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Grace is a Gift—God's Riches at Christ's Expense

Dear Members and Friends:



Faith at Home and **At Home in Faith**

is an emphasis that we are going to continue to have in our two congregations. Are you now having individual, couple or family devotions each day? This includes a reading from the Bible, or with young children a reading from a Bible Story book, some kind of devotional material, and prayer. In your prayers include all who have special needs in your family, our congregations, and others that you know. Also, include persons who have a birthday on that day. Cut out the list from each newsletter. Isn't it great to know that two congregations are praying for you on your birthday?

Also, share your *high* and your *low* from the day with each other, and give support to one another. We all need this.

Advent is over two months away, but we are planning an *Advent Festival* for our two congregations on Sunday, December 7th. We could begin with a potluck. It will be a time to make Advent Wreaths for individuals, couples, or families, and to have activities for the children. Ideas will be shared for devotions during the Advent season. We will conduct it this year at Nora, because they have the early service, and next year at Kirkebo, one week earlier. Make plans now to participate. A sign-up sheet will be out at both congregations early in November.



October 26th, is Reformation Sunday. Too often this has been a Sunday to focus on what has been wrong with the Roman Catholic Church. Didn't Jesus once teach that we should not look for the speck in our neighbor's eye when we have a big log in our own eye?

Reformation Sunday should be a time when we focus on what needs to be reformed in our own church. So that will be our emphasis!

I once again remind all of you that in our Baptisms we were ordained into Christ's ministry, and an important part of that ministry is to welcome others. What are you doing to invite others to join us in Worship? Keep one of our brochures with you to hand out to persons in your neighborhood who do not have a church home at this time!



And let's not forget to thank God for the abundant harvest which we are enjoying this year. It is true that we might think this only applies to the farmers, but aren't all of us in this part of the country completely dependent on the farm economy?



In Love,
Pastor John



Remember in Prayer:

Please remember in prayer all of our family and friends who have been dealing with health issues this past month including: Veronica Gunderson, following her accident, Jane Borgen, and

Doug Dosland, in his continuing battle with cancer. (If you know of others, please bring this to our attention so that they can be included in our worship and in home prayers.)

We remember our friends in area nursing homes, including: Dorothy Venn in the Halstad Home, Myrtle Tollefsrud and Curtis Ellenson at Bethany; Nora Nelson at Eventide; Ruth Bakko and Betty Lerud at Manor Care.

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, Gloria Peterson, Valborg Hoff, Lloyd Ellenson, Cynthia Johnson, Burton & Alice Larson, Evie Nelson, Barb Newberg, Sherman Hoganson, Sylvia Holte, and Deb Jacobson.

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.

Pray for President Obama and our Houses of Congress that they might make the right decisions in this difficult time.

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. You could hand him a note at that time.

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Web Page



Please don't forget to check our web page on a regular basis. Here you will get the schedule of events, any last minute changes due to weather conditions, etc., a list of the birthdays for the week so that you can include these persons in your prayers, and a link to our parish facebook page. Our parish web address is www.perleyparish.org



To go to our parish facebook page, from our web page, click on the small icon (shown here on the left) on the upper right hand corner of the page. It is quite small. Here on out facebook page you will see pictures from recent parish events. Submit any pictures you want posted to Pastor John's email: jajbroadway@msn.com and Barb will post them for you, or post them yourselves.

TIMES CHANGE

Attention, attention: **daylight saving time** changes to **standard time** on Sunday morning, November 2nd, so it will be time for us to move our clocks back one hour.



This will give us one more hour of sleep, and prevent us from coming to Worship or Sunday School one hour too soon!

LECTORS NEEDED



Kirkebo has a sign-up sheet for those who would be willing to be our lectors (readers) for the Worship Services. The sheet is on the little table where the bulletins are placed near the doorway. If you include your email address when you sign your name, the lessons will be sent to you on the Wednesday before the service so that you will have time to read through them before Sunday. Here is another way for you to serve your congregation.

