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CHURCH

For more than two years Immanuel Lutheran Church council members, the handicap access committee members and consultants from Mission Investment Fund Builders have discussed needs and problems associated with the existing church structure. The common thread among these discussions is the need for handicap accessible bathroom facilities in the church and for a ramp into and out of the fellowship hall, particularly in case of a fire. Although there may be other issues, it was agreed upon by those involved these need to take top priority.

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A Day in the Life

By Sandy Elm

Well, here we go again folks, catch up time in the Westby news column. No excuses , just me as you all know

On October 8th , Irene Stageberg hosted Senior Citizens at the Community Hall. In progressive whist, Irene took first and Eileen Overgaard took second. The door prize was won by Chris Barstad. Guests were Ruth Brown, Ed and Dorothy Fransen, Mark Nordhagen, Barbara Westhoff, Kim Rust, Bob and Lorna Lagerquist, Kenny Keldsen, and Phoebe Vest.

Hugh and Connie Meyer were in White Bear Lake , Minnesota during the last of September. They were there to see daughter Denise Renner and husband Steve and grandchildren Danielle, Shad, and Kyra. On the way home they stopped at Highmore, SD to visit Warren and Snookie Solberg.

The Jolly Twelve met on October 10th. Eileen Overgaard was the hostess. In progressive whist, Eileen took first, Chris Barstad -second, and Irene Nielsen low.

During that same week on October 15th, Marvin Nelson hosted Senior Citizens at the Community Center. Whist winners were Irene Stageberg-first and Jennie Nordhagen and Ervin Quaine tying for second. Anita Bjorgen won the door prize. Guests were Ervin J. Quaine, Frank Glimm, Gordon Hagge, Rosemary and Duane Ibsen, Marvin Skabo, Fay Moore, Kenny Keldsen, Howard and Irene Nieslen, Eric and Cindy Nielsen, Sue Meyer, Mark Nordhagen, Doris Leininger and Chrissy Leininger, Nancy Mullen, Vicki Ruby, Barb Westhoff, and Mike Kittelson.

On October 14th, Hugh and Connie Meyer picked up their grandchildren, Danielle, Shad, and Kyra Renner and one of their friends at Amtrak in Williston. Steve Renner had been staying in Dagmar all week doing some hunting. He joined everyone at the Meyer residence and they all returned to White Bear Lake, MN on October 17th.

On October 22nd, Jennie Nordhagen hosted the Senior Citizens at the Community Center. Anita Bjorgen took first in whist and John Tommerup took second. The door prize was won by Marvin Nelson . Guests were Mark Nordhagen, Bob and Lorna Lagerquist, Allan and Marla Nordhagen, Missy Solberg, and James Nordhagen.

On October 23rd, a surprise (so the people putting it on thought) chiverie was held for Casey and Marilyn Elm at Charlie's Place and also a surprise 40th birthday party for Darrin Elm at the same time. Once again , the people putting it on were the only one surprised. (That would be Slugger and I) I guess that is the way it goes in a small town. Thank you to everyone who helped me in anyway and to all of those of you who attended.

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WESTBY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary met on November 2nd at the Community Center. Christine conducted the meeting and Irene Stageberg opened with prayer.

Those in attendance remembered their country by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem. We followed this with a silent prayer for our veterans and repeated the Auxiliary Preamble.

Adeline Lagerquist called the roll and presented the minutes of the October meeting. Treasurer Ethel Harshbarger reported there are still 3 ladies left to pay dues.

Communications for this month included a letter of thanks from Miles City VA for the gifts we sent and money donated

Christine Schmidt read Shirley Nelson's monthly letter of news and Thanksgiving greetings.

A motion was made to send \$25.00 to the Service Star to help with their work.

It was noted there would be an increase in the price of the poppies and they will be available again in May.

Reports need to be filled out and sent to Shirley Nelson in the spring.

Adeline will be in charge of coffee and refreshments at the café from 9-11 on Veterans Day, November 11th, in honor of all of our veterans. It will be free to the public.

She also agreed to take apples to the school for teachers and staff in November.

