

Portland Lutheran Parish

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Sunday, February 5

1:00 p.m. Open House Bridal Shower for Natasha Flaten at Bruflat

Monday, February 6

9:00 a.m. Aurdal Ladies' quilting with potluck lunch

Tuesday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Aurdal Ladies' quilting with potluck lunch

9:30 a.m. Parish Staff meeting

2:00 p.m. Faith Circle (Aurdal) at Aurdal

2:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle (Aurdal) meet at Harriet Schmidt's home

Wednesday, February 8

NO 8th or 9th Grade confirmation

Friday, February 10

10:30 a.m. Worship at LMH

Saturday, February 11

2:00 p.m. 85th birthday celebration for Roma Beck at Mayville Senior Center

Sunday, February 12

8:45 a.m. Worship at Perry (Gideons)
9:30 a.m. Worship and Communion at Bruflat; Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. *Continued next column*

Sunday, February 12 (continued)

10:00 a.m. Worship at Bang (Gideons); Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion at Aurdal; Annual meeting following worship; Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, February 13

6:15 p.m. Portland Angel Coalition meeting at Our Lady of Peace

Tuesday, February 14

9:30 a.m. Parish Staff meeting

1:00 p.m. Martha Circle (Aurdal) at Aurdal

2:00 p.m. Joy Rebecca (Bruflat) at Sun Center E

7:00 p.m. Unity Circle (Bruflat) at Bruflat

The Bruflat Men's Supper and Sunday School Bake Sale

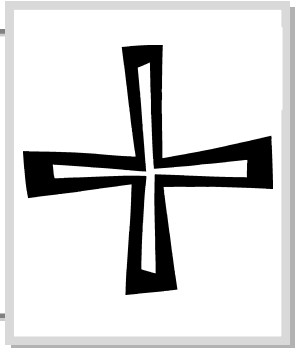
will take place on Wednesday, February 15 from 5—7 p.m. at Bruflat. Take-out is available.

On Sunday, February 26

there will be a special congregational meeting at Aurdal following worship services to discuss the Study Group presentations and to consider any future action regarding our church affiliation.

**Perry Lutheran Church † Bruflat Lutheran Church
Bang Lutheran Church † Aurdal Lutheran Church**

*Congregations of the Portland Lutheran Parish
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Sunday, February 5, 2012—5th Sunday of Epiphany
Interim Pastors David Halaas and Robert Scheurer
Organists: Nancy Rindy, Perry; Elaine Klath, Bang;
Marlene Johnson, Aurdal & Bruflat*



♪ *Prelude*

Welcome

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars – it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Confession and Forgiveness

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♪ **Gathering Hymn**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Call to Worship

God's Word for Us

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21–31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

Psalms

Psalm 147:1–11, 20c

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

♪ *Alleluia Verse*

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Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

Sermon

♪ **Hymn of the Day** “O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come” #360 (to the tune of #564)

Apostles’ Creed

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Prayers

♪ **Offering**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

Holy One,
**the beginning and the end,
the giver of life:**
Blessed are you
for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you
in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you
for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you

in the prophets’ hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you
for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word
dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth
in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

**Holy God,
we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.**

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Blessing

Benediction

Announcements

♪ **Sending Hymn**

“Pass Me Not”

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