

Parish Mission Seeds

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

**First Saturday
For Women
March 3, 2007**

9 – 10:30 a.m.

Captivating by John &
Stasi Eldredge

Read Chapter two for
March and we will
discuss it. Books
available.

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

Take
time to laugh
—
it is the music
of the soul.

Sunday, March 4th at 10:15 a.m.

Wangen Prairie will have a discussion concerning our church affiliation

Sunday, March 11th at 10:15 a.m.

Wangen Prairie will have a congregational meeting to vote on the question of our continued affiliation with the ELCA.

A discussion will also be held concerning the amount of Pastoral time needed at Wangen Prairie and to give the Call Committee clear direction to achieve the needed time.

2007 Lenten Schedule

“Sacred Journeys”

The sermons will be in two parts. In Part I we will follow *“The Sacred Journey of Jesus To the Cross”*, reading from the Gospel of Luke. In Part II a number of our people will share their *“Sacred Journey to Faith”*-the story of their Christian experience of God in their lives.

Wed., March 7 - at Wangen Prairie Luke 22:24-38
7:30 p.m. “Our Sacred Journey” - Larry Beckman
followed by coffee and fellowship

Wed., March 14 - at Urland Luke 22:39-53
6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Parish Soup Supper
7:30 p.m. “Our Sacred Journey” - Lee McNurlin

Wed., March 21 - at Wangen Prairie Luke 22:54-71
7:30 p.m. “Our Sacred Journey” - Audrey McKeag
followed by coffee and fellowship

Sunday, March 25 - Youth Service, 9 & 10:30 at both churches
“Our Sacred Journey” - Pastor Lundgren

Wed., March 28 - at Urland Luke 23:1-12
6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Parish Soup Supper
7:30 p.m. “Our Sacred Journey” - Rod Johnson

Maundy Thursday, April 5
7:30 p.m. Parish Holy Communion Service at Wangen Prairie

Good Friday, April 6
Noon: Parish Service at Wangen Prairie
7:30 p.m. Parish Service at Urland

Nametags:

Urland members will be asked to wear a nametag the first Sunday of each month. This will help all of us to know who people are. Tags will be available to fill out by the stairway in the lower level and by coat racks in the Upper Room. Please fill one out before going to worship. Thank you.

Pictorial Wall:

We are very close to getting our pictorial membership wall in place at Urland. Several of our members have not had their picture taken yet by Cindy Flom. Please call for arrangements to have your picture taken soon.

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 will have their Annual Supper Meeting, Monday March 5. Contact Ann Romo for reservations 1-507-824-2297. We will continue with our Bible Study; also make final plans for the Cannon River Conference held at Urland in April.

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The Urland Sewing Circle will meet on Wed. March 7th at 1 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you can.

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Urland Circle Bible Study will meet Wed. March 14th at 1 pm. at church.

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Wangen Prairie WELCA & Bible Study will meet Wed. March 14th 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:

We are in the season of Lent, where we recall the journey of Jesus to the cross for us. Here are a couple of Lenten disciplines for spiritual renewal that we recommend to you.

1. Attend each of the Wednesday evening Lenten services. The personal testimonies of those giving the "Our Sacred Journey" talks will be a special blessing to us.
2. Suggestion: Read the accounts of the suffering and death of Jesus toward the end of each of the four gospels.
3. Give a special thankoffering to some charity helping people in need.

Urland Current Offering Report

Beginning Balance	1,148.07
January Deposits	10,394.01
January Expenses	12,835.57
Balance	(1,293.49)
February Deposits	7,577.77
February Expenses	6,485.57
February Balance	(201.29)

NOTE: Basically the only thing paid in February was wages. Without our church service on the 25th we have been left really short on our cash flow. I have about \$3,000 worth of unpaid bills.

Sally Landry

Urland Building Loan Update:

New loan taken out for:	\$138,100.00
Pledges Received to date:	24,840.00
Other Funds Received to date:	5,003.83
1st Loan-Principle Paid	(17,540.00)
Loan Interest Paid	(544.10)
Balance	11,759.73
Pledges to be received in 2007	33,433.67
Pledges to be received in 2008	44,597.67
Pledges to be received in 2009	40,558.66
	118,590.00

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, Mar. 1st.

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

Welcome to Our New Partners:

“Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”
Acts 2:47

On Sunday, February 11, the following persons became members at Urland Church:

Dawn Berquam (Mrs. James)

Melanie Hernke (Mrs Nathan)

Joe & Chrissy Nelson, and baptized son, Isaac

Joining at Wangen Prairie was:
Delores Crump,

Please make it a point to extend a warm welcome to these new members. 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.

Wangen Prairie

Call Committee update:

We are waiting for the results of the Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, March 11th at 10:15 a.m. Following this meeting the Call Committee will be given clear direction as to what the desires of Wangen Prairie are.

