

Northwoods STaR Ministries Newsletter

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Shawnda Hora

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—OGEMA

W4950 State Highway 86
Ogema, WI 54459

Worship Service: 9:00 AM

3rd Sunday: 10:30 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

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Office Hours: by appointment

715-428-2575

Worship Service: 10:30 AM

3rd Sunday: 8:30 AM

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH—BRANTWOOD

N5090 County Road D

Brantwood, WI 54513

Worship Service: 8:30 AM

3rd Sunday: 10:30 AM

**Visitors and new members are
always welcome!**



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**FEBRUARY
2024**

From Northwoods STaR Ministries...

NSM COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join our four congregations of Northwoods STaR Ministries—First Ogema, First Westboro, First Prentice and Zion Brantwood in worshipping together.

**The joint worship service will be held at First Ogema on
Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 10:30 am with Travis leading
worship. (Fellowship potluck will follow the service.)**

This will be the only worship service on February 25.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024
10:30 am**

First Lutheran Church — Ogema



ANNUAL MEETING

Notice of Annual Meetings of the Congregations

First Lutheran Church—Westboro

Sunday, February 4, 2024—(Following 10:30 am Worship Service)

First Lutheran Church—Prentice

Sunday, February 11, 2024—(Following 10:30 am Worship Service)

Zion Lutheran Church—Brantwood

Sunday, February 18, 2024—(Following 8:30 am Worship Service)



So we, being many, are one
body in Christ, and
individually members of one
another. Romans 12:5

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 Minister, Travis Rogers 715-271-7471.

From Travis...

During our Advent service of December, we followed Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *God is in the Manger*. This was a primary-source study of Bonhoeffer's Advent and Christmastime devotions. After deep discussion, Tracy and I had decided to focus on Dietrich's incarnational Bible studies and devotions in order to better acquaint the Northwoods STaR Ministries Parish with such an important theologian and thinker.

With that in mind, our Lenten service will also follow Dietrich's *God is on the Cross*. Furthermore, I decided to use this article in our February newsletter to give you a better look at Dietrich and his importance for us.

Last month's article was concerning *Jesus and Politics*. Politics is always an integral part in the life of the church and our responsibility to the world. Dietrich and the Bonhoeffer clan would immediately recognize that responsibility and act on it.

January 29, 1933, was a dreadful day in the history of Europe and indeed the whole human race. On that day, the German President Paul von Hindenberg appointed a new Chancellor of Germany, Adolf Hitler. The move was a political compromise made to appease the growing power of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, the Nazi Party.

In the 1928 elections, the Nazi Party gathered only 2.6% of the vote. After four years of campaigning and intimidation, the March 1932 elections saw Hitler running for president which he lost to Hindenberg. In the July elections, however, the Nazis won almost 38% of the vote and became the controlling party in the German Parliament. Hindenberg had to make a deal with the Nazis to form a majority government.

As a result of that deal, January 29, 1933, saw Hitler appointed as the number two man in the German government and he wasted no time in consolidating his power. His moves were swift and merciless.

On February 27 of the same year, the Reichstag or German Parliament was mysteriously burned to the ground. The Communists were blamed for it and the very next day, Hitler forced President Hindenberg to issue the *The Reichstag Fire Edict* which effectively abolished the civil rights of the German constitution under the guise of protecting the state against the Communists.

Less than a month later, on March 23, 1933, Hitler pushed through the *Enabling Act* which gave legislative and executive power to Hitler who could now pass laws without the approval of the Parliament. Hitler was now dictator after less than two full months.

For many people who have read the history of the times and for some who lived in the times, it was almost universally believed that the German people allowed it all to happen without a struggle; the attacks on the Jews and others, the concentration camps and the war were all accepted by the nation.

Nothing—nothing—could be farther from the truth.

In the family home in Berlin on the evening of January 29, 1933, the Bonhoeffer family listened to the radio after the evening meal and heard the pronouncement that Adolf Hitler had been appointed Chancellor of the German Republic. Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer was sitting near his brother-in-law Rüdiger Scheicher who said aloud, "That means war."

The Bonhoeffers had not been idle in following the progress of this radical movement that preached of "true Germans" and of unswerving patriotism. The sloganeering was captivating and shouted down those who disagreed by saying "all the right words."

