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KIRKEBO AND NORA LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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NEWSLETTER ONLINE



We are currently sending out our newsletter online to several members. In the future we would like to increase these numbers.

This would allow us to get the letters out in color and people would get it a few days earlier.

PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER. A SHORT FORM WILL BE INCLUDED IN THAT NEWSLETTER.

Persons in nursing homes, assisted living, apartments and in homes with limited mobility would still receive it in the mail --- unless we learn that they have internet access.

If you do not have internet access, we would continue to send yours in regular mail.

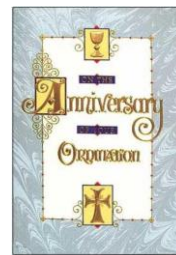
If you would like to receive your newsletter by email already, you can either email Sandy your email address at swgjervold@loretle.net or mail to Kirekbbo at P.O. Box 379, Perley, Minnesota 56574.

NORA SUNDAY SCHOOL

Is conducting a potluck for all of our members and friends on Wednesday, July 8th, at 6 p.m., before the Worship Service. Just a time to get together to enjoy one another. Will we see you there? Hope so!



POTLUCK DINNER



Pastor John was **ordained into the pastoral ministry** on June 6, 1965, at Faith Lutheran Church in Rochelle, Illinois. This year he is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of that event.

His undergraduate work was completed at Concordia College in Moorhead where he received his BA degree majoring in Psychology and Philosophy. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

He has served Eben Ezer Lutheran Church and the Oaks Children's Home in Oaks, Oklahoma; St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Franklin Grove, Illinois; Grace Lutheran Church in Westchester, Illinois; St. John's Lutheran Church – Lake Township in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Hawley Lutheran Church in Hawley, Minnesota; Sverdrup Lutheran Church and Tingvold Lutheran Church, Underwood, Minnesota; First Lutheran Church in Middle River, Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Newfolden and Gustav Adolph Lutheran Church in Strathcona, all in Minnesota; and currently Kirkebo Lutheran Church and Nora Lutheran Church.

You are all invited to celebrate with him on **July 25th from 2 – 4 p.m.** at Kirkebo Lutheran Church in Perley, Minnesota. Cake, coffee, punch and finger food will be served. Your **presence** is what will be important to him. He would not wish for any of you to provide **presents** for this occasion.



Alden E. Rensvold, a lifelong farmer and resident of the Gardner/Grandin ND, area, passed away peacefully Friday May 29, 2015, at the Sanford Health Center in Hillsboro, ND, following a short illness. He was 84 years old.

Alden was born at home in a log cabin in rural Gardner on November, 30, 1930. He was the oldest of five children of Arthur and Cora (Sundstad) Rensvold. He attended school in rural Noble Township through eighth grade. Alden then stayed at home to begin farming with his father on the family farm.

Alden married Shirley Ann Martens on May 30, 1953, in Perley, MN. They lived and farmed for 40 years northeast of Gardner while raising their family. He worked for the Cass County ASCS office part-time as he began farming on his own. Alden served on the Board of Directors of the Perley Farmers Union Oil Company for 21 years, was a local 4-H leader for 21 years, served as Noble Township Clerk and was a long time and founding member of the Valley Sportsmen Club. The two were also very much a part of the Nora Lutheran Church, with Alden serving on the Church Cemetery Committee for many years.

Alden and Shirley retired from farming in 1992. They moved to Grandin, where they met many new friends and became very involved in the community. Shirley passed away June 7, 1996. Alden continued to appreciate living in Grandin until the time of his death.

Going out to eat with family and friends, lots and lots of casinos, a cold beer, a good hard fought game of pinochle, shaking dice and drinking coffee while visiting with his Grandin friends is what kept Alden enjoying life. He would help out on the family farm where and when he could, even if it meant just slowly driving around the section to make sure everything was being done just right.

Alden is survived by his daughter, Diane (Gary Roeder) Rensvold, Fargo, ND; sons, Arvid (Linda) Rensvold, Moorhead, Russell (Lana) Rensvold, Fargo, and Douglas (Nancy)

Rensvold, Gardner; grandchildren, Jennifer Novotny, Fargo, Erin Novotny, La Jolla, CA, Eric (Rebecca) Rensvold, Gardner, and Dr. Laura Rensvold (fiancé, Colby Tognetti, Bismarck, ND; great-grandson, Jaxon Arthur Rensvold; brothers, Howard (Darlene) Rensvold, Fargo, and David (Sandy) Rensvold, Seattle, WA; sisters, Carol Rensvold, Fargo, and Eileen (Chuck) Leasure, Brooksville, FL; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Shirley.



Samantha Gunderson and **Matthew Cantrell** were married at Nora Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 20th. We ask for God's blessing on this union.

Benjamin Ellenson, son of John and Pam Ellenson and grandson of Alan and Ona Ellenson graduated with a Master's Degree in social work from DePaul University in Chicago. He graduated with distinction.



