

Parish Mission Seeds

THE SEED that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. Lk 8:8

**First Saturday
For Women
Will not meet
until Sat. May 5th**

9 – 10:30 a.m.

Captivating by John &
Stasi Eldredge

Read Chapter Three and
we will discuss it.
Books available.

**Come...bring a
friend...Come even if
you haven't come
before!**

Special Birthday Party Planned:

An Open House 50th
Birthday Party is
planned for Dale
Springer at Urland
following worship on
Sunday, April 15th.
This will be from
12 – 4 pm. Everyone
welcome to stay for
lunch following
worship –
No gifts, please.

Congregational Meetings

Sunday, April 1, 2007

Following the 10:30 a.m. worship at Urland there will be a congregational meeting to vote on the hiring of a full time Pastor.

Sunday, April 15, 2007

There will be a Wangen Prairie congregational meeting at 10:15 a.m. To discuss the calling of a Pastor and a discussion of the budget.

2007 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Communion Service- W. Prairie
10:30 a.m. Communion Service- Urland

Maundy Thursday, April 5

7:30 p.m. Parish Communion Serv. W.P.

Good Friday, April 6

Noon: Parish Service at Wangen Prairie
7:30 p.m. Parish Service at Urland

Easter Sunday, April 8

7:00 a.m. Parish Sunrise Service at Urland
9:00 a.m. Communion Service at Wangen Prairie-
Special Offering for Thrivent Build with Habitat.

10:30 a.m. Communion Service at Urland



Pictorial Wall:

Urland has their pictorial wall up, check it out. If your picture is not there, please call Cindy Flom soon to make arrangements to have your picture taken and then you too may be part of our pictorial wall.

New Member Sunday:

Our next reception of new members will be on Sunday, June 10th. If you would like to become a member or know someone who would like to become a member of Wangen Prairie or Urland, please speak to Pastor Jacobson so we can make arrangements for you.

Men's Bible Study:

The Parish Men's Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning from 6 – 7 a.m. at Urland.

All men are welcome anytime.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

This is a Bible Study for all members of the Wangen Prairie & Urland Parish that meets each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Wangen Prairie.

Come & join us. It is an interesting study!

WELCA & Circle Schedules:

Peace Circle meets Monday, April 2nd @ 7:00 @ Urland. We will finish the Quillo's and help Joan w/ items for the Conference Convention on the 14th of April. Jean Hommedahl is the hostess.

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Urland Circle Bible Study will meet Wed. April 11th at 1 pm. at church.

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Wangen Prairie WELCA & Bible Study will meet Wed. April 11th at 1:30 pm. at Park Street Apt. Bring a friend.

Help to Serve You

Linda Flom and I need your help. We would like to visit and pray for people who are in the hospital or who are home bound because of ill health. But you need to tell us when they are in the hospital or when a visit would be appropriate. Thanks for doing this for us. Pastor Chuck Jacobson

Urland's Web Page

We are looking for someone to help us with our web page. If anyone has experience in this area and is interested in helping, please contact Pastor Chuck or Kathy Jacobson

Worship Notes:

April brings us through Holy Week and into Easter. With services on Maundy Thursday (April 5) and Good Friday (April 6) we remember the Last Supper of Jesus with the disciples and his death on the cross for our salvation. These services should be as heavily attended as Easter Sunday!

Then on Easter (April 8) we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The Sundays following we continue to reflect on the victory of Christ over death, and God's promise of resurrection and eternal life in heaven for us.

The word "Easter" is an old English word that means "Spring." It comes from the fact that new life bud out in spring, symbolic of the promise of new and eternal life for us after we die.

The liturgical color for the Easter season is white or gold, both colors symbolic of the mood of glory and rejoicing.

CCY Presents 'A Taste of the Orient' Dinner

Sunday, April 29

Remember how wonderful this was last year! The youth will again, present a wonderful dinner following worship at Urland for anyone (about 11:30 pm.)- Freewill Offering.

Urland Building Loan Update:

Pledges Received to date:	27,159.00
Other Funds Received to date:	5,003.83
1st Loan-Principal Paid	(17,540.00)
Loan Interest Paid	(544.10)
Balance	14,078.73
Pledges to be received in 2007	31,584.67
Pledges to be received in 2008	44,597.67
Pledges to be received in 2009	<u>40,538.66</u>
	116,721.00
Loan Balance \$138,100.00 interest Payable quarterly.	

