

Northwoods STaR Ministries Newsletter

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—OGEMA

W4950 State Highway 86
Ogema, WI 54459

Worship Service: 9:00 AM

3rd Sunday: 11:00 AM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—WESTBORO

N8909 Business Hwy. 13

PO Box 15

Westboro, WI 54490-0214

Worship Service: 10:30 AM

3rd Sunday: 9:00 AM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—PRENTICE

670 Main Street

Prentice, WI 54556

email: firstlutheranprentice@gmail.com

Office Hours: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Monday-Thursday

715-428-2575

Worship Service: 10:30 AM

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH—BRANTWOOD

N5090 County Road D

Brantwood, WI 54513

Worship Service: 8:30 AM

Visitors and new members are always welcome!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

**FEBRUARY
2022**

From Northwoods STaR Ministries...

NSM JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join our four congregations of Northwoods STaR Ministries—First Ogema, First Westboro, First Prentice and Zion Brantwood in worshipping together on Transfiguration Sunday and reflecting upon the revelation of Christ's glory as the "bridge between Epiphany and Lent".

The joint worship service will be held at First Prentice on Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 10 am and Lyle Roe, our Synodically Authorized Minister will be leading worship.

(This will be the only worship service on February 27.)

There will be a fellowship potluck lunch after the service—so bring a dish to pass.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — 10 am
First Lutheran Church—Prentice**

ANNUAL

MEETING

REMINDER

Zion Lutheran Church—Brantwood

Sunday, February 6, 2022 9:30 am

(Following Worship Service) Coffee & Brunch Following

First Lutheran Church—Westboro

Sunday, February 6, 2022 11:30 am

(Following Worship Service)

First Lutheran Church—Prentice

Sunday, February 13, 2022 11:30 am

(Following Worship Service)

From our Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAMS)...

Over the last four years, I have been conducting a Community Bible Study in Owen and Greenwood. We started off with the first class on How We Got the Old Testament. The next class was, obviously, How We Got the New Testament. In those classes, we discussed who wrote the documents of the Bible, if we can truly know, and when were those documents written. It's like a great detective story, trying to discover who did what and when.

We followed that up with classes on What Became of the Disciples, the Letters of Paul, the Authorship of the Letter to the Hebrews (the answer to this may surprise you!), and more. We are now in the sixth week of a class called Nothing to Be Afraid of: a Study of the Book of Revelation.

This class seeks to shear away the ongoing fright regarding the Book of Revelation. Revelation is an example of what we call apocalyptic literature. Revelation represents the apocalyptic literature of the New Testament and the best example of Old Testament apocalyptic literature is the Book of Daniel. There are portions of Isaiah and Ezekiel that are also apocalyptic in nature. Here's the thing, we should never be frightened by those books. All the talk of angels and dragons and beasts and more were never intended to make us afraid. In fact, they are books of great comfort for us. The main point of those books is that we are not in this alone. There are forces in this world and above this world that are participating with us. It is a source of great hope.

As we begin to work more closely together, my hope is to begin Bible studies for the Northwoods STaR Ministries Parish. I'm very excited to get started.

—Much love to all, Travis

We have moved into the congregational annual meeting season. I have already attended Ogema's and thanks to Tracy's scheduling skill I will attend another in February and Travis will attend the other two.

It helps me to get to know more people and gain a better understanding of the ministry of each congregation, both of which I enjoy doing.

Notation time: As I told those at Ogema's meeting, I normally remember details related to a person, but names often take more time to learn.

"God's Country: faith, hope, and the future of the Rural Church" by Brad Roth, is a book that I have found more interesting, useful and easier to read than I expected. I would like to paraphrase a few things he emphasized.

One is that small rural churches should not compare themselves to urban churches to decide if they are successful. They are two different "critters" that often serve God in different ways.

Roth and pastors of churches considered to be successful rural churches strongly suggest finding out what the community needs and then determining what their church could do to help. Listening, observing and praying are all very important before selecting a ministry activity. An appropriate example would be asking local school systems what student, parent and staff needs they can identify. Then discuss and decide how your congregation or parish could do something to help.

A final thought. Rural churches and communities can often accomplish some ministry events that would be difficult if not impossible to do in a large urban area.

Please let me know if the above has stirred some thoughts or questions that you would like to discuss. (715-613-3153 cell or 715-229-2293 home)

In closing: *"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations."* —Chuck Swindall

—Lyle Roe

Nourish your soul and your body with good things this Lenten Season with these opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship!



RESTORED IN CHRIST

(Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule will be included in the March newsletter.)

A SERIES OF SERVICES FOR LENT

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

You are invited to join us each week as Travis Rogers, Synodically Authorized Minister, leads our mid-week Lenten services.

The season of Lent is a time for us to face together the brokenness of our lives and our world, and then turn that brokenness over to Christ so that we can be restored by him through the cross. Each service in this stirring series focuses on a certain event in the Lenten story and takes a good, hard look at a broken element from that particular story. Coming to an understanding of how each of these broken elements leads to restoration in Christ is key to understanding what it ultimately means to live today as new creations in Christ.