John Hest, son of Bryan and Theresa graduated from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis on Sunday, May 17. He graduated with honors from the College of Liberal Arts with degrees in History and Political

Science. John is working for a year before returning to school to pursue a PhD in History. Eventually he would love to teach at the college level.

PLEASE DO NOT NEGLECT WORSHIP during the summer months. Kirkebo and Nora are providing three opportunities to you each week: 9 a.m. on Sundays at both congregations and a Wednesday midweek at Nora at 7:00 p.m. And a little known fact:

children and young people are welcome at Worship during the summer months.





Remember in Prayer:

Please remember in prayer all of our family and friends who have been dealing with health issues this past month including: Gannon {Vern and Claudia Cleveland's grandson},

Sylvia Holte, Millie, Wally and Willy Lindgren, and Doug Dosland, in his continuing battles with cancer.

We remember our friends in area nursing homes, including: Myrtle Tollefsrud and Curtis Ellenson at Bethany; Betty Lerud at Manor Care; Evie Nelson and Gloria Peterson at Eventide; Ethel Hest in Ada; Lloyd Ellenson in Rosewood; and Burton & Alice Larson in Bismark.

We also remember our friends and family members who are in assisted living or their own homes but less mobile, including: Del Upman, Marlys Dullum, Cynthia Johnson, Barb Newberg, Sherman Hoganson, Sylvia Holte, Deb Jacobson, and Jody Williams.

And as always, we remember our military men and women, serving both at home and abroad. And the people in so many countries now suffering from war and displacement.

Let's also remember all the families and friends who are suffering from violent actions against their loved ones, in our communities, or nation and our world. Murder and abuse seem to be rampant in recent months and years.

If any names have be omitted, please call or leave a note for Secretary Sandy or for Pastor John. **PLEASE DO NOT** tell him when in line following a Worship Service, or he will likely forget.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, July 5th

First: Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm: 123
Second: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 12th

First: Amos 7:7-15
Psalm: 85:8-13
Second: Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 19st

First: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm: 23
Second: Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 26th

First: 2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm: 145:10-18
Second: Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel: John 6:1-21

Sunday, August 2nd

First: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm: 78:23-29
Second: Ephesians 4:1-16
Gospel: John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 9th

First: 1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm: 34:1-8
Second: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2
Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 16th

First: Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm: 34:9-14
Second: Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel: John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 23rd

First: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm: 34:15-22
Second: Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel: John 6:56-69

Sunday, August 30th

First: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm: 15
Second: James 1:17-27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Dear Members and Friends:

First of all, I want to thank you for our time of vacation. Barb and I had a wonderful time visiting Alaska. We just marveled at this part of God's creation: majestic mountains, vast oceans and marvelous glaciers.

Secondly, please keep in your daily prayers all who are going through difficult times, in our two congregations and in our families. There have been several deaths, hospitalizations, and serious illnesses. And we have all those who have various disabilities. Loneliness is such a serious problem for those who are home-bound, in assisted living or nursing homes. Your visits would also be much appreciated.

Thirdly, pray for those who for various reasons are absent from Worship. For some it is that Christ is no longer important to them, and they feel no need for Worship. For others the church has been a disappointment to them, and they fail to see the relevance of gathering with fellow Christians. A few have suffered some kind of hurt in the church and find it difficult to come back. For quite a number of people the absence has been for several years and they never think about Worship anymore. I have been told that the longer one absents oneself from Worship, the less one misses it.

Most of you are aware of the fact that Perley Lutheran Parish has a facebook page. But we have so few items on our page.



Barb and I find it difficult to lead Worship, etc., and to take pictures at the same time. So if you would take pictures of happenings in our two congregations and email them to us, we would really appreciate that. Barb would then put them on our facebook page. Every time we put something new on the page, it is surprising how many people view it.



Also, each Sunday's sermon is now available for you to listen to it on our web page: perleyparish.org.

We have all the capability of showing our complete Worship Service on our web page, but it would involve getting a video camera and having someone willing to use it. That would take quite a commitment, so I believe that that is a ways off.

I hope that all of you are finding some time for rest and relaxation during these summer months. Of course, for some of you such as our farmers, this is a very busy time of year. The crops, for the most part, look so good. Maybe we can now get some good sunshine to go with all the rain that we have had. Remember when many were concerned about having a drought this summer?