Women of the Church

Nora Women will meet on October 15 at 2 pm.
Devotions: Ona Ellenson
Bible Study: Pastor John
Ingathering for World Relief
Secretary's Reports: Action, Growth & Community
Worship Meditation: Millie Lindgren
Stewardship: Soup Labels & Pop Can Tabs
Cleaners: Alan Ellenson & Sean Jalbert families

Birthdays:

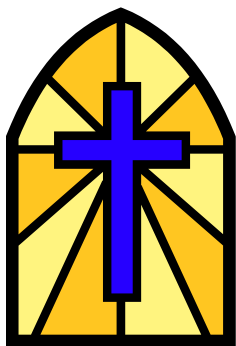
Oct. 8 - Myrtle Tollefsrud
Bethany on S. University Drive
Fargo, ND 58102

Oct. 14 - Marlys Dullum
1410 12th Court E.
West Fargo, ND 58078

Kirkebo Women will meet on October 8 at 2 pm.
Pastor John will lead the Bible study and Marjean Aabye will serve lunch. The thank offering program will be conducted by Jan Tracy. We will also be quilting.

Thank you to all who made our annual bazaar such a success. We missed all the garden produce that Andy Guttormson used to provide and Leann Carter's famous pickles, but Glen Carter filled in with some fresh produce from his garden. Thanks to all who brought baked goods, donated food for the lunch and items for the rummage sale. Although we don't have all the final bills yet, we estimate income of around \$2,500. It is a lot of hard work with many hours put in but is well worth it when we can raise that kind of money for the church.

WELCOME CHILD OF GOD



Payton Olivia Leier, daughter of Renae Leier and Jon Kruse was baptized on September 21, 2014, at Kirkebo. Her sponsors are April Anderson and Joe Asp. Her family served lunch after the service and all members were invited to share in this celebration with Payton.

October Birthdays

Kirkebo:

3 - Ruth Bakko
3 - Chris Strand
5 - Vincent Erickson
7 - Lorraine Jossund
10 - Ralph Hest
13 - Marjean Aabye
13 - Emily Hest
20 - Grant Bitker
20 - Brooke Hoff
22 - Haley Borgen
22 - Abigail Loe
25 - Stephanie Hoff
27 - Angie Bitker
28 - Ken Taylor
31 - Adam Little



Nora:

2 - Susan Reieron Skedsvold
3 - Carla Gunderson
3 - Pam Ellenson
4 - Linda Rensvold
6 - Jay Kerner
8 - Myrtle Tollefsrud
14 - Marlys Dullum
15 - Damion Reieron
16 - Ryan Brauckmuller
25 - Lindsey Lougheed
27 - Lu Malen
28 - Sylvia Holte
28 - Shawnda Gunderson



ELLEN R. NELSON

In last month's newsletter, Ellen's son's name was omitted from her obituary. In addition to the children listed, she was also survived by

Loren (Nancy) Nelson of West Fargo. My sincere apologies for this oversight.

KIRKEBO SWEDISH MEATBALL FALL DINNER

We will be serving our annual fall dinner on October 26 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

We need volunteers to help with preparations on Saturday. We also need people to help with serving and clean up on Sunday. We ask people to bring desserts for the dinner and sign-up sheets for the desserts and workers' times will be posted at the church. This is our last fundraiser of the year and we need your help!!

The drawing for the quilt made by LaMae Eglund and handquilted by Marlys Guttormson will be made at the conclusion of the dinner. All members can sell tickets so please help out! All the money raised at the dinner and raffle goes to help with upkeep and projects that are always needed at the church.

If you can help in any way, please contact Sandy Gjervold at 218-526-0125 or 218-861-6395 or email at swgjervold@loretel.net. Or just sign up at the church!!



NORA LUTHERAN BAZAAR

Nora's Annual Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 4, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The raffle drawing will be held at 1:00 pm.

If you cannot provide crafts or baked goods, please make a cash donation. Brings items priced for the sale. Grab-bag items should be priced & marked for boy, girl, man or woman. Please make home-baked items for the bake sale. Remember that set-up is at 9:00 am on October 2. If you have any questions, contact Connie Dullum at 701-484-5538.

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