

February 2022



A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. (Rev 2:6)

My pastor's report for the Congregational Annual Meeting centered around Jesus' proclamation to the angel of the Ephesus church in Revelation 2. One of Jesus' statements referenced the practices of Nicolaitans. Who were the Nicolaitans? What are their practices

which is so hated by Jesus? What can this statement about the Nicolaitans teach us about our Christian life?

There are only two Biblical Nicolaitan references: Rev 2:6 & 15. Both references reflect their presence and influence on first century Christian churches. Other Christian and secular historians near this time period shed light on the practices of the Nicolaitans. Second century Christian historian Clement of Alexandria made the following quote of the Nicolaitans, "They abandoned themselves to pleasure like goats, leading a life of self-indulgence."

The Nicolaitans can be a cautionary tale of perverting Jesus' message of salvation to indulge in sinful actions. When Paul was writing to the Colossians, he was aware of how believers can be misled. *See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. (Colossians 2:8)* The Nicolaitans were one of the early sects with gnostic tendencies. The Gnostics claimed that Jesus' salvation is only for the spirit within and has no connection to the physical presence. Since the spirit and physical have no connection, then the actions of the physical body have no impact on our salvation. To accommodate this deceptive philosophy followers of this gnostic thought would rewrite or remove Scripture references to the physical presence of Jesus and moral laws of Old and New Testament teaching.

The temptation to follow this toxic way of thinking of which Jesus hates is still very present in our world today. When morality is defined by desired actions like adultery, marriage beyond one man and one woman, drunkenness and dividing people into multiple human races, then principles of this world are regarded as truths over and against God's Word.

May the fullness of God's Word be your guide as we navigate this life we live together at Wangen Prairie.

In Christ's Loving Embrace,

Pastor Shannon



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Office Hours by appointment - please call
or email Pastor Shannon

Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Music: Prudy Busch

<http://www.wangenprairie.org>

Council Minutes:

Pastor Shannon opened the January 9, 2022 meeting.

The secretary and treasurer reports were read and accepted.

No old business.

It was voted to give both the janitor and secretary a \$5 per week raise.

The deacons presented a list of possible missions for the coming year. These will be brought to the congregation for approval.

Barb gave a report on the names that will be presented at the annual meeting for officers of the congregation.

Pastor talked about The Truth Project that will start on January 19th and will go for 12 weeks.

It was pointed out the Dan Voight has pumped our septic system and hasn't billed us for it. We voted to send him \$300 for his much appreciated work.

A discussion for the need to have a new call list was mentioned. When the new officers are in place, the secretary will make a new list.

We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Larry

Upcoming Events:

The Truth Project: Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church invites you to seek a truth base that begins in Holy Scripture and is guided by the Holy Spirit. On Wednesdays through April 6th we will be offering a 12-week discussion on the "Truth Project." The "Truth Project" will seek how we can be Scripture led as we develop a Christian worldview on subjects like: Philosophy, Ethics, Anthropology, Theology, Science, History, Sociology, Law, Community and Service. Pastor Shannon's family will gather in the fellowship hall for a meal at 4:30. You are more than welcome to join us for this meal. Pastor Shannon's daughter will be available for childcare at 5:30 in the fellowship hall for children while their parent(s) participate in this event. From 6-7:30 Pastor Shannon will facilitate the "Truth Project" presentation and discussion in the sanctuary of Wangen Prairie. You can sign up or get more information and resources on the website, <http://wangenprairie.org/>.

January Missions: The Voice of the Martyrs = \$
 LCMC Disaster Mission Fund = \$
 Helping Hands Fund = \$

MONTHLY MISSION: Good Samaritan Fund

The Good Samaritan Fund is available to residents of the Cannon Valley area. The GSF is maintained by the Community Churches Interaction Council (CCIC) to help meet one time emergency needs of individuals and families in our community, such as overdue rent, utility bills, etc. A majority of the contributions come from churches, as well as concerned citizens in our community. The GSF is accessed primarily through referrals by churches or word of mouth. Police referrals also give one-time assistance for those traveling through town for gas, a meal, or a night in a motel.

Phone: 507-263-3651



Second Monthly Mission:

Meeting Needs in the Area:

Folks, here is just a partial list of groups and items that were worked on last year here at WP. If you have access to Thrivent action card, let use them up!! Pick one or two projects that interest you, let me know, or a deacon.

Socks.
Underwear
School supplies
Supplies for the VA home in Hastings
Christmas gifts for the HAVEN
Christmas gifts for Goodhue county
Kids count items
Bedding, etc for the HAVEN (women's house thru HOPE coalition
A large meal at church
Ice cream social/concert
Pregnancy center in Cannon

If you have any other ideas, please share, and lets get to work on it!

