

Parish Mission Seeds

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

**First Saturday
For Women
Meets
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!**

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**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**

**VBS
Evenings**

June 4th, 5th, & 6th

**At Urland
w/Spring Garden**

**Set the dates aside
Details Later**

**Confirmation Day
Sunday, May 6th, 2007**

Those being confirmed this year are:

Michael Benson, Erik Lundgren, Robert Otterness, and
Erica Sholing.

We pray that each one of these Confirmands will continue
to grow in their walk with God.

No Sunday School this day

**Pancake Breakfast Celebration!
Sunday, May 20th**

Last Day of Sunday School
and
Senior Recognition Sunday

Everyone Invited to:

9 – 10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee

Freewill donation taken for our mission with the church in
the Ukraine

Seniors Recognized are: Rose Card, Joey David, Brittany
Flom, Jeff Johnson & Justin Roberts

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 will meet Monday, May 7th, @ Linda Flom's home @ 7:00 p.m. We will continue with our Bible Study and discuss some of our "favorite" mother's days. Hope to see you all there.

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Urland Circle Bible Study will meet Wed. May 9th at 1 pm. at church.

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Wangen Prairie WELCA & Bible Study will meet Wed. May 9th 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.

Please be sure to tell us when someone/you has/have a need for prayer and also a reminder to keep us updated on the person and tell us when that person no longer needs to be on the prayer list. Thanks for doing this for us. Pastor Chuck Jacobson

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Worship Notes:

On Sunday, May 6, we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for four of our young people - Michael Benson, Erik Lundgren, Robert Otterness and Erica Sholing. They will affirm their faith in the promises God makes to us in our baptism, and we will pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to strengthen their faith and empower their lives.

May brings us through the Easter season until the last Sunday in May. The tall Pascal Candle burns throughout the season until the observance of the Ascension of Christ. It symbolizes the resurrected life of Jesus, who has brought the light of eternal life to shine in our darkness. The word "paschal" means sacrifice, and refers to the passion of Jesus in his death that was his sacrifice for our sins, and from which he was raised to life again in the resurrection.

The last Sunday in May (27th) we enter into the Pentecost season with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday. It commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The liturgical color is red, symbolizing the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the disciples, and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives - the divine "fire" within us. A suggestion - wear something red that Sunday.

Urland Building

Loan Update: (as of March)

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 Wed. May 2nd, 6:30 pm. at Urland.

Come and join us!



To Wangen Prairie and Urland Churches
Thank you so much for the homemade shawl. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.
Morgan (Niebur) and Randy Schock



Flower Baskets On Order at Urland

The flower baskets will be available May 6th and after. These large baskets sell for \$25 each at the florist but we will sell them for \$18 or 2 for \$35. 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

Work at Home

You have seen those ads. Well we have an opportunity for someone or several to help with a small project that needs to be done and it can be done at home, on your own time schedule. It has to do w/labels.

If interested, contact Kathy Jacobson

Cannon Valley Prayer Breakfast

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 3, 2007
at Grandpa's Garage

7 - 8:30 am.

Lee McNurlin will give her testimony.

Tickets are \$8, available from Scofields, Cannon Realty and Linda Flom.

Wangen Prairie Call Committee Update:

Call committee met Wed. April 18 and review the Congregation Profile. It was mailed in the Synod on Thursday April 19th. The call committee will be meeting to formulate interview questions. Monday April 28th, I just received a phone call from the Synod that requires the Profile to be emailed in their Proforma Format. So we have to enter the profile to their format to have it processed.

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 be done. Amen.
Russ Clevenger

Urland Call Committee Update:

What an exciting and busy month we've had! With the decision of the Urland congregation to move forward with calling a full time pastor dedicated to the Urland Congregation, the call committee has been busy with finalizing our congregational profile. We finalized our profile and submitted it to the Southeastern MN Synod and are now waiting for a list of candidates to begin interviewing. Our next big task will be to tackle our interview questions and structure for our interview process. We do not know at this time what the pool of candidates look like but we have faith that God will lead our new pastor to us when HE feels we are ready! As always, your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated! Blessings, Karen

Reporters were interviewing a 104-year-old woman. "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

Pastor's Notes

Making Decisions With Confidence

These are exciting days for our churches, but also days of anxiety. Wangen Prairie has decided to go for a half-time pastor, and Urand for a full time pastor. What will they be like? Will they be scholarly and good teachers? Good preachers? Good "people-persons" who like to visit? What will be their theology - liberal, conservative, middle-of-the-road? Will they be high-church (lots of liturgy) or low-church (casual and informal worship)? Will their attitude be narrowly parochial, or will they be mission minded, and be concerned for our responsibility to the larger synodical and global mission of the church?

