

# GOOD NEWS

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# JULY 2017

### *UPCOMING EVENTS*

July 10th = Serve Mission Meal

July 12th = Clean out SS rooms

July 17th & 18th = Paint SS  
rooms

August 4th = Parking Lot Party

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Joyfully Growing as God's People for Lives of  
Faith, Love, and Service



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228-2228 or e-mail her at

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

**Pastor Ben Carlsen**

“Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country.” I must confess that I am not old enough to have heard JFK utter those famous words in his

inaugural address in 1961, but it is a quote I grew up hearing time and time again. The words, of course, were a call to action, a call for people, all people, to get involved in politics, in programs, in endeavors geared toward building a better United States of America. A laudable goal; and if you read the whole speech you begin to realize that President Kennedy did not utter these words as a call to individual action – but a call to communal action; not as a rally for one side of the political aisle or the other – but a call to, in today’s parlance, bi-partisanship.

But there is something deeper than politics or social programs or working together in spite of differences which these words contain.

“Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country.” There are many things one could say about the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, but one thing I will say here and now is that by all accounts he was a man of faith – and in these words we hear an echo of the Biblical call to service that ensnares all followers of Jesus Christ.

To note just two:

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4

I was thinking about this the other day in the context of how we talk about “church.” It seems that I have had many conversations over the course of my ministry where the issue at hand was something along the lines of, “What can our congregation do to bring people in, entertain people, offer the right program, \_\_\_\_\_ [fill in the blank]?” And certainly, in those conversations there is a desire to serve the congregation, serve the community, but in my experience the question is almost always framed as “what can we offer?”

I sometimes wonder if we would be better served, alongside keeping the “what can we offer?” conversation going, by also declaring to those around us that, in Christ, the faith of all is built up when the community acts in love and service. In other words, to paraphrase JFK, “Ask not what your church/congregation can do for you, but ask what you can do for your Lord.”

But like I noted, it is not an either/or proposition, it is a both/and – for the reason we serve our Lord is that he first served us; the reason we can take risks and sacrifice of ourselves for the other is that Christ first gave himself for us, and in so doing secured our future for all time. All that’s left then is for us to love and serve as we have first been served and loved.

So, this week, this month, this year, your whole life long, “Ask not what your church can do for you, but ask what you can do for your Lord.”

In Christ,  
Pastor Ben



**John 13:34-35** *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*"

### ***HOW TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING***

Losing a loved one is one of the most painful events in our lives. When deaths occur in our church family, we care deeply, and yet it can be hard knowing what to say or how to help. We may worry we'll "upset" the person who is grieving or bring their emotions to the surface. But our own discomfort can, ironically, cause the grieving person to feel even more alone and sad.

The next two newsletter articles will contain some reminders, based on grief research, which can help members of a church family offer supportive comments and gestures that really help.

You might say, "I'm so sorry you're going through this," or "This is such a hard time for you and I want you to know I care and am praying for you." Say, "One thing I'll always remember about \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_."

Talk about the person who has died. Use his/her name. Sometimes we assume it's hard for the grieving person to talk about their loved one. But, in almost all cases, their biggest fear is that their loved one will be forgotten. Share a brief story about their loved one or mention how much the person meant to you.

Avoid saying things such as "It's for the best," or "He's in a better place," or "It's a blessing." Or "I know just how you feel," or "You'll get over it," or "It's God's will." These clichés aren't helpful and often hurt more than heal.

Respect each person's time line for grieving. Don't say, "It's time to move on," or act as if the person is taking too long to "get over it." In reality, we never "get over" the loss of a loved one. We learn to live a different life...and each person needs to grieve in his/her own way. Show patience, kindness, and a willingness to really listen.

As we offer compassion to those who are grieving, remember this quote of Henri Nouwen: *The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion; who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not healing...that is a friend that cares.*

Lois Fett  
Your Parish Nurse



Lois is always there for you.  
Call her at 228-2552.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Fair Stand. Your hands do God's work to help those locally & throughout the world who are in need. Our net funds from the Fair Stand support the many missions of WELCA.

Throughout the summer I am focusing on shopping ~ "always bargain hunting!"

## Activities The Month

A few of us have hit some good rummage sales and stocked up on baby clothes. Joan Mortensen has been busy cutting off the feet of sleepers and putting on cuffs. She has also surged many diapers made from t-shirts. Elaine Aasheim has provided us with more sweater sets. Bea Gault also donated a lovely sweater set. Glenda Heisler has been busy hemming the flannel receiving blankets. I have been washing baby clothes and towels. Arlene Berge's Thrivent Action Team is about done with shopping for the personal care kit items. There will be about 30 kits from these team dollars. We will be looking for help packing all the kits to be ready to ship in October.