Auxiliary meetings will resume on April 5th in the spring with Doris Gunderson as hostess. The May meeting is set for the 10th with both meetings beginning at 1 o'clock.

The meeting closed with the Auxiliary song followed by Irene giving the "peace prayer" and ended with singing "America". The meeting was adjourned and Chris Barstad served lunch. Secretary, Adeline Lagerquist

SORENSEN COMPETES IN 1/2 MARATHON

Despite temperatures below the freezing mark, 599 men and women braved the elements to participate in the Inaugural Fargo-Moorhead Half Marathon on October 10th. Among the participants was Nichole Sorenson, a 2002 Westby High School graduate. The 13.1 mile course wound along the Red River through both the cities of Fargo, North Dakota and Moorhead, Minnesota.

Nichole finished the race in 2 hours and 2 minutes placing 134th out of 319 women. The admissions representative for Concordia College in Moorhead, Nichole is the daughter of Daryl and Donna Sorenson of Westby. Pictured is Nichole and her running partner, Eric George, a student at Concordia College.



NOTICE

The Town Council of Westby has completed its preliminary budget for fiscal year 2009-2010. Said budget is open for inspection at the office of the Town clerk. The budget hearing for the taxpayers will be held November 9th, 2009, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Town Hall. Any taxpayer or resident of the Town may appear and be heard for or against any part of the budget.

Lynden Lagerquist
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Westby



You know, I think I whined enough about the weather in October that it may have helped us out for November. Wow, record breaking highs. The weather is even more unpredictable than normal. It is something! November 7, 2009, and combines are out trying to get the last of the crops off, neighbors are out washing their vehicles and I just heard a motorcycle go by. May Montana weather never cease to amaze us?

It has been an enjoyable few weeks with hunting in full swing. Danny has had great days in the field with his nephews and friends from Colorado, old business friends from Minnesota, new business friends from eastern North Dakota, his dearest friend from Florida and, of course, his local buddies. They love to watch the dogs work, the fresh air and the camaraderie of the hunt. I, on the other hand, love the social part that follows each evening. As they rehash the day we enjoy the company of great friends, a good meal and often, superb wine. What's not to like about hunting season?

Speaking of hunting season, I pulled a good one on Danny during the church bazaar. Leave it to Lexi Leininger. She asked me if it was OK to bring live animals to be auctioned off at the bazaar. I replied, "I don't think it would be a problem." You realize I am picturing a kitten or a puppy; I could have even stretched it to a pony, but, naturally, I didn't ask what she had in mind. Now this is the girl who, since the time she was little, has loved every animal she has come in contact with and at present has horses, cows, goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, a pot-bellied pig, a pet gopher, not to mention the usual dogs(3, I believe), cats and I'm sure there is a few I forgot. Wouldn't you know, as it gets closer to the time the bazaar is to start, I'm asked about a card table to display an auction item on. About that time here comes Lexi in with a cage and in it a big turkey with a sign that read, "Fresh Thanksgiving turkey (that would be me), butchered and ready to eat by turkey day!"

I cracked up, as did everyone else and the bidding got started. Well, I'm all caught up in the moment so I keep bidding on the poor thing all hunched up in the cage, until I am the successful bidder. Now, at intermission I called Danny who is out hunting and say, "There is really no reason for you to be hunting any longer."

He says, "Well, why not?"

"Because I just bought a live turkey at the bazaar and we are all set for Thanksgiving."

For some reason he didn't believe me. "You're kidding, aren't you?"

I'm not sure if he was asking this in disbelief or more like pleading with me. He got a good laugh out of it once I reassured him he did not have to butcher it.

Anyway, we've decided Tom(or it could be Tomilena) the turkey is going to have a life of privilege just like the White House Turkey and will live out its long life on Lexi's farm among the other animals. Having known Lexi since the day she was born, I can just picture her coming to my door with a dead turkey in her hand and tears streaming down her cheeks. Fresh turkeys are way over rated!!!!

But not the dessert.....

Here are a couple dessert recipes good enough to follow whatever your Thanksgiving menu may be.



