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PASTOR WESTHOFF & WESTBY LUTHERAN PARISH CELEBRATE 25 YEARS TOGETHER

It may have been Sunday, April 1st, 2012 but it was no April's Fool when Pastor Barbara Westhoff stepped into the sanctuary at Immanuel Lutheran Church to a standing room only crowd. It was 25 years to the day since her husband Gaylan, 4-year-old Michael, and she had arrived in Westby from Dubuque, IA. Barb had just recently completed her Masters of Divinity degree at Wartburg Theological Seminary and she and her family had arrived to serve Westby Lutheran Parish (Immanuel, St. John's & Emmaus). Today's crowd represented all three congregations who had gathered in joint worship to surprise and show their appreciation for Pastor Westhoff's years of dedication and service to its members.



Jandy Jorgensen, representing St. John's, and Arlene Hove, Immanuel WELCA President, was instrumental in organizing the celebration. Immanuel Lutheran Youth Organization under the direction of Sue Meyer and Cindy Nielsen led an uplifting worship service full of music and word while Jandy led the congregation down memory lane with "Trivia Time" revealing statistics related to number of sermons, confirmation classes, baptisms, weddings and funerals Pastor Barb has presided

over at the three congregations. Things have changed on many levels over the past 25 years within the Lutheran Parish.
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PASTOR WESTHOFF

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One of the major changes occurred with the closure of Emmaus Lutheran on January 3, 1999. When asked what other things have changed for her and her profession over the years Pastor Barb replied, "I'm more accepted as a female pastor now than I was when I first came. I've known a lot of colleagues in the cluster and the synod over the years and miss some of them dearly. I've been honored to serve as a Churchwide voting member, a Synod Council member, and Northeast Cluster officer and currently as dean. I've been blessed within the families and friends of the parish, saddened by losses, discouraged by less commitment."

During the service Pastor Barb was presented a personalized stole from Immanuel Lutheran council president Eric Nielsen and St. John's council president Carl Dahl. In addition, a donation was made in her honor to the Synod's Emmaus Fund and a brick commemorating 25 years of ministering to her flock has been ordered to be placed on the Immanuel "Handicap Brick Walk of Fame".

Pastor Barb added, "It is a milestone. I was so surprised by the joint worship service and celebration. I would like to thank everyone for their part in the celebration! I was touched and appreciate it very much."



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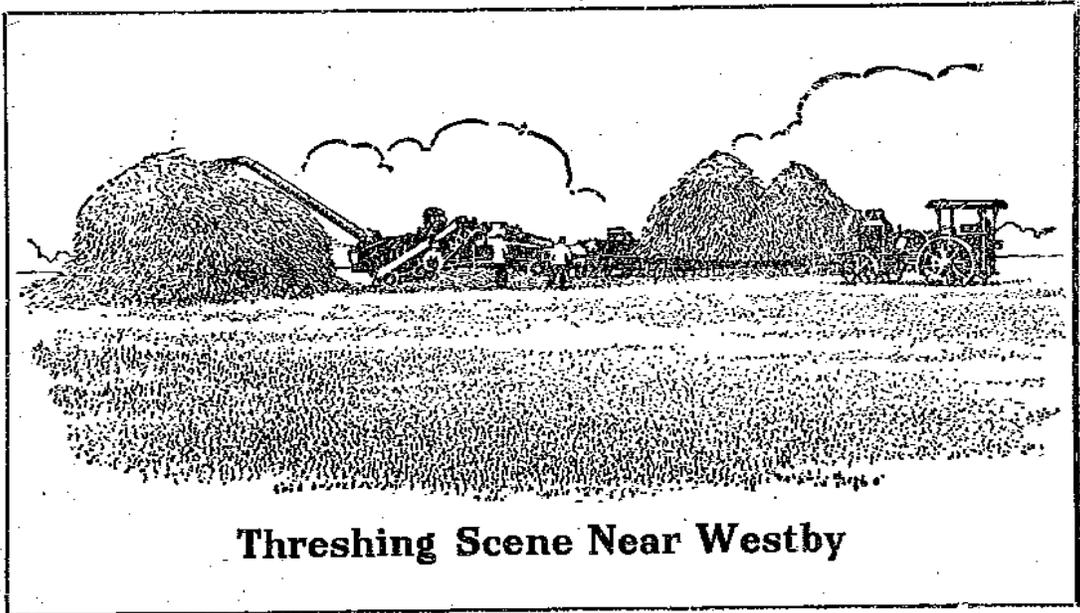
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I just returned from California where I was lucky enough to spend a week with my grandbabies while their parents took a little vacation. Mom also made the trip with me. It was nice for her to spend time with the boys and nice for me, too, as she helped where needed and was “the best back rubber” Colton ever had. It is always an adventure. Bryce talks nonstop and tries to mimic everything his big brother says and does. We planted flowers for Mommy, filled buckets of dirt for Daddy, drew rainbows (Colton taught me) and baked cookies. We all went to bed each night tired, but happy and content. Still had to come home and rest up, but love every minute of it. We are all in hopes Chel and his family will be able to make the trip home this summer. Always lots of things on the back burner so will have to wait and see.

