

WYOMING DISTRICT

ROUND-UP

DECEMBER 2024

"...REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS..." (Eph. 1:16)

For our active-duty chaplain, Rev. Ryan Mills (Colorado).

PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS

Rev. Travis Sherman (Grace, Gordon) is serving **Grace, Merriman**, NE (Nebraska District). Pr. Hill met with the congregation on December 15.

Redeemer, Harrison (served by Rev. Darren Pflughoeft, St. Paul's, Lusk) and Bethlehem, Crawford (served by Rev. Richard Mueller, Immanuel, Alliance) have indicated their intention to call a seminary candidate.

Trinity, Wheatland (Rev. Lincoln Winter) has received a Mission Grant for the year 2025. It will allow him to work full time as pastor, focusing especially on church planting/revitalization at Trinity.

Grace English, Pine Bluffs and Zion, Grover (vacancy Pastor is Rev. Joshua Scheer as of January 1, 2025) are joining again as a dual parish and will call a pastor in conjunction with Our Savior, Cheyenne (Rev. Joshua Scheer, Rev. Marcus Baikie). The pastor will work on church revitalization in the Pine Bluffs area.

Grace, Greybull (served by Rev. Jared Korb, St. Luke's Worland) and Zion, Emblem have dissolved their dual parish. Grace is now exploring a future parish agreement with St. Luke's.

Zion, Emblem (presently served by Rev. Kenneth Mars, Christ the King, Cody) are receiving service twice monthly in Emblem and joining sister churches on off Sundays while they consider their future options.

Rev. Lincoln Winter (Trinity, Wheatland): Two books published by Pastor Winter will be used as textbooks at Concordia, Chicago in the Spring Semester. *Catechetics* and *Teach These Things* will be used for Catechesis, taught by Dr. Kirk Clayton. Congratulations to Pr. Winter!

Peace, Marbleton and Our Savior's, Pinedale (Rev. Kevin Rose, who retires December 31) have called a seminary candidate (to be assigned in April).

Trinity, Casper (Rev. Jon Olson) called Rev. Joshua Hayes

(Kansas District) to serve as Assisting Pastor with specific duties to Luther Classical College.

There is no Christian in Community or Reformation 500 article this month.

Blessings for a Merry Christmas!

In looking back over 2024 I marvel at all that God has done and worked in our midst. There is much change: new pastors, new parish alignments, congregational challenges, opportunities in schools and homeschools, Luther Classical College preparing to welcome students in 2025, sorrows and deaths, weddings and births, a new (old) national president, and the like. Yet the Word of God does not change but endures forever. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is the eternal God, unchanged in His incarnation and birth, though He takes on our flesh and blood. Now our God is man into all eternity. He is our Lord and our God, "born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to given them second birth" (LSB 380.3). God's sacrificial Lamb has come, innocent in His obedience, justifying us in His death and resurrection.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with God's blessings. God grant you an increase of saving faith, great joy, and everlasting peace in the Christ Child who is born for us this day.

Pastor John Hill, Jeff Snyder, and Tiffany Hoff

Future Dates (see wylcms.org for information)

January 1: Deadline to submit Nominations for DP and 1st VP to District Secretary

January 4: Retirement dinner for Pastor Rose at 12PM, Our Savior, Pinedale

February 1: Deadline to register as voting delegate to District Convention

February 7-8: TTGNAJ Convocation, Ramkota Hotel, Casper February 14-16: High School Youth Breakaway, St. Andrew's, Laramie March 1: Behold the Man Conference (men only), King of Glory, Chevenne

Convention, deadlines, etc.

THE NEXT ROUNDUP

The next Roundup will be delivered to congregations in the New Year (Winter 2025 issue).