Urland Call

Committee Update:

The Call Committee is meeting March 6th at 7 p.m. we're working on consolidating the comments to each of the questions and we'll be posting them in March.

Your patience and your prayers are sincerely appreciated as we work through this process with anticipation for what God has planned for Urland Lutheran Church.

Karen Barnes

REMINDER TO ALL SENIORS:

Applications for the scholarships are due April 1st to a Scholarship Committee Member. They are Mary Blastervold, Betty Ann Hernke, & Rochelle Nygaard

Blessing Table

At Urland

Sunday, March 11th

For

Megan Williams & Mark Conway

Come and enjoy a cup of punch and visit with the couple during their Blessing Table following worship and bring a shower gift if you wish.

Megan and Mark will be married at Urland on Saturday, April 28th.

Pastor's Notes

Sharing Our Faith Journeys

"I really do believe that every life is a sacred journey" -Frederick Buechner

Our Lenten services this year entitled "Our Sacred Journeys", will bring us the personal testimonies of a number of our members. They will tell us how God has worked in their lives, leading them to believe and sustaining them in their faith. Veteran missionary to India, E. Stanley Jones, wrote: "How few in the church share their personal spiritual experiences with others. And yet that was the basis upon which the whole method of evangelism was founded in the early church. 'There is no doubt,' says the church historian, Adolph Hameck," that the early church won all of it's victories by informal missionaries."

The church grew, as each Christian would share their experience of God in their lives with others. It is the same today. Hearing the faith stories of others can encourage us in our faith journey. Hearing how God has led them to faith can help us find our way to faith. Hearing how God has led and helped others through their times of trial can encourage us to trust God's steadfast love in our lives.

Synod minister, Larry Iverson, puts it like this: "These stories can help us link our words to our feelings about a God who tells us not to fear but to trust. To ponder how God has been active in our lives through people, events or the gifts that God has granted us. Maybe these stories include difficult moments when we overcame obstacles, faced loss in our lives, or when we felt God was the only anchor to keep us from being swept away. Or maybe we will celebrate all the good points in our lives when our Lord celebrated with us and encouraged us to enjoy the abundance of life and the joy that our faith can give."

During Lent the people who will be sharing their faith journeys will be myself, BettyAnn Hernke, Larry Beckman, Lee McNurlin, Audrey McKeag, Pastor Lundgren and Rod Johnson. Don't miss one of them!

Back in 1962 when Russia was still under the rule of Communism, a Russian Christian told a Danish Christian, "The most difficult part of being a Christian in Russian is not being able to talk to others about our faith." The Dane replied, "It's the opposite in the west. The most difficult thing for western Christians is to confess that they are Christians and to talk to others about it."

Perhaps this series will encourage all of us to open up and be willing to share our faith stories more freely with others.

Pastor Chuck Jacobson

Prayer Calendar March

- 1 Earl Doehling
- 2 Pastors Chuck & Dean & Linda & families
- 3 First Saturday
- 4 Our Worship Services
- 5 Our Call Committees
- 6 Dyke Jackson
- 7 Lenten Service
- 8 Betty & Mervyne Felton
- 9 Pastors Chuck & Dean & Linda & families
- 10 Our Service men & women
- 11 WP Congregational mtg
- 12 Our Call Committees
- 13 Our Councils
- 14 Lenten Service
- 15 Jamie O'Reilly
- 16 Bryce Breuer family
- 17 Kelli Jo Tralle
- 18 Our Worship Services
- 19 Our Call Committees
- 20 Pam Biehn
- 21 Lenten Service
- 22 Alice Otterness
- 23 Jenny Mayer
- 24 Christine Sholing
- 25 Our Youth
- 26 Our Call Committees
- 27 Paul Hokanson
- 28 Lenten Service
- 29 Praise & Worship Service
- 30 Heidi Gusenius
- 31 Jerry & Arla McWaters

March Birthdays

Harold Berquam	3-17
Leonard Brekke	3-29
Doris Husbyn	3-12
Mary Olson	3-16
Oscar Quittem	3-22
Dewayne Ring	3-15

Sunday School News

Helping Children in Ukraine

The Sunday School has partnered with the Brovary Church of Glory & Worship and we hope to create a long lasting partnership in support of their desire to make God known to those in the Ukraine. Please look at the Sunday School bulletin for pictures and letters.

The items for the children in Ukraine have been collected and now are in the process of being packed for shipment. A resource for shipping was found that was much cheaper than the post office. This company has been shipping the Ukraine for 15 years and the cost was about 1/3 of the cost at the PO. We do have to deliver the boxes to Mpls. And they only ship out every other week with our shipment going out on March 5th and hoping it will be there in time for Easter. A camera is enclosed with the shipment, so hopefully we'll get pictures of the children going through the items we sent.