Thanks.
Lori Pasch

Huge shout of thanks to those who took care of all the Christmas families. You know who you are!!!

Mange tusen tak!! You are elsket!!! (might have to look that up folks!!)



Weekly Verse to Ponder



January 30-February 5: *"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through me."* John 14:6

February 6-12: *"Your Word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You."* Psalm 119:11

February 13-19: *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love."* 1 John 4:7-8

February 20-26: *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?"* Psalm 27:1

February 27-March 5: *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* Matthew 6:33

Please email Sarah at dandsbanner@gmail.com, call 507-789-4611 during the day, or call 913-685-3031 (cell phone) to leave a message if you want anything included in bulletin or newsletter. Bulletin deadline is Thursday evening, newsletter is the 25th of the month.

Community Events: Community Meal

February 20, 2022
11:30 to 12:30



Wanamingo Community
Center

Eat In or call 507-319-4873 to
get a meal delivered.

Donations Accepted

Sponsored by the Wanamingo Lions Club

KENYON SENIOR LIVING NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 20, 2020 at 2 p.m.
Gunderson Gardens Dining Room

Business will include financial presentation, election of members to the Board of Directors, election of nominating committee, and other agenda items.



Hello Pastor Shannon & Everyone
at Wangan Prairie Lutheran,
We wish you all a very
happy 2022 (and a safe one)!
You are all such a generous
congregation and we are
so very grateful for all you
have done for the community.
Very sincerely,
Lisa Sanders



Empowering Lives Through HOPE

Our services include: Haven of Hope domestic violence shelter; Kids Count program for abused children; Sexual Assault Services; Housing Support Services (emergency/transitional housing); & Community Care Fund for basic needs.

PO Box 247, Red Wing, MN 55066
Business (651) 388-9360
Domestic Violence Crisis Line (800) 369-5214
Sexual Assault Crisis Line (800) 519-6690
www.hope-coalition.org





January 19, 2022

Pastor Shannon Bauer
Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church
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Zumbrota, MN 55992

!! Jesus is Lord !!

Dear Pastor Shannon,

Thank you for your generous support of \$521.53 to Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities.

At the Mission we walk alongside people who turn to us for help for 2-3 years. Of course, hope begins with a meal. But once we stabilize a person's living situation and establish food security, it takes time to address core issues that underlie why someone is experiencing homelessness: early childhood traumas that often continue into adulthood; a fractured family of origin; mental health challenges, including addictions; lack of education and job skills, and more.

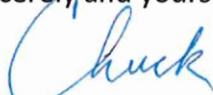
We provide an intensive array of comprehensive services tailored to each individual and his or her life circumstances, from mental health counseling to addiction treatment to job training to medication assistance, to access to dental, chiropractic, podiatric and optometric care and, of course, faith formation.

Your support allows us to significantly enhance how we equip people to leave their old lives behind, find a sustainable path forward and begin their lifelong transformation in Christ, nurtured by loving guidance from our care providers.

It would be a pleasure to share more about how your generosity blesses others at the Mission. Please feel free to contact me at (651) 789-7600 (direct), 612-282-7785 (cell) or csemrow@ugmtc.org.

!! Once again, thank you for your generous partnership—and for being part of our community of supporters committed to helping us change lives and restore families in profound and enduring ways. !!

Sincerely and yours in Christ,


Charles S. Semrow
Vice President of Development

Happy New Year

*"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."
Proverbs 19:17*



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December 2021

Dear Adopt a Vet Elves,

I can not thank you all enough for the very generous gifts for our veterans. It was a joy to hear from them about the wonderful gifts they received. Know that you have brought a bit of joy into their lives.

I am blessed everyday to work for and with great people. Our staff strives everyday to reach and comfort these heroes. Our volunteers and donors are the greatest in the nation. I could not do the job I have without your support. You may not be able to see their smiles, but I do.

As you go through the Holiday Season, I pray that you are happy and healthy. May the New Year bring joy as you continue to serve your friends and neighbors.

Blessing,

Sue Register

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January 2022

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donations to the Hastings Veterans Home. These donations are critical for our being able to fulfill our mission to the nations' heroes. Today I want to again let you know how grateful I am for your kindness and generosity. When I stopped to pick up your donation, I was not expecting to fill the van to overflowing. Your thoughtfulness was amazing! It so reminded me of how the Savior fills us to overflowing with blessings and love. If we can hold tight to that knowledge, we will be able to make it through another year even with COVID. May the Lord bless you with all your righteous desires and may you feel His love each and every day.