Prayer Shawl Ministry Update-

As the faithful fingers of Wangen Prairie and Urland are...prayers are being said – some silently, some out loud ...

If anyone knows of someone who might be in need of a prayer shawl, please contact Linda Flom

We also are welcoming donations towards the cost of yarn. Please give to Jan Holt. Thank you for your generosity!

Our next Prayer Shawl Meeting will be Thursday, April 5th.

Come and join us!



Thank you to the Prayer Shawl group for the beautiful shawl that was given to Emma on her baptism, Jan. 7, 07. It was beautiful and will be treasured. This is a wonderful ministry that is being done. Thank you! Annie, Derek & Emma Neumann



Flower Baskets On Order at Urland

The flower baskets will be available in late April and early May. These large baskets sell for \$25 each at the florist but we sold them for \$17 so our profit was only \$5.00 each. This year all profits will go to the Urland Scholarship fund. Keep this in mind when considering the cost.

Call Committees

The Urland and Wangen Prairie Call Committees are:

Members from Wangen Prairie are:

Ellen Schiell	Dale Lilleskov
Russ Clevenger	Larry Beckman
Ona Sheets	the McKeags

Members from Urland are:

Mary Blastervold	Jenny Berquam
Scott McNurlin	Keith Holt
Karen Barnes	Glenn Weibel

Chorus Concert Set for April 21st

The Cannon Falls Men's & Women's Choruses will give a concert on Saturday, April 21st at 7 pm. at St. Ansgar's Church. Both Keith Holt & Wally Jacobson from Urland sing in the men's chorus. Be sure to set this night aside and bring a carload. Tickets are \$6 and may be gotten at the door.

**Sunday, April 22:
The Pies the Limit:
CCY Pie Auction**
*Details elsewhere in
newsletter.*

**Cannon Valley
Prayer Breakfast**
National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 3, 2007
at Grandpa's Garage
Details later

Wangen Prairie Call Committee Update:

Wangen Prairie has voted to stay affiliated with the ELCA and to try to work for change from within. Also we want to work jointly with the Urland Congregation in our joint parish environment.

It was decided to call at least a 50% time Pastor to focus on Wangen Prairies needs. The motion voted on was subject to the Urland Congregation agreeing to call a full time 100% pastor to serve their needs. This was shared at the March Joint Council meeting. It was decided that we needed to take one issue at a time and move forward from there. Urland is to have a congregational meeting April 1st to decide further how they wish to proceed.

Wangen Prairie's call committee is waiting for direction from the Joint Council's on how we should proceed.

Both Congregation's Trustee's are working on completing updated Budgets.

We all need to keep both Congregations in our prayers. Remember that this is God's Church and we are here to do his service. Ask him for guidance daily and put your trust in him and his will, will be done. Amen.

Urland Call Committee Update:

The Urland and Wangen Prairie Call Committees held a joint meeting on March 20th to discuss the outcome of the Wangen Prairie congregational vote regarding pastoral time and synod membership. The committees agreed to put together a joint congregational profile to present to the joint council along with some suggestions on how to meet the pastoral needs of both congregations. The outcome of the Urland congregational vote on April 1st regarding the hiring of a full time pastor for Urland will determine how the call committees will proceed from this point forward.

We ask for your continued prayers and feed back as we proceed through this process!
Karen Barnes

Pastor's Notes

The Impossible Possibility

In the coming weeks we will be remembering the most important event in all of human history – the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our calendars are full of dates for the celebrations of remembrance of our birthdates, our wedding anniversaries, larger historical events like on Independence Day on July 4th, or the remembrance of D-Day on June 6th, and so on. But the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ surpasses them all.

Theologian Karl Barth in his study The Epistle to the Romans writes, “Jesus is the master-key which opens every door. He is the wave that overtops even the highest building. He is the point from which the vast horizon of life is seen in true perspective. By the resurrection of Jesus the whole length and depth and height of human existence are directed towards fulfillment and salvation.” The death and resurrection of Jesus is the most significant event ever to happen on our planet. Our salvation from condemnation because of our sins, and from death, occurs in the cross and the empty tomb.

