

Baptism of Our Lord



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Welcome to Prairie Hill

WELCOME VISITORS!

We rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us, and hope you feel welcome to call Prairie Hill your home. The page numbers for the service refer to the front of the red hymnals in the pew. You will find hymns in the back of the same hymnal.

The * indicates where you are invited to stand .

A cry room and a bathroom are located near the church entrance (the back of the sanctuary). If you have any questions about our church family, you are invited to ask an usher or the person next to you in the pew. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Pastor Jim after the service.

Parents of Young Children

We are so glad that you are here, and that you brought your children with you! Thank you! A few suggestions for your worship experience:

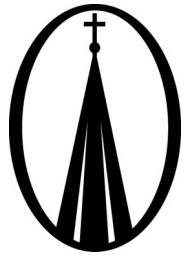
- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- It can be helpful to sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear.
- Sing hymns loudly, pray, and voice the responses with enthusiasm. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you are excited about God, they will be too!
- There are Story Bibles in the pew—your child is welcome to read, look at, and use this Bible! (If you would like to take one home, talk to Pastor Jim).
- Teach children some of the basic prayers; being able to join in with the prayers helps them feel they are contributing too. Also, it can be helpful to explain to your child what is happening during the service.
- Attend worship often, children like and need routines where they can participate.

To those who are sitting near worshiping parents and children:

A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children! Jesus welcomed the little children, and so do we. Whether talking, crying, laughing, or singing, the sounds of children in worship are joyful songs of praise.



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January 11, 2015
“A Place to Call Home”



✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD ✠ ✠ ✠

*CONFESSION

*GATHERING HYMN On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (v 1,3,5) #249

*HYMN OF PRAISE Verse One p. 204

*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:05AM) “This is the Feast” p. 149-150

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ ✠ ✠ PROCLAIMING THE WORD ✠ ✠ ✠

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

READING GENESIS 1:1-5 *Pew Bible, p. 1 (OT)*

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

READING
*ALLELUIA

ACTS 19:1-7

Pew Bible, p. 122(NT)

*GOSPEL

MARK 1:4-11

Pew Bible, p. 30(NT)

SERMON

Pastor Jim Abbott

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized in Water

#456

INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

*APOSTLES CREED

p. 104

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition of the prayers ends with the following response:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

✠ ✠ ✠ **SHARING OUR GIFTS** ✠ ✠ ✠

*THE PEACE

*We take up an offering,
acknowledging that all that we have
is a gift from God.
The offering supports
the ministries of St. John
here at Prairie Hill
and around the world.*

*We ask that you also fill out
a worship attendance card
and place it in the offering plate
so that we can stay in touch with you
You may use the back of the card
to share any prayer concerns
with the pastor.*

OFFERING HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness (v 1,3,4)

396

*OFFERTORY

What Child is This? (v 3)

#296

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is distributed by bread and wine in individual glasses or a common cup. Individual glasses of white grape juice are also available for those unable to consume wine.

All baptized Christians are invited to join us at the table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in which we confess that we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.

❖ ❖ ❖ RECEIVING GOD'S SACRAMENT ❖ ❖ ❖
(10:05AM)

* SANCTUS		#473
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
*THE LORDS PRAYER		p. 154
LAMB OF GOD		P.154
COMMUNION HYMN	Beautiful Savior	#838
*POST COMMUNION BLESSING PRAYER		

❖ ❖ ❖ GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S WORD ❖ ❖ ❖
(8:00AM)

*THANKSGIVING FOR THE BAPTISM
*THE LORDS PRAYER

❖ ❖ ❖ BEING SENT TO PROCLAIM ❖ ❖ ❖
(8:00AM & 10:05AM)

*BENEDICTION		
*SENDING HYMN	On Our Way Rejoicing	#537
*DISMISSAL		

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The Rev. Jim Abbott

The Rev. Virgil Pecht

Linda Schulze

Cookie Engeling, Lisa Finke

Mary Hill, Betty Feldmann

Fred & Debra Westerfeld/Jerome & Leigh Cavner

8am

Kameron Ray

Bethany Janner

Brandy Moehlmann

10:05am

Haylie Tosta

John Haarmeyer

Acolyte

Layreader

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Monday6:00PM Council

Tuesday4:30PM Rebecca Circle

Wednesday.....5:30PM Confirmation

Thursday.....Office Closed

FridayOffice Closed

Next Sunday.....8:00AM Holy Communion

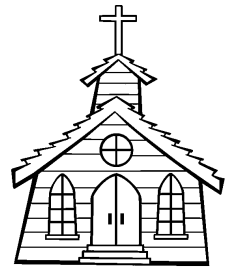
.....9:00AM Sunday School

.....10:05AM Service of the Word

Semi-Annual Meeting will be between the
2 services on January 25, at 9:15am

On the agenda:

