

### Do Not Judge or You Too Will Be Judged

On Sunday, February 20th, the Gospel text came from Jesus' Sermon on the Plain in Luke 6. Verse 37 has a three-part command: *"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."* Forgive and you will be forgiven connects us with the Holy Spirit. Through forgiveness we are the active expression of the Holy Spirit. In John 20, the Risen Jesus enters the Upper Room and proclaims peace and breathes on His Disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit, if you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven, if you retain the sins of any they are retained."

The other two parts of the verse are harder to understand. The difficulty may lie in the state of being in which we are currently living. Forgiveness is an action in the now. Judgement and condemnation are actions of the future. From our Apostle's Creed: "Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead." This judgement is expressed throughout Scripture. The Kingdom of God analogies and end time proclamations of Jesus share judgement and condemnation (Mt 11:20-24, 12:38-45, 21:33-44, 22:1-14, 25:1-46, Mark 13, Luke 13, 16:19-31) to reference a few. Judgement will lead to condemnation where there will be a casting out from the loving presence of God filled with weeping and gnashing of teeth. Revelation reflects the end times where the final judgement of God's victory over sin and death is fulfilled.

Forgiveness is something shared right now. Judgement is something we know is going to happen to us. Yet since our final judgement is a future event, the tendency to ignore and not value its importance is strong. Being someone who believes the whole Bible is the infallible Word of God, verses about judgement and condemnation are truths we cannot dismiss or ignore. Our love for each other calls us to proclaim and share the Grace and Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This proclamation has repentance as one of the basic responses of our belief in Jesus Christ. Repentance is transforming from a desire to live in sin by responding to the loving presence of God through the Holy Spirit. Repentance is a daily part of our walk with God. A call to repentance was Jesus' first ministry proclamation after resisting the temptations of Satan and beginning His earthly journey to the Cross. "Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is near." (Mt 4:17) In repentance we share in the fruit of God's reconciling love found in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Calling others and yourself to repentance is not judgement, it is an act of love. This act of love carries with it the risk of being ignored, rejected, ridiculed and accused of being hateful.

Maybe this is why forgiveness is present in the now. With forgiveness we can return to the proclamation of repentance even when rejected. In forgiveness we can celebrate a heart transformed by the love of God, no matter how many times its hardness sins against you.

In Christ's Loving Embrace,

Pastor Shannon



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Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Music: Prudy Busch  
<http://www.wangenprairie.org>

## COUNCIL MINUTES:

President Lori opened reading the verses from LBW #307 "Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Secretary and Treasurers reports were presented and accepted.

Old business:

- The membership list Sarah put in the annual report was looked as and with a few changes accept.
- Sarah will be contacted with the changes

New business:

- A discussion was held on a retirement fund for Pastor Shannon. The LCMC has a retirement that both the congregation and the pastor can contribute. Cyndi will contact them with Wangen Prairie as the sponsor Church. A decision as to amount from the Church as not been determined as of yet.
- March missions will be Cannon Falls food shelf, second one will be Community emergency center in Minneapolis.
- In March we will also collect non food items for the food shelf such as toothpaste, and toiletries.
- Ash Wed service will be March 2nd at 5:30 with Truth project to follow at 6:15.
- Lenten service will start March 9th with a meal at 5, need signups for the providers of the meals. A prayer gathering following meal followed by the Truth Project.

Meeting closed with The Lords Prayer.

Shirley

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Ash Wednesday:** Service in sanctuary 5:30 to 6 p.m. followed by Truth Project at 6:15 p.m. downstairs

**Lenten Services and The Truth Project:** 5:00-5:45 p.m. meal with 30 minute devotion downstairs, followed by The Truth Project starting at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. The "Truth Project" seeks 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. Visit our website, [wangenprairie.org](http://wangenprairie.org) for more information on this event.