Summer, speaking of summer. Wow, we now know how, much of the rest of the world experiences the seasons. It has been beautiful since forever. Maybe too much so, but nothing to do, but enjoy it; so let us do just that! A few farmers are starting to scratch in the dirt-pick a little rock, work a little ground and spread a little fertilizer, a sure sign of hopes and dreams of prosperity for this new growing season.

And speaking of seasons, may we not forget to take time to note this most sacred of seasons. The season of the ultimate gift. The gift given that we may be allowed a chance to enjoy all other seasons. *HAPPY EASTER!*

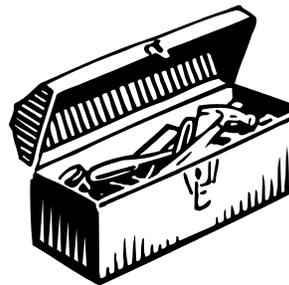
The annual spring Women of the ELCA cluster meeting was held in Froid this past weekend. Although I was unable to attend, I have it from a reliable source the lunch was outstanding. The stuffed chicken breast was especially tasty and appears quite easy to prepare.

SPINACH-STUFFED CHICKEN BREASTS

- 1 box (9 oz) frozen spinach, thawed, squeezed dry
- 2 tbsps finely chopped sweet onion
- ½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, 4-5 ounces each
- ½ tsp garlic salt
- ½ cup panko bread crumbs
- 2 tbsps grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsps butter, melted

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Going with a chicken theme, I decided to add this quick grilled chicken recipe Chel whipped up for us on a recent trip. I loved it. It is quick, easy, and you could play around with it. If you would rather go for the flavor of a more traditional cordon bleu, use Swiss cheese. Triple cream cheese is a very, very delectable, smooth, softer cream cheese. In a pinch, cream cheese would work, as would any cheese. Another herb could be subbed for the arugula. I might try basil. I think for a lunch crowd, I would serve it over a slice of toasted artisan bread with a side of fruit. For a dinner menu, Chel served quinoa with golden raisins and toasted almonds with the Chicken Cordon Bleu. Very delicious!

GRILLED CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, 4-5 ounces each, pounded thin

Olive oil

Freshly ground salt and pepper

1/2 pound triple cream cheese or brie, thinly sliced

2 lemons, halved

8 paper thin slices prosciutto

1/4 pound baby arugula

Heat grill to high. Brush each chicken breast on both sides with olive oil and season with salt and pepper to taste. Grill until slightly charred on both sides and just cooked through, about 2 minutes per side. Put a few slices of cheese on each breast, close the cover and let it melt slightly. About 40 seconds. Brush the cut side of the lemon with oil and grill, cut side down until golden brown and slightly charred, about 45 seconds. Put the chicken on large serving plates, top each breast with 2 slices of prosciutto and some arugula. Squeeze the grilled lemon over arugula and drizzle with olive oil.

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A "non-political tea party" was held on March 14th at the home of Grandma Tee and Grandpa Cliff Johnson's home. Special guests included Rylie Rose Gebhardt, Cadence Bennett and a menagerie of stuffed animals. The festivities began at 10:30 AM and continued throughout the afternoon. By the end of the day the girls said they were as stuffed from all the good food as the animals! Rylie is the daughter of Mike and Shannon Gebhardt and Cadence is the daughter of Jeremiah and Angie Bennett all of Westby.

HELP WANTED

Westby School District # 3 is accepting applications for the following positions: for the 2012-13 calendar year:

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Please say a prayer the next time you hear the fire siren for these men who volunteer and put themselves in harms way to protect our lands and homes. Again, thank you and God Bless.