The dessert of choice at Jenna Kueffler's shower was cheesecake and we had a beautiful assortment of flavors. Because of the time of year, I chose to make a cranberry creation and it rounded out the choices nicely. This cheesecake has more steps than the typical recipe, but I think you will find it worth the effort.

CRANBERRY CELEBRATION CHEESECAKE

CRUST:

½ cup dried cranberries
2 cups cake flour
½ cup ground almonds
¼ cup powdered sugar
½ cold butter, cubed

Preheat oven 350 degrees. In food processor, finely chop dried cranberries, add flour, almonds and sugar. Process until blended. Add butter; pulse until crumbly. Press onto the bottom and 1-1/2 inch up sides of a greased 10-inch springform pan. Place on a baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes.

FILLING:

¾ cups plus 1-1/2 cups sugar, divided
2 Tbsp cornstarch
¼ cup cranberry juice
2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
4- 8 oz pkg cream cheese, softened
1 tsp vanilla
4 eggs, lightly beaten

In a small saucepan, combine ¾ cup sugar and cornstarch; stir in cranberry juice until smooth. Add berries. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Set aside. Beat cream cheese, vanilla and remaining sugar until smooth. Add eggs; beat just until combined. Pour half of batter into crust, carefully spoon ¾ cup berry mixture over batter; top with remaining batter. Bake 45 minutes. Reduce heat to 250 degrees and bake 25-30 minutes longer or until center is almost set.

TOPPING:

2 cups sour cream
¼ cup sugar
2 tsp vanilla
1 cup heavy whipping cream
¼ cup ground almonds
¼ cup sliced almonds toasted

Combine sour cream, sugar, and vanilla; spread over top of cheesecake. Bake an additional 20-30 minutes or until set. Cool on wire rack 10 minutes.

Run knife around edge of pan to loosen; cool 1 hour. Spread remaining berry mixture over top. Refrigerate overnight.

Beat cream until stiff peaks form; fold in ground almonds. Pipe around top edge of cheesecake; sprinkle with sliced almonds. Yields 16 servings.

You have to think outside the box a little to make this next recipe. I brought it to ladies aid the other day and it seemed to go over well. It smells so good while it is cooking and comes out warm, moist and fudgy.

CHERRY COLA CHOCOLATE CAKE

½ cola
½ dried tart cherries
1 ½ cups flour
½ cup sugar
2 squares (1oz each) semisweet chocolate
2 ½ tsps baking powder
½ tsp salt
1 cup chocolate milk
½ cup butter, melted
2 tsp vanilla

TOPPING:

1 ¼ cups cola
½ cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar
2 squares (1 oz each) semisweet chocolate, chopped
¼ cup rum (may substitute apple or cherry juice)
In a small pan bring cola and cherries to a boil. Remove from heat and let stand for 30 minutes. In a large bowl combine the flour, sugar, chocolate, baking powder and salt. Combine chocolate milk, butter and vanilla; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in cherry mixture. Pour in to a 3-qt slow cooker coated with cooking spray. In a small pan, combine cola, sugar and brown sugar. Cook and stir until sugar is dissolved. Remove from the heat; stir in chocolate and rum until smooth. Pour over cherry mixture; do not stir. Cover and cook on high 2 to 1-1/2 hours or until set. Turn off heat; let stand, covered, for 30 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream and maraschino cherries. 8 servings

Hope you Enjoy
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PRAIRIE KITCHEN MAKEOVER COMPLETE

Tools have been put away, paint cans stored, and a new sign has been erected at the Prairie Kitchen. The remodeling that began this past summer at the local diner, with a redo of the seating area, is now complete.

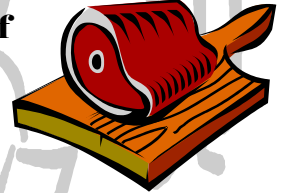
Inside is a walk down memory lane with the "History of Westby Wall". A collage of old scenes from Westby and pictures of its residents adorns the north wall, with each depicting a piece of history. This is a work in progress as pictures will be added as more become available. In the foyer of the restaurant hangs a new painting. While relaxing on the sofa in the front end of the café, one can look to the north through a paned window and see a beautiful prairie scene painted by Geraldine Dunham of Billings. Ms. Dunham's daughter, Carrie Gibson, and her family currently reside in Westby.