Thank you to everyone that has contributed in any way to this project. Please keep this mission in mind as you shop, as we will be sending a box in the fall for Christmas. They are always in need of warm clothing, socks, shoes, etc. and the many school supplies listed last month.

The children will continue to exchange letters through the year. So we will keep you updated when there are new postings on the Sunday School bulletin board. Check it out.

Here are the Sunday School memory verses for March:

March 4th Deuteronomy 5:16

March 11th Ephesians 6:1-3

March 18th 1 Peter 5:5

March 25th Proverbs 1:8-9

Note: No Sunday School on April 8th - Easter Vacation.

Recycle Ink Cartridges

How many of us use ink cartridges in our printers and then just throw them away when they are done? There are several programs available that will actually give cash for ink cartridges that are returned to them. The Youth at Urland will be having a collection box for these used cartridges. Just bring them in and put in the box provided. This seems like such an easy fundraiser; we'll let you know how they make once some are sent in. Thanks!

Our congregations are participating in Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign. Minnesota FoodShare is an interfaith collaboration formed in 1982 to help restock food shelves across the state. In the face of a struggling economy and widespread layoffs, the March Campaign is as important as ever.

As a community of faith, we are called to help those who are hungry and in need all year long. During this season of Lent, let us put a special emphasis on sharing all that we have with the less fortunate.

Consider some of the facts about hunger in Minnesota. Did you know:

- ? Nearly half of the families who visit food shelves have children. Hungry kids have difficulty learning and have more medical problems and absenteeism than children with adequate nourishment.
- ? Seniors are the fastest growing group of adult food shelf clients: 20%. Seniors are often hardest hit by recessions as living costs rise & incomes remain fixed.
- ? 43 percent of adult food shelf clients are employed. 35 percent are retired or have a disability that prevents them from working.

The Cannon Falls food shelf needs our help to restock the shelves.

Many Hands Needed At Urland

The next few weeks are going to be especially busy at Urland with numerous activities. April has many functions happening which will be using the church.

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. We will need many volunteers to help with this event. We expect about 125 women from throughout the conference. The meeting will include special music, temple talks, displays and guest speaker, Faith Fretheim who is the author of the current Bible Study in the Lutheran Women Today Magazine.

On Friday, April 13th we will need people to set up tables, decorate, make salad, etc. On Saturday we need kitchen help to serve morning coffee and muffins, noon lunch and clean up. We also need ushers, greeters, etc.

We will have sign up sheets posted soon for volunteer workers and also for donations of muffins for morning coffee and salads and refrigerator desserts for lunch.

Tickets for this event are \$10. Urland will receive \$6.00 for each ticket sold. Urland women may send pre-registration checks to: SE MN Synod WELCA, %Margaret Blume, 23 Crestview Bay, Faribault, MN 55021

Spring House Cleaning:

Members will be asked to help with the spring-cleaning of the church the last week of March. A list will be posted of jobs to be completed and members may come and work on the list when they are able. This cannot be left up to a few people! Please come, even if only for a couple of hours.

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. We are asking volunteers to help set up, serve the lunch and clean up.

SE MN Synod

Council Coming:

On Saturday, April 21st the SE MN Synod Council will be meeting at Urland. We need a person to make morning coffee and serve coffee and purchased rolls. At noon we need 4 or 5 people to bring hot dishes, salads and bars as well as 4 kitchen workers to serve and clean up.

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 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!

Sign Up:

Watch for the sign up sheets for all these projects and prayerfully consider helping out as much as you can.

Thank You's

Urland Lutheran Church
Thank you so much for the gifts that you donated for Christmas. Our organization depends on people like you to keep our Christmas Program going. Thanks again.
Sincerely, Staci, The Women's Center

Urland Lutheran Thank you for your generous gift of material resources (layettes) for LWR's distribution overseas. Your donations show the love of Christ to people all around the world...Kathryn Wolford, LWR President

Urland Ladies;
As a chef it is critical to have well thought out and supplied kitchen to be able to serve effectively and save steps. I was pleasantly amazed to find your kitchen so wonderfully stocked with pans, plates for service and tableware. The drawers are well planned, the stove and oven are a dream. You can be very proud of the work you've accomplished. I was proud to work in it. As a means of saying thank you I have provided a full sized cutting board and a set of rubber spatulas to add to your awesome storage. I especially like your drawer pulls for the silverware and the fact that the drawers were labeled was a real plus. I was at a loss as to where the dessert plates were kept and never did find more than a few.

All in all I'd be honored to serve in your church kitchen again. Blessings in His glorious name. Judy Konop (*Judy was our chef for the "Just For Me" retreat*)

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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.
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Lenten Schedule Inside

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