### 2022 Lent Themes & Scripture

5:45-6:15pm, Welcome, Song, Reading, Reflection, Sending Prayer

March 9 "Jesus Cleanses the Temple" Luke 19:45-48

March 16 "The Stone the Builders Rejected" Luke 20:17-19

March 23 "Give to God what is God's" Luke 20:20-26

March 30 "Widow's Mite" Luke 21:1-4

April 6 "God's Word will Never Pass Away" Luke 21:29-37

**February Missions:**

**Good Samaritan Fund: \$678.00**

**Institute of Lutheran Theology: \$678.00**

**Helping Hands = \$1100.00**



## MONTHLY MISSION: Cannon Falls Food Shelf

511 Belle Street West, Cannon Falls, MN

<http://www.cannonfallsfoodshelf.org/>

Serving the emergency/sustaining food needs of the citizens of the Cannon Falls, Minnesota.



### **Second March Mission: Community Emergency Service**

1900 11th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404. 612-870-1125

Rooted in God's loving grace, Community Emergency Service transforms lives by serving neighbors, sharing resources, and becoming a community. For more information, see <https://cesmn.org/>

During the month of March there will be a barrel and a box in entry for **NON-food items**. I have spoken with both **Cannon and Kenyon food shelves**. There is a need.

Some items that are especially in need:

- toothpaste
- tooth brushes
- mens and ladies deodorant
- dish soap
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- bar soap( nothing harsh or too smelly)
- clothes detergent
- shampoo
- mens and ladies depends ( size medium)

# Easter Garden

Lori Pasch is putting together a flower order from **HALLSTROMS** for Easter in honor or memory of loved ones. The cost is listed below. You are also welcome to provide your own plant. Either way, please fill out the form below so we can get your offering in the bulletin for Easter! If you have any questions, please call Lori. Thanks.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lily/ 5-7 blooms (\$11 each): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydrangea: Blue or Pink (\$24.00): \_\_\_\_\_

Tulip (\$15.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Rieger begonia (\$19.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Mums (\$16.50 each): \_\_\_\_\_

Calla Lily (\$22.00 each): \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

I am providing my own plants \_\_\_\_\_

# of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

In HONOR of: \_\_\_\_\_

In MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to Wangen Prairie*

*Write Easter Flowers in the memo*

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: March 13**



# Weekly Verse to Ponder



March 6-12: *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.* Romans 8:28-29

March 13-19: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.* Proverbs 3:5-6

March 20-26: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.* Psalm 46:1

March 27-April 2: *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.* Psalm 73:26



"Wireless communication is nothing new.  
I've been praying for 75 years!"



## Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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# Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools

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Fax 507-789-6188

**Elementary School**  
225 Third Avenue  
Wanamingo, MN 55983  
Phone 507-824-2211  
Fax 507-789-7033

January 31, 2022

Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church  
PO Box 97  
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Dear Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church,

Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools would like to thank you for your donation of \$230 for the school support for the students. This donation is greatly appreciated and was accepted with gratitude by the Board of Education on January 24, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Boysen'.

Bryan Boysen  
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Bryan Boysen  
Superintendent/Principal K-6

Matt Ryan  
Principal 7-12

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## **LUTHERAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUND**

February 9, 2022

Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church Congregation  
PO Box 97  
34289 County 24 Blvd  
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your gift of \$702.00 given to the Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund in January 2022. The Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund was established in 2013 to assist churches during times of natural disasters. The goal of the Fund is to reach out to those impacted by disaster who otherwise would not have resources.

To date the LDA Fund has been able to provide almost \$488,000 in grant donations to those that have been impacted by floods, mudslides, hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes and earthquakes. You can find a full description of the LDA Fund on the LCMC website.

We are grateful to you for your help.

May God bless you for your concern for others.

Pam Koranda  
Financial Assistant

This receipt certifies that no goods or services were provided to the donor in exchange for contributions except for intangible religious benefits.

# St Patrick's Day word Search!



Coins

Corned Beef

Fiddle

Gold

Green

Harp

Ireland

Leprechaun

Limerick

Luck

March

Mischief

Rainbow

Seventeen

Shamrock

Snake

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
9am - Workshop/Communion	First Day of Women's History 9am - Quilting	Ash Wednesday 5:30-6 p.m. Service in Sanctuary 6:15 p.m. Truth Project downstairs	9:30am - Bible Study			
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