- Opening Prayer
- Annual Reports from 2014
- Video Equipment Upgrade
- Closing Prayer



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

January 25

PRAYER LIST



Our Church Family:

Mavis Smith	Linda Bryan	Howard Grebe
Janice Cordova	Sydney Wagner	Kervin Finke
Clarence Moehlmann	Shirley Moehlmann	Lora Quebe
Elwood Oevermann	Fay Kokemor	Ella Ruemke
Pearlie Becker	Annie Gaskamp	Wilber Hohlt
Esther Dahmann	Ruby Schlottmann	

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries:

John Spreen, Justin Reuter, Trenton Kuecker and Wyatt Davis.

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries:

Lance & Shannon Altman, Brian & Pam Knebel and Mark & Karen Eckert.

Friends and Family:

Evelyn Klausmeyer	Matt Engeling	Avery Schell
Jeff Hohlt	Lincoln Foley	Trish Borgstedt
Teresa Derkowski	Samuel Faske	Glenwood Schwartz
Larry Glenz	Rebecca Schroeder	Chris Yoakum
Charles Schulte	Nicole Burks	Dan Reynolds
Allen Posey	Bonnie Scheffer	Gail Pennybacher
Nello Strickland	Jeff Schwartz	Darla Callendor
Mike Lampe	Gary Sonnenburg	Linda Oppermann
Reagan Jackson	Laura Jones	Otto Wehring
Jace Jurek	Don Dunn	Cheyenne Marie
Lillian Antkowiak	Judy Bormann	Melvin Neuendorff
Bethany Clemons	Charles Lindgren	Krystal Countermann
Virginia Fischer	Peyton Flowers	Debbie Heidemann
Barbara Bockhorn	Cindy Maldonado	Rev. Chris Lake
Jeff Ehlert	Marilyn Thomason	Esther Preuss
Mike McIntyre		

Military:

Cody Snell	Cody Paul	Wesley Paul	Hunter Ferguson
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Names on the prayer list more than 60 days may be removed. Please notify the church office if a prayer concern is on-going.)

Ladies of St. John---Come help us plan the future TODAY after the late service!

EVERYONE IS INVITED! No circle or Bible Study membership is required.
Every idea and suggestion is welcomed. This message is sent to reassure those with questions and also to give everyone thoughts to ponder. Lunch provided

Today we will discuss.....

1. The Constitution of the WELCA. It will remain in place with areas to suspend for this one year of trial ideas and attempts.
2. Calendar events for the next 6 months will be planned. Here is a PROPOSED set of ideas to compare with our past year:

2014 Calendar	Proposed 2015 Calendar
Meeting in January	Meeting in January
February was open	Have a dessert and coffee social at the church Feb. 15th (Wear red or pink)
March and April contained Easter Lilly sales and nursing home birthdays	Keep the Easter Lilly sale if someone is willing to be in charge. A new philanthropy will be selected. For nursing home parties--- Suggest changing them to visitations Possible hand massages, or easy crafts instead.
April—LWR kits and packing	Let church or youth groups hold the collection of kit items and help pack them. Kits chosen will be decided on. Quilters will still do the quilts.
May—Spring salad event	Still have the salad event if someone wants to be in charge. OR...plan some type of day travel event.
Thankoffering envelopes	Still have the envelopes. **Have a 2 nd planning for the next 6 months.
June...Can good drive	Keep that—Maybe add baby items Ask the church/Sunday School/Youth to be in charge

“Looking ahead” in the next 6 months

October---downtown scarecrow stroll after a planned lunch in town

November---Host a donut/cookie snack for the Sunday School

December---Have a cookie swap for all the ladies of the church

3. The Budget + Account

The account may stay as is if there is a volunteer for treasurer. If not, the account can be transferred to the church as a separate account with The Women of St. John being the title of the account. The church

accounting firm handles the bookkeeping and money transactions for us.

Budget will be reviewed and altered as needed.