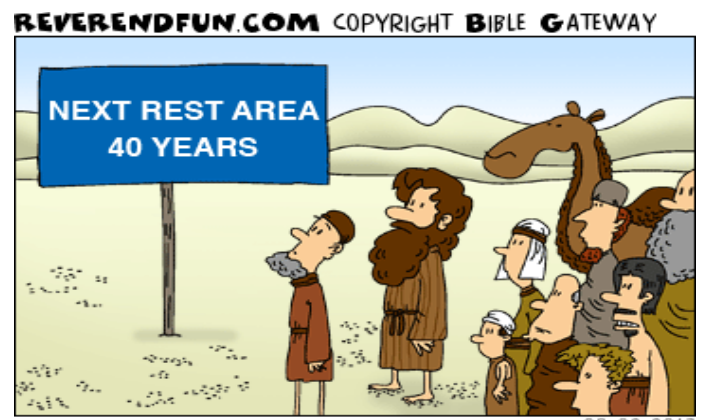
In Love,
Pastor John



OUR SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS and their parent(s) are asked to meet during the month of August to make plans for our classes beginning in the month of September. We will again have classes in session on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Students and parents from Kirkebo are asked to meet in the lounge following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, August 23rd.

Students and parents from Nora are asked to meet following the Wednesday midweek service on August 26th.



Kirkebo Women will meet on at 2pm on Wednesday, July 8 & Wednesday, August 12 at the church. Barb Jorgensen will lead Bible study. Rose Goble will serve lunch on July 8 and Marlys Guttormson will serve lunch on August 12. They will discuss the upcoming rummage, quilt & bake sale schedule for September 12.

Nora Women meet on Wed., July 15 following 7pm worship
Devotions: Errin Bjerke
Worship Meditation: Maureen Bjerke
Hostess: Maureen Bjerke
Stewardship: School Kits
Cleaners: Helen Madson & Vern & Claudia Cleveland

They will also meet on Wed., August 19 following 7pm worship
Devotions: Millie Lindgren
Worship Meditation: Nancy Rensvold
Hostesses: Nancy Rensvold & Karen Ellenson
Stewardship: School Kits
Cleaners: Don Reiersen & Vaughn Johnson families

There will be planning for the bazaar plus the September election

RUMMAGE SALE!!

Kirkebo Church will host their annual fall rummage sale on Saturday, September 12 from 9am to 4pm. Kirkebo women will have a quilt sale and bake sale with lunch served during the rummage sale. Keep this sale in mind while you are downsizing - we need donations of gently used items. All proceeds will go to Kirkebo Church.



A bridal shower for Laura Rensvold, daughter of Doug and Nancy Rensvold will be held July 26 following the 9am church service at Nora. The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, Target and Fleet Farm. Please come and join us for our coffee hour and bridal shower for Laura. Everyone is welcome!



Both Nora and Kirkebo Lutheran Churches will be serving coffee after each 9am church service this summer. All are welcome to come and join us in fellowship. A sign-up sheet for treats will be in the back of the church.

A big THANK YOU to Jane Mattheis for giving us the beautiful geranium planters from her greenhouse. They are sitting at the entrance at Kirkebo



Vacation Bible School will be held again at Halstad Lutheran Church on August 10-14 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. It is open to all children (member or not) ages 3 (potty-trained) to 5th grade. Youth, 6th grade and older, are encouraged to participate as Group Leaders. This year's theme is Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. Kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth--which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life!

Each month I have been reminding you about our website, perleyparish.org as an *alternative* to receiving the *paper* newsletter. You can view the **newsletter online**. The website is kept up-to-date so there could be items on there that aren't included in the newsletter. In addition, if you wish to receive the newsletter **via email**, as some of our parishioners are doing, just email me your address and it will be sent to you. You will need to have Adobe downloaded on your computer to open the calendar. If you have any questions, just contact me either by phone or by my email address, swgiervold@loretel.net.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Kirkebo:

5 - Dan Krogstad
8 - Tom Strand
10 - Lori Ziegler
17 - Roger Meline
21 - Clayton Jacobson
23 - Kathy Berg
24 - Evie Nelson
28 - Daniel Dosland
29 - Macy Loe
30 - Jane Mattheis
Carley Pederson

Nora:

3 - Morris Nedrebo
Shirley Johnson
4 - Dean Lougheed
8 - Casey Lougheed
9 - Dave Knutson
Elsy Mead
12 - Collean Monson
13 - Blake Borgen
14 - Carolyn Monson
16 - Loki Bjerke
20 - Nathan Aasen
21 - Megan Lee
22 - Doug Smith Jr.
28 - Barry Petrimoulx
29 - Wayne Ohnstad
Cory Aasen
Samantha Cantrell

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Kirkebo:

2 - Bill Berg
11 - Jeff Nelson
12 - Margaret Jobgen
13 - Amanda Goble
15 - Sheryl Meline
Samantha Mattheis
21 - Chris Taylor
22 - LaMae Eglund
27 - Wayne Erickson
Evan Borgen

Nora:

2 - Benjamin Ellenson
3 - Austyn Hamilton
7 - Marge Ewy
8 - LeRoy Madson
11 - Ryan Gunderson
15 - Veronica Gunderson
16 - Ashley Aasen
18 - Sean Jalbert
20 - Gavin Hoff
23 - Mark Adamson
25 - Susan Madson
27 - Lloyd Ellenson
28 - Kelsy Lynn Borgen
31 - Scott Monson