Items show up anonymously in the mission room, a toothbrush here, an old t-shirt there. Thanks to one and all ~ everything is put to use!

LeaRae Espe 228-2911  
Chairperson



Susan Dahle 228-3180  
Co-Chairperson



## BAPTISM

**June 25, 2017**

*June Hill Freeman*

*Finn Row Freeman*

Twins born: September 25, 2016

Parents: Andrew Freeman and Sheena Ellingson

Siblings: Easton & Casey Freeman and Gavin Honsey

Sponsors: Justin & Sloan Liebl and Seth Ellingson



## MEMORIALS

Linda Larson  
Ora Haakenstad  
Minnie Moum  
Reinhard & Lillian Schultz  
Rose Borgen  
Irene Henning  
Fred Brandt  
Loren Saville

## WEDDINGS

June-24 = Lorraine Millang and Orland Kjelshus

## FUNERALS

June 8th = Linda Larson

## PULL WEEDS AND TRIM BUSHES

Help is needed to pull the weeds in the rocks by the front doors of the church and/or trim the bushes by the south main street entrance door. If you are able to help with this, please let Janell in the office





## **GET TO KNOW PASTOR BEN CARLSEN** **AND HELP PASTOR BEN GET TO KNOW YOU!**

Pastor Ben would like the opportunity to get to know you better and for you to get to know him and his wife, Pia!



He has asked that we organize groups of up to 20 people.



One person in the group would be in charge of where the group would meet (church, home, lake, eating place,...), the time, and if there would be food or snacks. (It can be potluck- assign cookies/cake, etc.)



Please call the church office to organize a group or if you are excited about this opportunity but are unable to host.



***When your group is ready to go, call the office to set up your requested time, date, and place to meet.***

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS

The Endowment Committee has been working with Thrivent Financial to grow our General Endowment Fund. The purpose of this fund is to advance the mission of First Lutheran Congregation by providing planned giving programs to its members.

The general purpose of our Endowment Funds reads as follows:

To provide vehicles and structures for those who have the ability and desire to benefit First Lutheran Church through charitable giving that is consistent with our mission to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world. The fund will seek to provide a perpetual source of income to benefit three current categories:

- A. **General Fund:** Support the ongoing ministry of First Lutheran Church
- B. **Missions:** Local, regional and world projects
- C. **Capital Projects:** Major renovations, capital repairs and building of new facilities

This Endowment Fund provides an opportunity for each of us to live what we believe through our generosity. It is an expression of our beliefs and values, and matches our giving interest and financial circumstances. Endowment Fund gifts qualify for a current income tax charitable deduction and for an estate tax deduction.

Gifts of cash, life insurance, and assets that can easily be converted into cash, such as publicly traded securities, are appropriate to donate to an endowment fund. Other assets, such as certain types of unencumbered real estate, closely held stock, livestock or crops, also may be appropriate gifts. These gifts can be easily facilitated both during our lifetime and even after death.

For more detail information on donating to this Endowment Fund, contact the church office or any member of the Endowment Committee (Jim Borkowski, Kathy Benson, Debra Nelson, Steve Gorder, and Ronald Deraas).

Before contributing to the Endowment Fund, please talk to your tax consultant.

Sincerely,

Jim Borkowski  
Endowment Fund Committee



## QUICK, EASY, AND SAFE OFFERING OPTION

Are you aware of electronic giving or online giving? If you are interested in secure, safe ways to give to the church please contact our treasurer, Lisa Herbel, at 228-5191 or the church office at 228-2228. OR you can be routed directly to the mobile version of our online-giving page by scanning this image. Or log-on to our website,



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### Let's do this together !

New and exciting things are planned for the Sunday School wing and with everyone's help we can get it done. Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. everyone is encouraged to come help prepare the Sunday School rooms for painting by removing everything from the rooms.

On Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. your help is needed to paint the rooms and the hallway. If you know you are able to help please let the office know (for painting supply needs). All help is greatly appreciated. See you there!