Jerry and Anna Herman

Ranger Report

By Tony Holecek

Well, if the weather is any indication, spring or summer is definitely in the air. What a difference a year makes. Since we last spoke, Westby students have been busy with various endeavors. The week of the 12th of March was certainly busy in “Ranger “country. The 12th of March, our school played host to the SPOT program from Montana State University. Our science instructor, Mr. Saint, brought in a wonderful learning opportunity for our students grades K-12 and our community. The presentation focused on science and NASA and the role that Montana State University is playing in future satellite exploration. On the 14th, our school was fortunate to host both Plentywood and Scobey female students in the “Fight Like A Girl” presentation from Peter Iacavazzi. The morning portion of his program focused on self defense that aids in providing the best chance of surviving a potentially violent and life threatening situation. Mr. Iacavazzi continued on in the afternoon to present our entire student body with an anti-bullying workshop. In my years of education, I think this was the most well received presentation for both staff and students. I appreciate Sue Meyer’s initiative to bring this presentation to Northeastern Montana for both the betterment and safety of our children. The 14th also was the date for our High School Academic Olympic performance in Glasgow. We were very successful! Our team placed first in Class III written which included exams in English, Science, Social Studies and Math. Congratulations to Brett Nielsen, Tristan Shipman, Kayla Rust, Thayne Ekness, Cooper Olson and their advisor Mr. Nate Olson. On the 15th, our talents moved on to the drama side. Mrs. Marilyn Elm and Miriam Melby as advisors presented our 2012 drama production “The Quest for Quasi”. The cast and stage crew did a marvelous job again this year. Eighteen students in grades 8-12 participated.

This is another great representation of well-rounded opportunities for our students.

Friday, the 16th brought an extremely busy day for Jill Garman, our music instructor, and our entire staff here at Westby School as we were host to nearly 300 student’s grades 5-8 at this year’s Junior High School music festival. Our students represented our community well again as many great comments were made. At the end of the day we were the recipients of 4 judge’s choice awards. The honorees were Madison Pulvermacher, Aaron Lagerquist, Farrah Garman, and the JH Band. This week has been very busy with both nine weeks testing and the MCTM Math Meet in Sidney. Stay tuned for results from that competition. Upcoming events include: Parent/Teacher conferences on the 29th of March from 4-7pm at Westby School and our High School Music concert on Tuesday, April at 3rd at 7pm in the Westby High School gymnasium and the Westby/Grenora prom on Saturday the 14th of April.

There is one other really important day coming in early April. Too bad it’s not a national holiday. Opening day baseball April 5th Phillies versus the Pittsburgh Pirates. Go Phillies!!!

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Westby, Montana, is located in the North-eastern part of Montana, on the Soo Railroad. It has a mixed population, consisting principally of Danes, Norwegians, Swedes and Germans and their descendants. The community supports Lutheran and Catholic churches.

Montana is noted for its Schools, having been given the highest rating of any state in the Union at the last survey of the Russell Sage Foundation. The rural sections of this community support modern up to date Schools. The city of Westby supports a two-year accredited High School.

Three Rural Routes take mail to the various parts of the country. Telephone service has extended to most of the country in this vicinity.

SOIL

The soil in the vicinity of Westby is a rich black or chocolate Loam with Clay subsoil.

The soil is well adapted for the raising of winter wheat, rye, spring wheat, flax, oats, corn, potatoes, vegetables of all kinds, and tame grasses of all varieties.

Extract From U. S. Government Bulletin:

"The United States Bureau of Crop Reports, in a Bulletin issued in January, 1922, placed Montana easily in the lead of all states in the Union in quality of both spring and winter grains.

"The quality of Montana winter wheat is given as 68 per cent as compared with 52 per cent for Colorado, 46 per cent for California, 45 per cent for Oregon, 37 per cent for Wash-

ington, while the average for the United States is 25 per cent.

"The quality of Montana spring wheat is given at 70 per cent, while Wyoming comes second with 50 per cent, Oregon third with 48 per cent, Colorado fourth with 36 per cent, and an average for the United States of 34 per cent.

"Over a period of ten years, from 1910 to 1920, Montana produced the greatest yield per acre in wheat, barley, oats, rye, potatoes and hay of all the states in the Union, defeating such agricultural states as Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin by large margins."

The native grasses thrive exceedingly well and furnish winter feed and grazing for all kinds of stock, with the exception of milch cows and horses used for winter work.

The seeding season usually begins the first of April. Winter wheat and rye are harvested about the middle of July. The spring grain matures about the first of August. The growing season is about one hundred and five days long.

The rainfall for the months of May, June, July and August inclusive nearly equals that for the remaining eight months, a characteristic peculiarly favorable to agriculture in Montana.

CLIMATE

The climate in this vicinity is one of the healthiest in the United States. The summer days are warm with cool nights. Two-thirds of the winters are open. Horses can easily pick their feed on the prairie all of the winter

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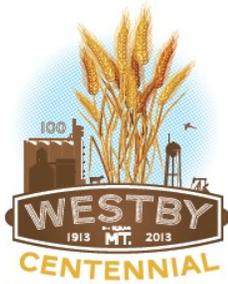
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