



St. John's Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting

February 9th during worship service.

Followed by potluck brunch.

From the Pastor

Pastor Jennifer Thul,

Do you want the attendance in your church to grow? Then give us one hour and fifteen minutes of your time and learn how to weave faith formation into the normal routines of everyday life. How are the two connected? If you're not growing spiritually then you can't possibly expect your faith community to grow. Yes, these means everyone.

Faith Forward has another round of FREE workshops for parents, grandparents and Triple-A Mentors. Triple A stands for: Available, Authentic and Affirming. The workshops are interactive and engaging.

On Sunday, February 16 from 6-7:15 PM in the heated garage at the Little Farm, Pastor Daryl and I are hosting a watch party for the first workshop geared toward **grandparents**. Food will be provided. Copy and paste the following link into your computer's browser. It will take you to the sign-up page for the workshop. <https://forms.gle/xbqC5hCP83UpxiNe8>

On Sunday, February 23 from 6-7:15 (same location) we will host a watch party for a **Triple-A-Adults (Mentors)** workshop. Food will be provided. This workshop will also be offered on Thursday, February 20 from 6-7:15 PM. We aren't hosting a watch party for the Thursday workshop. The link for the mentor workshop is: <https://forms.gle/q4LGCMLzHFX7tdk9A>

The final workshop is being held on Sunday, March 2 from 6-7:15 PM and is geared for **parents**. Food will be provided. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/eXzarEToScmQ4xA16>

If you are interested in attending a workshop, but the watch party doesn't work for you that's ok. If you have access to Zoom you can attend the workshop from anywhere. Of course, you can share this information and invite friends and family to join the workshops.

If you need more information, or you need help signing up, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Jennie.

Lyle Griner and David Lynn are the workshop hosts and combined have more than five decades of experience working with passing on faith in a variety of settings. They are passionate about equipping and encouraging others to hand down faith to youth in congregations.



Happy Birthday this month to:

Erica Flagherty- 18th

Nancy Stredde- 22nd



Saturday, February 15th

6:30 p.m.

Bring an appetizer to share. (no peanuts)

Beverages provided.



Food To Go

Pastor Daryl Thul

Our Food To Go has shared more than 1,000 meals since an idea became a plan that became a reality. And we've gotten faster at it, too.



It seems like just yesterday when we held our first session, and the potatoes refused to cook. Our two-hour session morning became a 5-hour marathon ... and a small group came back in the evening to finish the job!

Between the Pastors' visitation list and the Befriender's group roster, the ACT Parish has several dozen households on our list. A handful of individuals have respectfully declined the meals, but the majority of recipients feel pretty good about being remembered and given some tasty homemade food!

The next assembly event will be on Feb. 5th at 9 a.m. at Hope in Sunburg. The meals are Meatballs/Mashed Potatoes/Vegetable/Dessert and Scalloped Potatoes with Ham/Vegetable/Dessert. There is no more squash to share, so we'll just have to wait until next fall for that! We will wrap up by 11 a.m.

The trick behind the speed of assembly is having one person in charge of a meal, tasking others with what needs to be completed (actually, most of the cooks intuitively know what needs to be done). The other part is just as important: doing as much prep work at home the day or two ahead of time in your home!

For instance, we will need many meatballs. An average serving is 6 (six) 1" meatballs, each ball weighing a precooked 1 ounce. Recognizing that the majority of our recipients aren't growing teenagers, we can actually reduce that number per serving to 4. There are 16 ounces in a pound. We can get 4 servings per pound of hamburger. We make anywhere from 80 to 100 of each meal. Thank you to Karl and Sarah Holtkamp for donating the meat for this meal.

I will host a meatball making session at the Little Farm in the Garage on Tuesday, Feb. 4th – time TBD. If you would like to make meatballs – join me or call me and I'll get you the hamburger to you to have your own meatball making time!

The only thing on our shopping list is ham: We're about 6 pounds short. If you'd like to donate to the cause, please let me or Pastor Jennifer know.

Wednesday Worship Schedule for Lent 2025

All are welcome to join in the ACT Parish-wide observance of Ash Wednesday and the subsequent Wednesdays with supper and worship. The location will alternate between Mamrelund, Pennock, Hope, Sunburg and Bethesda in Murdock

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Serving</u>
March 5th	Bethesda	Bethesda
March 12th	Mamrelund	St. John's
March 19th	Hope	Monson Lake
March 26th	Bethesda	Buffalo Lake
April 2nd	Mamrelund	Mamrelund
April 9th	Hope	Hope

Please sign up for a month of opening, etc. The sign up sheet is on the basement bulletin board.



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