**WEDNESDAY, July 12th - Clean out Sunday School rooms**  
**MONDAY, 17th and TUESDAY, 18th—Paint Sunday School rooms**

### *"Women's Day Out"*

**Wednesday, August 2**, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at Camp Metigoshe and the Christian Center. A freewill offering will be taken at one of the meals. Our afternoon will begin with lunch followed by tours of Prairie Rose, Anna Manor, Gary's Place, and the Metigrowshe Garden, and a worship time. Then we head over to the Christian Center for our own adventure ~Prayer Labyrinth, ~Walking Trails, ~ Pontoon Ride ~ Coffee, lemonade, and good conversation. Our afternoon together ends with supper. A signup sheet is on the reception desk in the narthex.

### *"Thank You"*

The Fair Stand Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated money, supplies, and time.

A special thanks goes out to Coral Hoff, Diane Pritchard, Janell Shannon, Lynn Boettcher, Marc and Deb Nelson for organizing and completing the making of potato salad, beans, and pies, as well as clean up and tracking. We couldn't have done it without you!

There was a great time of comradery, music, laughter, jokes, juggling of jobs, and fellowship.

**Thanks again and God bless all First Lutheran Church members.**

Mary Rothmann, Angie Bartholomay, Linda Heidbreder, Mary Haugen, Jessie Boehnke, Joan Mortensen



### **"HELP SERVE A MEAL"**

**Be a part of the team that feeds the  
Missouri Mission Youth on  
Monday, July 10th 5:30 p.m.**

Janell is looking for assistance with preparing, serving, and cleaning up a meal for approximately 120 Missouri Mission Youth. This will be the 8<sup>th</sup> year this group has come to the Bottineau area. It has been an honor every year to feed them. They are truly doing God's work with their hands. Please, call Janell in the office today to assist with serving this meal.





# PARKING LOT PARTY

*“Community Event”*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th**

**Starting at 3:00 p.m.**

**First Lutheran Church  
back parking lot  
701 Main St. Bottineau**



Starion Financial  
providing

hot dogs and brats

Served by members of the  
Bottineau Winter Park Ski Team

Free will donation



Pride Dairy ice cream  
served by  
Thrivent Financial

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Starting at 3:00 p.m.**

**Keith Hart and the Dead End Road Band**

**Too Old To Stand**

**Melissa Spelchen**

**And**

**Maybe one more.....**



Event Sponsored by First Lutheran Church, Bottineau

With support from :

Thrivent & Thrivent Action Dollars, Starion Financial, Shawn Hahn, BHS, City of Bottineau



## **DID YOU KNOW YOU ARE APPRECIATED?**

*1 Corinthians 1:4*

*I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,*

I humbly thank all of you! Those that have sent cards, flowers, plants, gift cards, and all the kind words of thanks and appreciation that has touched my heart and lifted my spirits.

Nothing I do can be done without all of you and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Together we are First Lutheran Church and we are serving others by doing God's work with our hands. When we step in to help serve a meal, make coffee, pull weeds, water a plant, lead a Bible study, lead a Sunday School class, lead worship, be an usher ~ reader ~ greeter, give a ride, welcome strangers, fold bulletins and newsletters, fill children's worship bags, help sort, display, and organize the clothing center, pray for others, prepare communion, change the altar paraments, run the powerpoint, sound, and record the worship services, fix a toilet, change a light bulb, lock up the church, serve on a committee, be the accompanist for worship and funerals, and so much more is being the church and brings glory to God.

A huge thank you to our council and personnel team! No words can express how much I appreciate your support and how you are serving the Lord and seeking God's will for First Lutheran Church; also for your understanding and working with me in the months of July and August to be in the office from around 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and then work from home (or wherever my family commitments take me) . I want everyone to know that I am always there for you and if you need me for anything you can always reach me on my cell phone 701-721-1262.

I love all of you for who you are and I am honored to be First Lutheran Church with you. Every morning when I come to serve as your administrative assistant, I read our mission statement. (It is on the banner at the top of the stairs in the narthex.) I want you to know I take it to heart and always say a quick prayer. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to guide me in living and growing in my faith ~ to love everyone and to help me serve God by serving others.

Again, thank you everyone for letting me know how much you have appreciated me. I have a very hard time knowing what to say when appreciation is given to me, and therefore, I want you to know how much it has meant to me and how much I needed to hear it. I know I am not perfect and I make a lot of mistakes ~ your forgiveness means the world to me.!

As you are all growing in your faith as God's people, live your faith, love like Jesus and do everything for the Glory of God.