The outside of the building has been updated and resided and a small porch was added to the north side. Here sits two inviting rocking chairs. You can just imagine Gladys and Ollie sitting there rocking with big smiles on their faces (speaking of history). New windows were put in last fall and fresh paint adorns the front of the building. The final touch was a new sign created by Cliff Johnson and his laser metal art.

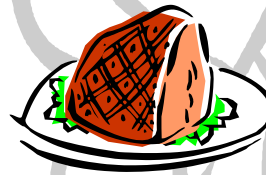
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Book Club

By Arlene Hove

September Book Club
Hostess: Diann Kaul

World Without End

Author: Ken Follett
By Arlene Hove

The third book our group has read by author Ken Follett is sort of a sequel to the second, Pillars of the Earth, but you need not have read the first to enjoy the second. Contemplating this hefty novel (at 1014 pages) may be a bit daunting, but how to condense this behemoth of a book into a short review here may have been just as daunting!

Two hundred years after the building of the Kingsbridge Cathedral (the central theme of Pillars), we are taken back there. In fourteenth century England in the village of Kingsbridge we are introduced to the four main characters: Ralph, a murderer, rapist, outlaw, soldier and Earl of Shiring; his brother, Merthin, who will become one of the master builders of Europe and does not possess any of the reprehensible characteristics of his brother; Caris, a brilliant female who dreams of becoming a physician in a world that will not tolerate female physicians but instead becomes a nun and later prioress; and Gwenda, a peasant who works in the fields with her serf-husband, Wulfric.

As children these four, while playing in the woods, encounter a battle scene that soon turns deadly. The outcome of that scene, when a secret document is buried in a site known only to Merthin, affects the course of all their lives. Follett does not reveal “the secret” until page 984 (no fair peeking)!

There are many richly developed characters in this novel and through them we learn how goods were traded, public works were built, people were treated when sick or injured, how wool was traded and fabric dyed, how stone arches were constructed and how knights were trained for war. Follett’s research into medieval society made for interesting reading but his highly descriptive narrative at times seemed cumbersome and unnecessary. The “Black Death” or plague takes over somewhere around the middle of the book and carries through to the end. How horrible a plight for thousands and thousands during a time when medical knowledge was primitive and sanitation almost unheard of.

Although the cathedral and a society of monks and nuns are at the heart of this novel, we note that the main male religious characters (but one or two) cheat, steal, lie and even murder their way to the top! This novel has it all; war, murder, deadly disease, intrigue, lust and love, and the inner workings of a medieval society. Big as it is, World Without End is not too hard to manage. It is a tax on time mainly worthwhile.

HONOR AND HONORABLE MENTION LIST

FIRST QUARTER WESTBY SCHOOLS 2009-2010

HONOR ROLL

Seniors

Samantha Olson
Kylie Ryals

Sophomores

Tristan Schipman

Freshmen

Kayla Rust*
Makayla Westgard *
Tess Bjorgen
Makenzie Westgard

8th Grade

Thayne Ekness

7th Grade

Cooper Olson*

6th Grade

Kevin Rust*

HONORABLE MENTION

Seniors

Hallie Westgard

Juniors

Colton Hellegaard

Sophomores

Brett Nielsen
Abby Westgard

Freshman

Brady Olson

*Denotes Straight A’s

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(Continued)

Before deciding on a particular size, please keep in mind the maximum number of characters and lines of engraving available on each size. The 4" x 8" brick may have up to three lines engraved, with each line containing up to 15 characters; while the 8" x 8" bricks are allowed 6 lines, but also have only 15 characters per line. Spaces between words and any punctuation also count as a character.

Sample bricks are on display in the church fellowship hall as well as brochures with order blanks. For more information, contact Diann Kaul (765-7442), Gayle Overgaard (385-2348), or Marlene Anderson at marlene_bazil@yahoo.com.