*Please note:
There will be signup
sheets at each church to
volunteer for providing
food for the soup
suppers.*

BROKEN HEARTS



March 2 ASH WEDNESDAY

First Prentice 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)

First Westboro 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)

BROKEN VESSEL



March 9

Zion Brantwood 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)

First Ogema 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)

BROKEN TRUST



March 16

First Prentice 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)

First Westboro 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)

BROKEN BREAD



March 23

Zion Brantwood 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)

First Ogema 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)

BROKEN PROMISES



March 30

First Prentice 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)

First Westboro 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)

BROKEN JUSTICE



April 6

Zion Brantwood 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)

First Ogema 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)

Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth...

Christian Youth Formation at First Lutheran Church— Prentice

CYF schedule for February

- February 16 from 3—4:30 pm



Upcoming Confirmation Schedule for FEBRUARY: MONDAYS

February 7, 2022 WESTBORO at 5:30 pm
February 14, 2022 PRENTICE at 5:30 pm
February 21, 2022 OGEMA at 5:30 pm
February 28, 2022 WESTBORO at 5:30 pm

The Confirmation Class schedule had to be rearranged this month due to annual meeting times and other conflicts. Classes will be held on Mondays in February and start each night with a light supper at 5:30 pm.

confirmation
class 

Westboro Sunday School Program



ATTENTION WESTBORO MEMBERS: Westboro Sunday School will be keeping up the tradition of the Souper Bowl Sunday this year. They will be collecting an offering on Sunday, February 13, 2022 to be donated to a local group in need. Please help us with donating to this great program to tackle hunger.



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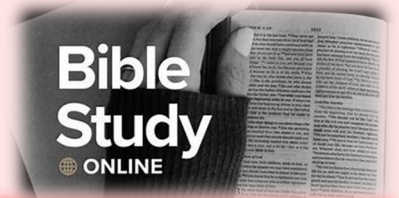
Thank you to everyone for helping the Westboro Sunday School students with their noisy offering during Advent. Our church members & Sunday school raised \$170.11. With the ELCA Good Gifts catalog, the Sunday School students picked out a piglet, honey bees, goat & chicks combo, rooster & a share in a fish farm.

Bible Study Opportunity

Travis Teaches on YouTube.com

If you are interested in following along with Travis Rogers in his Community Bible Study on the Book of Revelation, go to YouTube.com and search for ONE in Christ ELCA Revelation. The classes have been recorded and are available for viewing.

The next live class is planned for Thursday, February 3 at 7 p.m. on YouTube Live at that channel. If you have any questions for Travis during the Live class, you may text them to him at 715.271.7471 and he will answer them live.



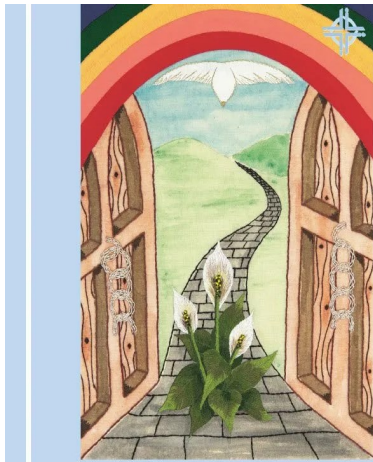
 WATCH ON YOUTUBE



**His love
endures
FOREVER.**
Psalms 136



Upcoming Events, Opportunities and Information...



World Day of Prayer | March 4, 2022

World Day of Prayer 2022

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement led by Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer. This takes place internationally on the first Friday of March every year. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. The host country for WDP 2022 is England Wales & Northern Ireland. You are invited to attend this special day of prayer and fellowship on **Friday, March 4.**

- First Lutheran Church—Westboro will be hosting a World Day of Prayer event that members from First Ogema and First Westboro will be attending at 1:30 pm.
- New Beginnings Lutheran Church, Prentice will be hosting a World Day of Prayer event that members from First Prentice and Zion Brantwood will be attending.

An annual tradition of pancakes for supper, just before Lent begins.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER Tuesday, March 1, 2022

4:30 PM—6:30 PM

Free Will Offering

**First Lutheran Church—Ogema
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**NORTHWOODS
STaR MINISTRIES**

"United in Christ, Sharing God's Love"