A servant of the Lord,  
Janell Shannon

## **THE NEXT THREE PAGES FINANCIAL PEACE OPPORTUNITIES**

Through Endowment Grants we have been able to offer Dave Ramsey's program on Financial Peace to our members. This year we are offering the Financial Peace program again PLUS two other programs. These programs teach what the Bible says about finances. They are life changing!

1. Financial Peace = Everything you wish you knew about financial freedom
2. Smart Money Smart Kids= Learn how to teach your kids to win with money
3. Generation Change = The most engaging way to raise intentional smart kids

**Read more about each one on the next three pages.**

**Financial Peace University for Adults :** Financial Peace University has helped more than 2.5 million families get out of debt. It's your turn to become debt-free! This program encourages Adults to attend together, to feel more secure and plan for the future!

**Dates: Sept 17, 24 Oct 1,8,15,22,29 Nov 5,12 When we have a group, we can decide what day and time is best! Usually Sunday or Wednesday.**

### Lesson 1 Super Saving

#### Common Sense for Your Dollars and Cents



Dave explains the Seven Baby Steps that will guide you throughout *Financial Peace University*. You will also learn the three key reasons why you should save money—and why you must start now!

### Lesson 2 Relating With Money

#### Nerds and Free Spirits Unite!



Learn why it's important for spouses to communicate and work together toward success. Also, singles will learn the importance of teamwork, and parents will find out how to teach their kids about money.

### Lesson 3 Cash Flow Planning

#### The Nuts and Bolts of Budgeting



Unlock the secret of developing a monthly spending plan that really works. Learn how to live on less than you make, pay your bills, allow for entertainment, AND still have money left over at the end of the month.

### Lesson 4 Dumping Debt

#### Breaking the Chains of Debt



It's time to debunk some common debt myths! Dave reveals the truth about credit lies and gives you a plan to walk out of debt with confidence.

### Lesson 5 Buyer Beware

#### The Power of Marketing on Your Buying Decisions



Dave draws on decades of experience to reveal the power and influence that marketing has on your everyday buying decisions.

### Lesson 6 The Role of Insurance

#### Protecting Your Health, Family and Finances



In this lesson, Dave walks you through the world of insurance, carefully explaining what you need—and what you need to avoid.

### Planning

#### Mastering the Alphabet Soup of Investing



Dave walks you through the maze of retirement options and helps you figure out your best retirement plan. You will also learn how to plan for college so your kids can graduate debt free!

### Lesson 8 Real Estate and Mortgages

#### Keeping the American Dream From Becoming a Nightmare



Dave draws on over 20 years of real estate experience to teach you how to win when buying or selling your home, and the ins and outs of mortgages.

### Lesson 9 The Great Misunderstanding

#### Unleashing the Power of Generous Giving



Learn how generous giving can completely revolutionize your attitude and improve your finances, business and relationships.

**\*\*Shawna Allard will be Coordinator for this 9 week learning experience. If you have questions or would like to join the group feel free to call or email! 701-228-5981 or [shawna.allard@k12.nd.us](mailto:shawna.allard@k12.nd.us)**

**Smart Money Smart Kids:** 6 week book study Coffee and the following topics each night. This class is for parents, Bring a Friend. Realistic information and fun Conversation!

**Dates:** We will start First week of September and choose six consecutive weeks to meet when it is best for the group! Sundays or Wednesday evenings are a possibility!

6 lessons to offer to 12 families in our congregation: Parents who want to teach responsibility and money concepts to your kids. When you join the group you have access to the online information for the age group you prefer to learn about, young children, pre-teen, and teen to young adult.

#### Lesson 1

##### Work and Responsibility



Rachel and Dave focus on teaching kids the work-money connection, the importance of personal responsibility, and how our work reflects our relationship with God.

#### Lesson 2

##### Spending and Wisdom



Rachel and Dave discuss why parents should understand their child's particular God-given bent and how that can lead to wise spending decisions now and in the future.

#### Lesson 3

##### Saving and Patience



Rachel and Dave talk about how parents can encourage delayed gratification and how kids can learn to set specific goals for their saving.

#### Lesson 4

##### Giving and Generosity



Rachel and Dave encourage parents to raise generous children by emphasizing God's ownership—along with our stewardship—and challenging their kids to step out of their comfort zones.

#### Lesson 5

##### Debt and Honesty



Rachel and Dave share the Bible's perspective on debt and urge parents to raise kids who can identify and reject the cultural myths that fuel debt's popularity today.