Beginning next spring, Bazil Anderson has agreed to lay the beautiful, engraved bricks, which have been purchased up to that point, adjacent to the sidewalk on the east entrance of the church. Since the fundraiser will be ongoing, bricks will also be laid again at some point in the future.

Personalized bricks make a lasting impression which makes them ideal Christmas gifts. Gift certificates are available by contacting any of the three mentioned above or the church office.



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HUNTERS IMPACT ECONOMY

If you've driven up and down the Main Street in Westby any time in the last three weeks you couldn't help but notice the number of pick-up trucks lining both sides of the street and very few had Montana plates. Pheasant season has been in full swing and Suzi Ekness, owner of Prairie Kitchen, said this has been the busiest hunting season since she has taken over the restaurant. "We have had hunters staying in town from as close as North Dakota and as far as Florida, Wisconsin, Washington, Minnesota and I know there have been a lot more states represented than that. Many of the rooms in town to rent were full and it has been very good for business."

According to the Fish and Wildlife Department, bird numbers are down, but that didn't seem to dampen the hunting spirit or affect the number of hunters coming to the area. The consensus seemed to be yes, the numbers were down, but there were plenty of birds for a good hunt and to watch the dogs work. Most hunters left with idea it was a great year and with plans to return in 2010.



Pictured here are Colorado hunters after a good day's hunt. Kevin Moore on the left and Ken Moore second from right, return every fall for a week of pheasant hunting with a group of buddies. The boys hunting lodge is the former Minda Lininger home which they purchased several years ago. Ken's boys, Brendan and Garrett, who are kneeling in front, made the trip this year, also. Ken and Kevin's father is Lloyd Moore, a 1954 graduate of WHS.



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NORDHAGEN

Paul (Bud) Nordhagen passed away at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood on Friday, November 6th. Bud was 83 years old. Funeral services are pending and a complete obituary will appear in the next issue of *The Border News*.



NOTICE

The Border News would like to do a story on business and residential property for sale in and around the Westby area in the near future. If you have property for sale you would like to have included please send detailed information, contact numbers, and if you wish, a picture to be included on the Westby web site to: dymoore@nemont.net or mail to P O Box 36 Westby, MT 59275.



NEW BABY GIRL

Elianna Alyse was born on Wednesday, November 4th, weighing in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces and she was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Erik and Jesse Meyer of Billings, Montana. Grandparents include Gavin and Rita Frost, also of Billings, and Myron and Marsha Meyer of Westby. Great-grandparents are Gene and Alda Meyer. Elianna joins sisters Payton, Octavia and Viannah, and a big brother, London, all of the family home.



Coming Events November

- 9th JH Girls BB at Plentywood 4:00 & 5:00
- 12th Senior Citizen's dinner 12:30 pm
- 14th Jamboree at Culbertson
JH Girls BB at Fairview
- 18th-20th State Volleyball in Bozeman
- 21st Jamboree in Plentywood
JH Girls BB at Froid
- 23rd 1st Day of HS BB practice for boys &
Girls
- 26th-27th Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL

Lutheran Parish November

- 9th Imm Education Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10th Cluster Pastors Meeting 9:00 AM
Imm Men's Fellowship Meeting 7:30 PM
- 11th Imm Endowment Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12th Imm Evening Bible Study 7:30 PM
- 15th WORSHIP—Thankoffering Sunday
Holy Communion
SJ—8:45 am NO SS
I—10:00 am, SS—11:00 am
- 16th Imm Stewardship Meeting 7:00 PM
- 17th Imm Property & Management Meeting
7:00 PM
- 18th Imm Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- 19th Worship & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 PM
- 22nd WORSHIP
SJ—8:45 AM, SS—9:45 AM
I—10:00 AM, SS—11:00 AM
- 24th IMM Nominating Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 25th Parish Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7:00 PM
- 29th WORSHIP First Sunday of Advent
SJ—8:45 AM, SS—9:45 AM
I—10:00 AM, SS—11:00 AM

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Christina Petrowsky

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