The Hastings Veterans Home is the home for 120 veterans here, and 40 more in the Minneapolis DOMS. Our three paths program allows each veteran to progress as they are able. The Fire Path allows veterans to obtain education, job skills and self-management skills to return to the community. The Earth Path allows the veterans to maintain a safe living environment while continuing their lives after recovery. The Water Path allows the veterans to learn to manage sobriety and mental illnesses and put them back on the road to a healthy life. We have a loving staff who works continually to bring joy into the lives of our veterans. Your partnership makes all this possible. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

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Recipe for a Loving Home

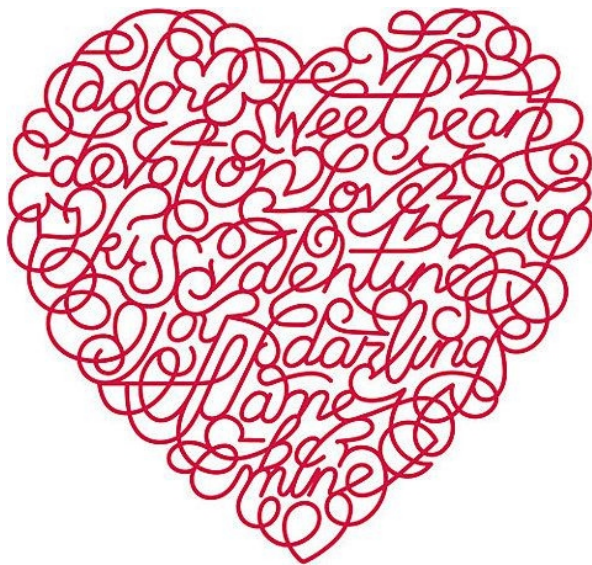
Ingredients:

- 4 cups of love
- 2 cups of loyalty
- 3 cups of forgiveness
- 1 cup of friendship
- 5 TBS. of hope
- 2 TBS. of tenderness
- 4 quarts of faith
- 1 barrel of laughter

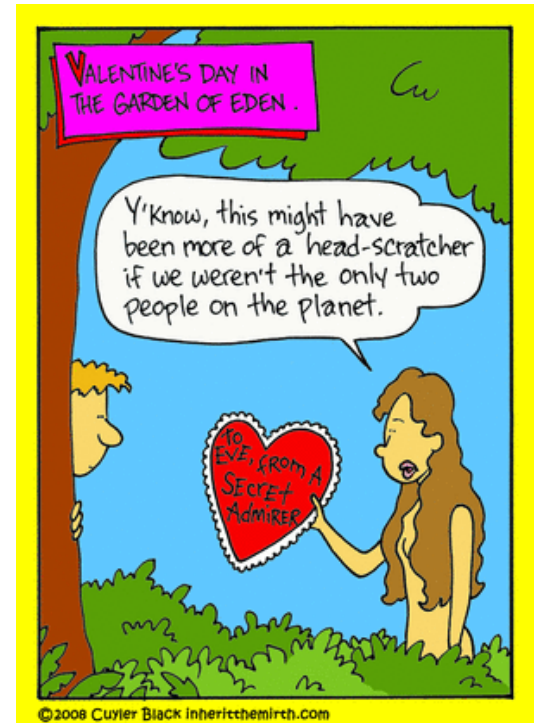
Directions:


Take love and loyalty, mix it thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding. Add friendship and hope. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake it in sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

Serves one entire home forever.



Anonymous



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		First Day of Black History Month 9am - Quilting	The Truth Project at Wangen Prairie Dinner at 4:30 p.m. Presentation in the sanctuary at 6:00-7:30 p.m. Babysitting available.	9:30am - Bible Study		
9am - Worship/Communion	7	9am - Quilting	The Truth Project at Wangen Prairie Dinner at 4:30 p.m. Presentation in the sanctuary at 6:00-7:30 p.m. Babysitting available.	9:30am - Bible Study	11	12
9am - Service of the Word 10:15am - Council Meeting	14	Valentine's Day 	The Truth Project at Wangen Prairie Dinner at 4:30 p.m. Presentation in the sanctuary at 6:00-7:30 p.m. Babysitting available.	Pastor Shannon Bauer Birthday 9:30am - Bible Study	18	19
9am - Worship/Communion	21	9am - Quilting	The Truth Project at Wangen Prairie Dinner at 4:30 p.m. Presentation in the sanctuary at 6:00-7:30 p.m. Babysitting available.	9:30am - Bible Study	25	26
9am - Service of the Word	28	Presidents' Day	Ash Wednesday		4	5