#### Lesson 6

##### Contentment and Gratitude



Rachel and Dave challenge parents to actively protect their kids from the pervasive "bigger is better" messages in our culture and to encourage an attitude of contentment rooted in humility and gratitude.

**\*\*Shawna Allard will be Coordinator for this 6 week Coffee and Conversation. If you have questions or would like to join the group feel free to call or email!**

**Contact information for Shawna Allard**

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**Generation Change**  
**Youth Group Grades 8-12**

**Commitment dates: Must be committed to attending all sessions:**

August 20, 27

September 3,10,17,24

October 1,8,15

Time: 10-11:30am

**About the Program:**

Generation Change is an all-new suite of Bible studies designed to lead teens to a better understanding of God, themselves and their money—and how it all works together. In the three different teaching series, students are equipped with biblical principles to BE who God created them to be, DO more with their money, and GO out into the world ready to write their story. Lesson videos with Dave Ramsey and his daughter, Rachel Cruze, along with engaging hands-on activities, will bring new biblical and financial truths to this generation, making them a *generation of change*.

**BE Who God Created**

**Be Yourself**

Teens will learn that their identity isn't wrapped up in what the world says. Rachel covers contentment and the truth that money itself isn't evil. This lesson also emphasizes that it's not about how much money you have, but rather what you do with money that matters.

**Be Realistic**

Today's teens are drowning in advertising and hit with peer pressure all day every day. In this lesson, students learn how to fight these pressures—and win. The concepts of debt and net worth are also introduced, along with the question of whether or not it's okay to have nice things.

**Be Aware**

Teens face a lot of money myths: My parents will always take care of me. One day, I'll have as much money as my parents do now. Teens don't need to budget. Money isn't spiritual. I shouldn't give if I don't have money. This lesson debunks these myths and gives students a new mindset for their money.

**DO More With Your Money**

**Do the Details**

A budget is the key to winning with money—even for teens! This lesson teaches basic budgeting, including Dave's cash envelope system and debit card strategies. Plus, students will tackle the subject of wants versus needs.

**Do the Math**

Math isn't fun. This lesson is. Teens will learn how to prioritize saving over spending and how to save for big things like a car and college. They'll also learn how compound interest works, the basics of mutual funds, and why having an emergency fund is such a big deal.

**Do Your Part**

What made the Good Samaritan so good? It was his attitude about giving. In this lesson, Dave and Rachel explore the meaning of stewardship. Topics include giving both time and money, understanding the tithe, giving beyond the tithe through offerings, and how teens can make an impact on the world today!

**GO Write Your Story**

**Go Debt Free**

What makes debt so dangerous? This eye-opening lesson reveals the truth about debt, from credit cards to student loans, along with strategies for living a debt-free life. Students also learn how a credit score works and why it's no measure of winning with money.

**Go to Work**

In this lesson, teens start to figure out their purpose in life and how choose a college major that fits. They'll also learn how to set big goals, create a winning resume, and ace a job interview.

**Go the Distance**

This lesson shows teens how to follow God's plan through their college years—and after. Topics include how to pick classes, buy books, get scholarships and grants, and more. This lesson also explores the cost of life in the "real world," from insurance to investing. Life takes a plan. They'll get it here!

**For further information go to [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com)**

**\*\*Shawna Allard will be Coordinator for this 9 week learning experience. If you would like to talk to your youth and are interested in committing to the program of study, feel free to call with questions or to sign your youth up! Shawna will be calling parents in July also to determine student numbers in order to have the right amount of resources!**

**Contact information for Shawna Allard**

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## Bottineau County Fair ~ First Lutheran Fair Stand



## Metigoshe Day Camp and VBS







## **Gospel Seeds - July 2017 A Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff**

### **Amazing Generosity!**

There are times I am humbled by the generosity and compassion of congregations in this synod. For years, Our Savior, Reeder has supported a seminary student. Synod staff helped connect the congregation and the student; for four years, they formed a relationship. It is about prayer and financial support. For the past four years, this congregation has been walking with Kim Gifford. Each year Kim would get a financial gift from the congregation to help cover seminary expenses. During this time, Kim has visited the congregation to preach.

In mid-June, Kim was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and will now serve the people of Hope Lutheran, Surrey. Members of Our Savior called and asked if they could drive up from Reeder and help serve the lunch following the ordination – what an incredible gift!

Their compassion and generosity did not stop there. They have also made a gift to both the Mission Endowment Fund and Ministry Endowment Fund in Kim's honor – I am humbled.