Karl Barth goes on to call these events “impossible possibilities.” That our sins should be atoned for by the sacrifice of Jesus, and that God should raise Jesus from the dead, to the unbeliever seem impossible. But the Bible reminds us “with God all things are possible” (Mark 10:27). God holds absolute power in his hands. With God, the impossible becomes possible. So Barth writes that with Christ, “impossibility is possible. Impossibility presses upon us, breaks over us, is already present. Impossibility is more possible than anything which we hold to be possible.” In the death and resurrection of Jesus, the seemingly impossible has become possible, a new reality has come. And we are saved by it – from our sins, and from death. Because of Jesus, we are reconciled to God by his death for our sins, and as Jesus was raised to life, we have the promise of resurrection and eternal life in heaven after an earthly death.

We will remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus with Holy Week services as follows:

Maundy Thursday: April 5 – 7:30 pm. at Wangen Prairie

Good Friday: April 6 –
Noon at Wangen Prairie
7:30 pm. at Urland

Easter Services: April 8
7:00 am. Sunrise Service at Urland
9:00 am. Service at Wangen Prairie
10:30 am. Service at Urland

Come to each of these services to make your remembrance of these events complete. Your celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday will be more meaningful if you have stood at the cross on Friday.

Pastor Chuck Jacobson

Prayer Calendar April

- 1 Palm Sunday & Congregational mtg at Urland
- 2 Nicole Shaut
- 3 Earl Doehling
- 4 Vicki Esterby
- 5 Pastors Chuck & Dean & families & Linda
- 6 Good Friday
- 7 Those who have lost loved ones
- 8 Easter -“He is Risen”
- 9 Betty & Mervyne Felton
- 10 Helen Berquam
- 11 Men’s Bible Study
- 12 Men & Women in the Armed Forces
- 13 Barb Kautz
- 14 Cannon River Conference WELCA
- 15 Our Worship Services
- 16 Our Councils
- 17 Our Call Committees
- 18 Dyke Jackson
- 19 Jamie O’Reilly
- 20 Jenny Mayer
- 21 Jerry McWaters
- 22 Our Worship Services
- 23 Alice Otterness
- 24 Heidi Gusenius
- 25 Pam Biehn
- 26 Paul Hokanson
- 27 Kelli Jo Tralle
- 28 Marriage of Megan Williams & Mark Conway
- 29 Christine Sholing
- 30 Dale Lilleskov

April Birthdays

Glenys Cook	4-23
Jean Flakne	4-9
Christine Gjemse	4-26
Morris Hustvedt	4-25
Betty Ohmann	4-9

Sunday School News

During the month of February our congregation and Sunday School collected items for our partnership church in the Ukraine. On March 5th we shipped 5 boxes of shoes, clothing, and art supplies for a total of 215 pounds! We hope that our box arrives in time for Easter. Many of the items we sent are too expensive to buy or are not available in the Ukraine. The majority of families cannot afford to buy new shoes or clothing for their children and although our shipping costs were \$248, this is still much cheaper than if the supplies had been purchased in the Ukraine! Thank you for your generosity!

We will plan to send another shipment to the Ukraine for Christmas. One of their requests will be for children's winter coats (their winters are much like ours). Watch for clearance sales or wonderful buys at garage sales during the next coming months.

As we celebrate Easter and our Risen Lord, the kids have been working on a number of Easter art projects and will be having an Easter Egg hunt in the park on Palm Sunday, if the weather permits. The lessons that the kids will be studying for the month of April is "Grow from Friends" and the kids will be singing the song "A Good Friend" during church services on April 1st.

The memory verses for April are:

April 1st Job 42:10

April 8th NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 15th Ephesians 4:11-12

April 22nd Proverbs 18:24

April 29th 1 John 5:3

Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 7th starting at 8 a.m.
The Urland Park Board will be cleaning the park and shelter.

Saturday, April 21st The Urland ditches will be cleaned starting at 8 a.m.

Saturday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m.
Wangen Prairie Church yard and road ditch will be cleaned.

All these jobs need volunteers to help get the job done, please consider helping – bring the kids!