We will be making lots of decisions about our new pastors. That can make us feel anxious. The decision making of the early church can help us here. In the book of The Acts of the Apostles, they always asked for the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead them in making decisions. For example, in Acts 13, verses 2 and 4, the Holy Spirit gave direction to Paul and Barnabas, and they were "sent on their way by the Holy Spirit." Later the Holy Spirit prevented Paul from going to preach in Asia (Acts 16:6).

That's an example for us. As we call new pastors and re-shape the future of our congregations, or in our decisions in our individual lives, we can pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us.

But how can we know we are sensing the leading of the Holy Spirit? How can we be sure that we are just deciding things out of our own mind and will? I have been asked that question a number times over the years by people who were struggling to make important decisions. Here is my answer:

1. Pray sincerely to be led by the Holy Spirit in your analysis of your situation and options, and in the making of your decisions.
2. Next, do a thorough review of your options and their consequences.
3. Then make your decisions with boldness and confidence. If you have sincerely prayed to be led by the Holy Spirit, I believe you can make your decisions with the confidence that the Holy Spirit is guiding you in your decision making.
4. There is no proof of this up front. It is a confidence born of your trust that God has heard your prayer and is guiding you. The proof comes later as the results of your decisions become known. God will only lead you into what is good and best for you. Psalm 85:12 testifies that "The Lord will indeed give what is good." And Paul in Romans 8:28 affirms that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him."

Pastor Chuck Jacobson

Prayer Calendar May

- 1 Call Committees
- 2 Confirmands & Mentors
- 3 Nat'l Day of Prayer
- 4 Pastors Chuck & Dean & families & Linda
- 5 Butch Doehling & family
- 6 Confirmation Sunday
- 7 Mike & Jan Banitt
- 8 Shirleen Wiberg Bock
- 9 Betty & Mervyne Felton
- 10 Mary Swenson
- 11 Pastors Chuck & Dean & families & Linda
- 12 Reuben Lynum
- 13 Mother's Day
- 14 Jerry & Arla McWaters
- 15 Men & Women in Service
- 16 Vicki Esterby
- 17 Barb Kautz
- 18 LuVerne Olson
- 19 Kelli Jo Tralle
- 20 Last day of Sunday School & Sr. Recognition
- 21 Call Committees
- 22 Our Councils
- 23 Don Becksted
- 24 Chris Schiell
- 25 Children w/cancer
- 26 Pam Biehn
- 27 Our Worship Services
- 28 Memorial Day
- 29 Dyke Jackson
- 30 Paul Hokanson
- 31 Jenny Mayer

May Birthdays

Morris Melhouse 5-9
Geraldine Schiell 5-20

Sunday School News

Pancake Breakfast Celebration!

The last day of our Sunday School year will be on May 20th and the Sunday School children invite you to join us for a pancake breakfast from 9-10 a.m. We'll be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, milk and coffee for all who would like to join us! A free will donation will be collected for our mission with the church in the Ukraine. The kids will also be helping out with church services on the 20th so please plan to join your children for worship services!

Confirmation is being held May 6th so there will be NO Sunday School. Senior Recognition Sunday will also be held May 20th where we will be honoring Rose Card, Joey David, Brittany Flom, Jeff Johnson and Justin Roberts.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School to be held June 4th, 5th & 6th at Urand! We will again join forces with Spring Garden Lutheran for 3 evenings of fellowship and teaching of God's word. More details to follow soon.