Women of the ELCA News



Upcoming Meeting—PRENTICE

Sunday, February 20 at 9 am

Upcoming Meeting—OGEMA

Sunday, February 13 following worship



FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

First Lutheran—Ogema

Greeters/Ushers

MEMBERS

Acolytes

MEMBERS

Altar Service

MEMBERS

Food Service

Jill Price

Cleaning

MEMBERS

First Lutheran—Westboro

Greeters/Ushers

MEMBERS

Acolytes

MEMBERS

Altar Service

MEMBERS

Food Service

George & Pat Hanson

Reader

MEMBERS

Cleaner

George & Pat Hanson

First Lutheran—Prentice

Shepherding Group

MEMBERS

Acolytes

Confirmation Students

Food Service/Funerals

OPEN

Zion Lutheran—Brantwood

Cleaning Duty

The Ladies of Zion

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

15 MaryAnne Peterson
18 Tammy Nikkila
20 Leah Nehls
23 Malinda Reichert
Jasen Cummings
26 Randal Cummings
28 Mike Mueller



1 Daniel Jensen
2 Earl Finkler
3 Dennis Scheithauer
4 Corky Rodman
Miranda Pipkorn
6 Jason Pipkorn
Clinton Peterson
8 John Granberg
Nikki Van Luven
12 Sofie Staroba
13 Cathy Scheithauer
14 Kyle Koch

Baptisms



3 Jase Moore
4 Brynlee Bogdan
9 Kacen Moore
19 Steve Schanter
22 Shawn Koch
26 Jim Wiles

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



3 Fran/Lori Dums
17 Dennis/Cathy Scheithauer
21 Keith/Nancy Beard
27 Ken/Karen Pearson
Bob/Bev Hora

Offering Information...

Your generosity allows our churches to keep moving forward and be able to fulfill the mission, vision, & call God has placed on them.

If you aren't with us for worship, offerings can be mailed to your church anytime:

FLC-Prentice, 670 Main Street, Prentice, WI 54556

FLC-Ogema, W4950 State Hwy 86, Ogema, WI 54459

FLC-Westboro, P.O. Box 15, Westboro, WI 54490

Zion LC, c/o Karin Kivela, W2476 US Hwy 8, Brantwood, WI 54513

We thank you for your support!

Bread From the Heart


Bread from the Heart will provide a home cooked meal, as well as a prayer of healing and hope to people in need in our community. Please call one of the following coordinators, they will make the necessary arrangements.

Shawnda Hora 715-428-2026
Rebekah Bergman 715-922-0374
Dallas Severson 715-564-3328

*We LOVE
because He
first loved us.
1 John 4:19*



FEBRUARY 2022 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 8:30 am Worship (Z) Annual Meeting following worship (Z) (Coffee & Brunch after Mtg) 9 am Worship (O) 9:15 am Sunday School (W) 9:45 am Council Mtg (W) 10:30 am Worship (P) 10:30 am Worship (W) Annual Meeting following worship (W)	7 Quilters (O) 5:30 pm Confirmation Class at First Westboro 6:30 pm Council Mtg (P)	8	9	10	11	12
13 7:30 am Council Mtg (O) 8:30 am Worship (Z) 9 am Worship (O) W/ELCA meeting after worship (O) 9:15 am Sunday School (W) 10:30 am Worship (P) Annual Meeting following worship (P) 10:30 am Worship (W)	14 Quilters (O) 5:30 pm Confirmation Class at First Prentice 	15	16 3 - 4:30 pm CYF at First Prentice	17	18	19
20 8:30 am Worship (Z) 9 am Worship (W) 9 am W/ELCA Mtg (P) 10:30 am Worship (P) 11 am Worship (O) 4 pm Parish Council Mtg at First Westboro	21 Quilters (O) 5:30 pm Confirmation Class at First Ogema	22	23	24	25	26
27 10 am Joint Worship Service at First Prentice (Potluck to follow worship)	28 Quilters (O) 5:30 pm Confirmation Class at First Westboro	1 4:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (O)	2 Ash Wednesday	3	4 World Day of Prayer	5

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday February 6 5th Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Zion Brantwood 10:30 am Prentice

Lyle Roe, SAM leading worship (Communion)

Annual Meeting to follow worship at Zion Brantwood

9:00 am Ogema 10:30 am Westboro

Travis Rogers, SAM leading worship (Communion)

Annual Meeting to follow worship at First Westboro

Sunday February 13 6th Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Zion Brantwood 10:30 am Prentice

Travis Rogers, SAM leading worship (Communion)

Annual Meeting to follow worship at First Prentice

9:00 am Ogema 10:30 am Westboro

Jeanne Cummings-Leader Dennis Scheithauer-Leader

Sunday February 20 7th Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Zion Brantwood 10:30 am Prentice

Linda Heikkinen-Leader

Shawnda Hora-Leader

9:00 am Westboro

11 am Ogema

Travis Rogers, SAM leading worship (Communion)

Sunday February 27 Transfiguration of Our Lord

10 am Joint Service at First Prentice

Lyle Roe, SAM leading worship (Communion)

POTLUCK MEAL TO FOLLOW WORSHIP

Please Note: If you need pastoral care or if you know of anyone who should be contacted about receiving a Communion or home visit, please contact the parish office at 715-767-5155 or email office@1stfamily.org.

Or, you may contact our Synodically Authorized Ministers:

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