Camp Scholarships

Wangen Prairie is offering two \$100 scholarships for summer camp. To apply please send your name, address, phone number and the name of the camp you plan to attend along with a short paragraph of why you wish to go to camp. The camp must be a Christian camp. Send your application to S. Beckman, 221 N Dow, Cannon Falls. Selection of those receiving the two scholarships will be made the first week of May.

APRIL SPECIAL OFFERING NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings Pregnancy Center provides a Christ-centered compassionate ministry to women and their partners who are faced with unplanned pregnancy situations. Their trained staff and volunteers offer encouragement, services, education and hope through Jesus Christ. All services are provided free of charge to their clients because of contributions made by individuals or groups as we are doing through the month of April with our special offerings. They have a location in Cannon Falls and a new one in Red Wing.

Many Hands Needed At Urland

The next few weeks are going to be especially busy at Urland with numerous activities. Each activity will need volunteers to help with serving and bringing food. The sign up sheets are posted on the bulleting board. We ask each of you to prayerfully consider helping out as much as you can.

Cannon River Conference Women Coming:

On Saturday, April 14th the Cannon River Conference Women will be meeting at Urland from about 8:30 a.m. until after lunch. The meeting will include special music, temple talks, displays and guest speaker, Faith Fretheim.

We are encouraging all of our women to register and be a part of this day. Registration is \$10 and is due by Mon. April 9th. Forms are in the Upper Room. Those helping in the kitchen will not have to pay the registration fee – look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

On Friday, April 13th we will need people to set up tables, decorate, make salad, etc.

Benefit Concert

Sunday, April 29, 2007 there will be a benefit at Wangen Prairie starting at 2:00.

The Urland Praise Team will present a program at 2:00 P.M. Other details will follow.

SE MN Synod Council Coming:

On Saturday, April 21st the SE MN Synod Council will be meeting at Urland. We need volunteers to help serve morning coffee and lunch and also volunteers to bring lunch –check the sign up sheet.

Annual Bike Race Coming:

The Annual Bike Race is Saturday, April 28th. We need people to serve coffee early and help with lunch, afternoon snacks and clean up later. All to be held in the park shelter. There will be at least 200 bikers here for the race. It is something to see, so why not come watch and help at the same time!

Flood Victim Response:

A church has been located that is collecting funds for a Thrivent Matching to help those in the community effected by the latest Flood. Members interested in helping victims send to:

Zion Lutheran Church
Attention: Pastor Wannier
P.O. Box 318
Brown Valley, MN 56219
320-695-2401

Bus Trip to Luther Seminary

On Wednesday, April 11, a group is going to visit Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Leaving at 8:30 am. From First English Church, they will attend the 10 am. Communion service, tour the seminary, have lunch at the Bear Crossing Restaurant, visit the Como Conservatory, and return home at 3 pm. Cost is \$30, including lunch. Call 263-3042 to reserve your spot on the bus. *

Thank You's

Urland & Wangen Prairie Churches –

Thank you so much for the beautiful shawl you gave to Kayla on her baptism. It is something I am sure she will cherish.

In God's love, Jake, Amy, Mia & Kayla Halling

Dear Wangen Prairie WELCA members.

Angels Care Center wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to you, for your gift of \$100 in memory of Pastor George Thompson. Your generous contribution is an important part of our mission to reach and uplift all people and bring them to the knowledge and service of God. Your gift will be used toward our chapel fund. Sincerely, Sharon Lines-Angel Care Center

I want to thank the Urland and Wangen Prairie shawl group for the beautiful shawl. I have used it a lot and I feel so good when I put it around me. I can just feel the prayers that have come along with it. Thanks for remembering me. Alice Otterness -I must add and the beautiful card -I have read it many times and I'm sure I'll read it much more.

Dear members of Urland Lutheran Church

Thank you for your generosity of donations to the Good Samaritan Fund. Because of your thoughtfulness you have helped to provide those in need with food, heat, electricity and possible housing. God Bless you for caring, Fr. Jay Kythe

Friends of Wangen Prairie Lutheran,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$100 to Good Earth Village. I truly appreciate you support of this vital ministry of our Church.

Dave Herder, Ex. Director

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www.urland.org.

Sunday Worship
Sunday School
Wangen Prairie 9:00 a.m.
at Urland
Urland 10:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
Bible Study's
Men's -Wednesdays
6-7 a.m. at Urland

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