Wangen Prairie

Clean Up Day

May 5

Any youth who are interested can go to Wangen Prairie at 9 a.m. to help them rake up the many pine cones and to tidy up the outside of their church. There will be a pot luck dinner at noon when you are done. They have offered to donate \$50 to the youth group (which will go into the accounts of those who participate). If you need some service hours for confirmation, you may use this time to get three service hours (of course, if you are using this as service hours, you don't get any of the money). This is a great opportunity to help others, and you'll be a better person for having done it!

Krispy Kreme

Sale Begins

May 6

Those youth who are going on either of our two big summer trips will begin selling these delicious doughnuts May 6 and also on May 13, with them being delivered to church on May 20.

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.

MAY SPECIAL OFFERING

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Each year an offering is taken for The Cemetery Association at each church. This money is used to maintain the cemetery (lawn mowing, repair of stones, etc.). Your donation may be given any time during the month by placing it in the offering plate at either church or the special Mission Box at Urand or special Mission spot at Wangen Prairie. Please mark your donation for the Urand Cemetery Association or the Wangen Prairie Cemetery Association.



CROSS-COUNTRY YOUTH

Present
Rent-A-Youth.

Do you have any odd jobs that a 9th or 10th grade student could do? If yes, please consider calling one of the following youth:

- ? Danielle Anderson
- ? Evan Carpenter
- ? Mitch Carpenter
- ? Colin Fennern
- ? Cody Hommedahl
- ? Kayla Kroll
- ? Erik Lundgren
- ? Derek Melhouse
- ? Blake Olson
- ? Robert Otterness
- ? Keely Taylor
- ? Nathan Zibolski
- ? Nicole Zibolski

These young people will be going on a mission trip to Toronto this summer. As you might expect, this is not a cheap trip, but they have done a great job raising funds to help pay for this trip. The one thing that they all still need is some spending money for this great opportunity. They need money for food, as well as for a couple of side trips. So here's what we are offering.

For these jobs, you would just pay the youth directly. It does not have to go through the church. This is just so that they have money for food and spending money. You can work out the payment with the youth, but it would be nice if you followed minimum wage.

Some examples of the types of things they could do:

- ? Mow lawns
- ? Feed pets, water plants, etc. while you're on vacation
- ? Clean out a garage
- ? Baby sit

You get the idea, if you've got a job that needs to be done, consider calling one of these great young people. Please remember, they are very busy with summer jobs, sports, marching band, family vacations etc. so they may not be available when you call, but please try!

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Greetings Jean, Kathy, The Women of Urland, who prepared and served the lunch, Mildred Ohnstad, Pastor Jacobson, Jan Holt & Karen Barnes,

Thanks to all the individuals who made the Cannon River Conference Spring Assembly a success. Each of your talents is appreciated. You have a pleasant church facility and I am sure you enjoy the new addition.

Thanks again. Peace and Blessings to Urland Lutheran, Connie Price

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Dean Jean, What a lovely day last Sat. was! I'm not referring only to the weather, either. Though that was indeed lovely.

The Urland ladies couldn't have done a nicer job! Everything was super good – from the early morning registration treats to the last crumb of dessert at lunch, all was yummy. The tables looked so nice, too, and the food was delicious!

It's quite a lot of work to host an event like that, but you did a great job. The bulletins, the welcome, the church history, music, as well as the lunch all made the day a good one. Thank you. God's continued blessings to you.

Sincerely, Margaret Blume, Sec/Treas.

Thank You's

Urland Lutheran Church.
Your generous gifts during our March Food Drive will greatly aid us in reaching our goal of 30,000 lbs of food & cash. It will enable us to feed families thru the summer and into fall. It is greatly appreciated. God's Blessings, Loraine Moorhouse, Food Shelf Board member

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Dear members of Wangen Prairie WELCA

Thank you for your donation 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

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WE thank you for the many good wishes, cards and gifts - may God bless your kindnesses!

Dale Springer, his mother, brother and family

Thank you to all that helped in anyway to make the day possible.

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Thank you for the offering that you took for our recent Flood Relief Benefit. Your thoughts, prayers and donations are appreciated. God's blessings, Zion Lutheran Church, Browns Valley, MN

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Thank you to all who have given of their time and talents at all our events at Urland during the month of April. With each detail being taken care of, everything went along smoothly and was enjoyed by all involved.

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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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