On February 2, 1933, Dietrich Bonhoeffer delivered a radio address to the German people on the concept of the leader (German: "führer"). In the speech he said, "*The leader must be responsibly aware of the clear limit to his authority. If he understands his function differently, then the image of the leader slips into that of the misleader*"

Before the *Reichstag Fire Edict*, before the *Enabling Act*, Bonhoeffer saw the danger lying ahead in a nation ruled by such ideologues. Before he could even finish his radio broadcast, the power was cut, silencing his speech.

The Bonhoeffer family became one of the focal points in the resistance to Hitler from the very beginning. Brothers-in-law Hans von Dohnanyi and Rüdiger Schleicher would work for the *Abwehr* (Military Intelligence) to formulate the conspiracy to assassinate Hitler.

Dietrich himself would be employed by the *Abwehr* to carry messages to the Allies through Church channels. He even organized and executed "Operation 7" which rescued a group of Jews, helping them to flee Germany.

Despite the monstrosity of the Nazis, the Bonhoeffers and others like them would not cave in to the rabid nationalism of Hitler's thugs. Though it cost the lives of Hans, Rüdiger, Dietrich and so many more, one family saw the menace from the start and never surrendered to the evil of inaction.

2 Dietrich and his family discovered what it is meant to follow Christ to the Cross.

Upcoming Events, Opportunities and Information...

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



Shrove Tuesday

PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

OHEMA FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
W4950 STATE HWY 86
OHEMA, WI

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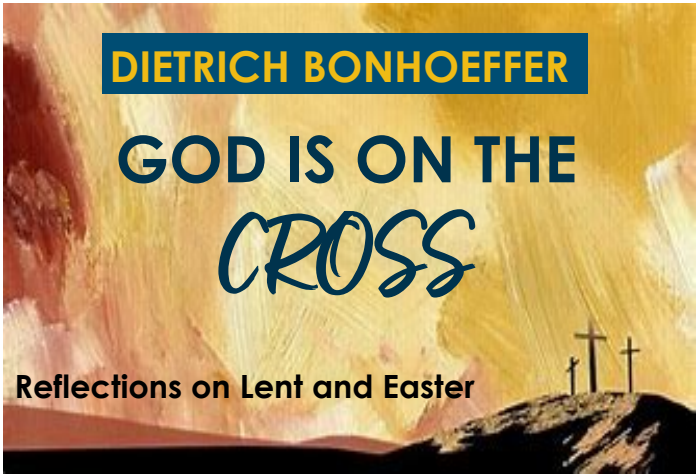
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Join us each week for our mid-week Lenten services and suppers

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

GOD IS ON THE CROSS

Reflections on Lent and Easter



These stirring devotions will guide and inspire as they move through the weeks of Lent and Easter, encountering themes of prayerful reflection, self-denial, temptation, suffering, and the meaning of the cross. Passages from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's letters and sermons provide special encouragement to prepare spiritually for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

- Ash Wednesday—February 14**
First Prentice 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)
First Westboro 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)
- February 21**
Zion Brantwood 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)
First Ogema 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)
- February 28**
First Prentice 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)
First Westboro 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)
- March 6**
Zion Brantwood 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)
First Ogema 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)
- March 13**
First Prentice 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)
First Westboro 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)
- March 20**
Zion Brantwood 5:30 pm (Soup Supper at 4:30 pm)
First Ogema 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm)

Women of the ELCA



meeting reminder

- Upcoming Meeting—PRENTICE**
No meeting in February
- Upcoming Meeting—OHEMA**
Sunday, February 11, 2024, following worship

Bible Study and World Day of Prayer

BIBLE STUDY

Acts


AWAKENING TO GOD
in Everyday Life

Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 5:30 pm
Thursday, February 15, 2024 | 5:30 pm

First Lutheran Church - Prentice

This is multi-part Bible Study - open to the public.
Everyone is welcome to attend.
Invite a friend and join us!

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World Day of Prayer—Friday, March 1, 2024

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christians from many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March every year. Everyone is invited to attend this special day of prayer and fellowship on **Friday, March 1.**


Area World Day of Prayer event schedule:
First Westboro & First Ogema: Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Rib Lake at 1:30 pm.
First Prentice & Zion Brantwood: First Baptist Church, Prentice at 1 pm.

Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth...



Confirmation Schedule for February

No Confirmation classes for the month of February.



February Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Larry Englund
2 Jim Heikkinen
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
15 MaryAnne Peterson
18 Tammy Nikkila
20 Leah Nehls
23 Malinda Reichert
Jasen Cummings
26 Randal Cummings
28 Mike Mueller



3 Jase Moore
4 Brynlee Bogdan

9 Kacen Moore
19 Steve Schanter
22 Shawn Koch
26 Jim Wiles






3 Fran/Lori Dums
17 Dennis/Cathy Scheithauer
21 Keith/Nancy Beard



Offering Information...








Your generosity allows our churches to keep moving forward and fulfill the mission, vision, & call God has placed on them. We thank you for your support!

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

February 2024 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				5:30 pm Bible Study (Acts—Awakening to God in Everyday Life) @ First Prentice		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30 am Worship (Z) 9 am Worship (O) 9 am Sunday School (W) 10:30 am Worship (P) 10:30 am Worship (W) Annual Mtg after worship (W)	9 am Quilters (O) 6:30 pm Council Mtg (P)					
11	12	13	Valentine's Day 14	15	16	17
7:30 am Council Mtg (O) 8:30 am Worship (Z) 9 am Worship (O) & W/ELCA Mtg (O) after worship 9 am Sunday School (W) 10:30 am Worship (P) Annual Mtg after worship (P) 10:30 am Worship (W)	9 am Quilters (O) 7 pm SAM Zoom Mtg	4:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ First Ogema 	Ash Wednesday 4:30 pm Soup Supper (P) 5:30 pm Worship (P) 6 pm Soup Supper (W) 7 pm Worship (W) 	5:30 pm Bible Study (Acts—Awakening to God in Everyday Life) @ First Prentice		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30 am Worship (P) 9 am Worship (W) 10 am Sunday School (W) 10 am Council Mtg (W) 10:30 am Worship (Z) Annual Mtg after worship (Z) and Council Mtg (Z) 10:30 am Worship (O)	9 am Quilters (O)		4:30 pm Soup Supper (Z) 5:30 pm Worship (Z) 6 pm Soup Supper (O) 7 pm Worship (O) 			
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
9 am Parish Council Mtg (O) 10:30 am Joint Worship Service at First Ogema (Potluck to follow worship)	9 am Quilters (O)		4:30 pm Soup Supper (P) 5:30 pm Worship (P) 6 pm Soup Supper (W) 7 pm Worship (W) 		World Day of Prayer 	

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

First Lutheran—Ogema Food Service

Pat Barr

Zion Lutheran—Brantwood Cleaning Duty

The Ladies of Zion



March Joint Worship Service

Sunday, March 17, 2024 | 10:30 am
First Lutheran—Prentice
(The Joint Service will not be held on the last Sunday in March due to Easter falling on March 31.)



Do you know a Bill Buchanan? This person bought a ticket at the Zion Harvest Dinner and won a prize but Zion Lutheran has been unable to contact them without a phone number. If you can help please contact Linda Heikkinen at 715-657-0639.

Name	Bill Buchanan	No.	
Address			
City/State			
Phone			

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Ogema, WI 54459-8340



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday February 4 5th Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Zion Brantwood **10:30 am Prentice**

Travis Rogers leading worship (Communion)

9:00 am Ogema **10:30 am Westboro**

Deb Strobl (SAM) leading worship (Communion)

Annual Meeting following worship at Westboro

Sunday February 11 Transfiguration of Our Lord

8:30 am Zion Brantwood **10:30 am Prentice**

Linda Heikkinen—Leader Shawnda Hora—Leader

Annual Meeting following worship at Prentice

9:00 am Ogema **10:30 am Westboro**

Travis Rogers leading worship (Communion)

Wednesday February 14 Ash Wednesday

Travis Rogers leading worship services

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

7 pm Westboro (Westboro Soup Supper 6 pm)

Sunday February 18 1st Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Prentice **10:30 am Zion Brantwood**

Travis Rogers leading worship (Communion)

Annual Meeting following worship at Zion Brantwood

9:00 am Westboro **10:30 am Ogema**

RuthAnne Pipkorn—Leader Mark Nyberg—Leader

Wednesday February 21 Mid-Week Lenten Service

Travis Rogers leading worship services

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

7 pm Ogema (Ogema Soup Supper 6 pm)

Sunday February 25 2nd Sunday in Lent

10:30 am Joint Service at First Ogema

Travis Rogers leading worship (Communion)

POTLUCK MEAL TO FOLLOW WORSHIP

Wednesday February 28 Mid-Week Lenten Service

Travis Rogers leading worship services

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

7 pm Westboro (Westboro Soup Supper 6 pm)

Missed a service?
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