating a calling tree to keep our Church family informed of scheduled changes (ie Church cancellations, any changes that differ from the weekly bulletin and/or newsletter calendar). Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church if you would like to be placed on the calling tree. Please include your email address as we are also exploring using this as an additional form of communication within our Church family.

Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for November 6th.

Sunday School News

Rally Sunday is set for Sept. 18th and Sunday School will meet after Worship

WELCA NEWS

WELCA will meet on September 21st at the Cottage House at 9:30 am.

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Erica Thompson	3
4 Worship/Com munion 9:00 am	5	6 Carter Holmen	7 Quilting 9:30 am Confirmation 5:30 at UP	8	9	10 Gary and Ashley Pickett- Kappers
11 9:00 Worship Communion Kim Thompson	12	13	14 Con-firmation 6:30 pm Council meets 7:30 pm Lefse making	15 8:00 am Lefse Making	16 8:00 am Lefse Making	17 Tammy Simonson Doug and Deb Ristau Anniversary
18 Worship 9:00 Fellowship Sunday School Rally Sunday	19	20	21 WELCA meets at Cottage House Con- firmation 6:30 pm	22	23	24
25 9:00 a.m. Worship	26	27 Jim and Rita Simonson Anniver- sary	28 Confirmation @ 6:30 at UP <i>Squash 8:00 a.m. at N. Storkes</i>	29 Mark and Becky Holmen Anniver- sary	30	

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Peel potatoes and fry meatballs
2 Ham and Meatball Dinner 12-6 NO Worship	3 Sheldon Kinneberg	4 Robert Hignite	5 Quilting 9:30 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	6	7	8
9 9:00 Worship/ Com- munion	10 Ryan Holment	11	12 Confirmation 6:30 pm Council meets 7:30 pm	13 Julie Kulsrud	14	15
16 Worship Services 9:00 Fellow- ship David McKay	17	18	19 Morning Circle at the Cottage House 9:30 am	20	21	22
23 Worship Services 9:00 am 30 Hudson Woellert	24 Bob and Cindy Holmen Anniversary 31	25	26 Confirmation 6:30 pm	27	28	29

**UNION PRAIRIE COUNCIL MEETING
July, 13, 2016**

Present: Eric, Ernest,, Barb, SueAnn, Melissa, Steve, Pastor Paul

Absent: Ruth, Deb, Orrin

Devotions

Pastor Report:

. Secretary Report:

Read and approved; Steve moved to approve and SueAnn seconded.

Treasurer Report:

Read and approved Ernest moved and Barb 2nd.

Old Business:

Eric contacted man from LaCrosse, Jason Pridemore from Access Mobility Products, he will be in touch.

Corner stone: Bakke will set when we are ready. Council will go through time capsule.

Doug is to call Wayne Frank all lights are here and ready to install.

Discussion on 360 evaluation. Eric will get together with Henrytown to discuss it.

Web site up and running again.

Steve checked on insurance for cabin there is no insurance on it now. They will not know how much it will be until it is decided to fix it up . Estimates are \$125 per \$50,000. Council decided to bring it up at the annual meeting.

Pastor Paul had a mission statement: Union Prairie Lutheran Church is the people of God dedicated to proclaiming God's word and serving God's people around us and around the world. Motion made by Steve to approve and 2nd by Melissa. Approved to make this our mission statement.

Senior scholarship: Eric read letter that was sent to seniors applying for scholar and the council decided that requirements were not made so request was denied for Korby.

New Business:

Computer monitor is not working Melissa will bring hers and try it out. Eric will check prices of a new one.

Advertising in the journal is now going to cost \$260 a year. Council decided not to do this but to check into having cards made to give to B&B's.

Motion made by Steve to adjourn. SueAnn seconded.

Next meeting will be August 10 at the church at 7 pm

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Barb Ristan

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Eric said chair lift should be in next week for \$500. Company from LaCrosse. Extra lift could be sold on consignment and also Dale Honsey has expressed interest in buying it a too. Council decided to sell it for \$1000 check with Dale first.

Corner stone: Eric will look into a cement box tabled until next meeting.

Electrical in church agreed to give Frank one more call with a deadline of Sept. 14.

Discussion on 360 evaluation. Eric is doing a spreadsheet and will get together with Henrytown to discuss it. Eric and SueAnn will meet with the pastor to discuss it.

Web site: Ron Utley no longer wishes to do it. Eric and SueAnn will check into it.

New Business:

Computer: Eric looking into a laptop.

Confirmation starts on Sept. 7 with Ryan, Ella. Confirmation Sunday is Nov. 6 with Madalyn and Emma being confirmed.

Gideon Sunday: Eric will check on date.

Rally Sunday Sept. 18.

Sunday school will be ordering some material for this year.

Council has decided to start a calling tree. Sign up in church.

Ham and Meatball supper is Oct. 2 the price will remain the same. Lefsa making on Sept. 14, 15, 16.

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Monthly Pastor's Report – July

Visits: 6

Shut-ins:	3 (7 at Henrytown)
Hospitalized:	0 (1 at Henrytown)
Prospective Members:	0
Other:	0

Pastoral Acts:

Weddings:	0
Funerals:	0
Baptisms:	0

Education:

Confirmation Classes:	0
Other:	0

Mileage: 138 (76 for Union Prairie, 124 joint mileage [Union Prairie share = 62])

Meetings:

- Union Prairie Council
- Henrytown Council (+ 1 Building Committee meeting)
- Text Study (1x)
- Synod Assembly Workshop Planning

Events

- Retirement Seminar
- Church on the Farm Potluck

Upcoming Events

Vacation from August 16-22

March Worship Attendance:

July 3	16
July 10	30
July 17	15
July 24	23
July 31	29

5 services, avg. 22

Vacation

Off July 19-21

Next Sundays off: August 21, October 16, December 10