Within a couple of weeks, synod staff will provide Our Savior with the name of another seminary student and a new relationship will begin to be built. Nearly this entire time, Our Savior has been (and continues to be) without a called pastor of their own. Thanks for your faithfulness.

### **Important Conversations...**

In mid-June, we had the pleasure of hosting Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in the Western North Dakota Synod. During a whirlwind tour, we held a number of round table conversations. This visit was in part a follow-up to the Dakota Access Pipeline Protests of last fall, but also a way to talk openly about rural life and rural ministry issues.

Thank you to Lord of Life Lutheran, Bismarck; Bethel Lutheran, New Town; Barb and Dustin Roise (members of Bethlehem Lutheran, Ross); and the White Earth/McGregor Lutheran Parish for taking time to gather people for conversation.

What we witnessed was honest, open conversation where people were respectful of divergent viewpoints. This was another step on our journey of finding ways to go deeper in conversation in hopes of building relationships.

Stay tuned – there will be many more ways and opportunities for these conversations to continue.

### **Synod Assembly...**

It was a joy to gather with over 300 Western ND Synod Lutherans for our annual Assembly at the beginning of June. Together, we studied scripture, sang, celebrated and talked about life and faith here in Western North Dakota.

A complete wrap-up of all the action is available on our synod website – take a look.

Next year's Assembly will be June 1 -2 at the Ramkota in Bismarck. Please mark your calendars now. We can't wait to see you there!

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***You are invited to a Festival Worship with Holy Communion, October 29, 2017 at the Bismarck Event Center to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Worship will begin at 11:00AM.***

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### **Prayers, please...**

For Susan Peterson and family as they grieve the death of her husband/their father and grandfather, Rev. Bruce Peterson. At the time of his death, Pastor Bruce was serving the people of Our Redeemer's, New England and Zion, Regent. May God be your strength.

For all who have been invited to serve as Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) around the world. We include in those prayers Kristian Aardahl (Faith, Bismarck); Krista Mathistad (Bethany, Minot) and Molly Haagenson (Gloria Dei, Williston). May God bless them as they venture off for this year of service.

For people who are discerning a call to ministry - whether as a pastor or as a deacon. May God's Holy Spirit provide guidance in this time of wondering.

For those congregations who are in the call process. For patience, wisdom and the willingness of members to step forward to help where they can so ministry and mission continues.

For rain. Much of our synod continues to need moisture for crops and pastures.

**Rev. Mark Narum** Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



## JULY CALENDAR

**EVERY WEDNESDAY: 9:00 a.m.** Lectionary

**EVERY THURSDAY : 10:00 a.m.** Coffee and fellowship in the narthex

**EVERY SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m.** Radio worship broadcast on 101.9 FM, **9:00 a.m.** Worship service (Holy Communion on the **2nd, 16th & 30th**), coffee fellowship after worship, **10:10 a.m.** Cable TV worship broadcast ch. 19 & 52

### HAPPENINGS

**Monday, 3rd & Tuesday, 4th - Office Closed**

**Monday, 10th - 5:30 p.m.** Missouri Mission Meal

**Tuesday, 11th - 5:15 p.m.** Parish Ed/Youth Committee, **6:00 p.m.** Property Committee, **6:00 p.m.** Worship Committee, **7:00 p.m.** Council

**Wednesday, 12th - 6:00 p.m.** W.E.B.S.

**Monday, 16th - 9:30 a.m.** Deborah Circle

**Wednesday, 19th - 9:30 a.m.** Eve Circle

**Thursday, 27th—Tuesday, 1st - Janell is out of the office**

### CIRCLE INFORMATION

**Eve - 9:30 a.m.** Wednesday, the 19th at the Hospital Apartments

**Hannah -** Does not meet June, July, August

**Deborah -** Does not meet in July or August

**Rebecca -** Does not meet in July & August

**W.E.B.S. - 6:00 p.m.** Wednesday, the 12th

### SERVING

**Ushers:** Gary Boettcher, Larry Orke, Gale Feland

**Reader:** Mary Lura

**Greeter:** Marvel Thompson

**Coffee Fellowship:** Volunteers Needed

**Acolytes:** All youth 4th grade and up are encouraged to acolyte

**Altar Guild:** Diane Pritchard & Sheila Bertsch

**Service Group Chairman:** Tami Neubauer

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE IN ANY OF THE ABOVE AREAS, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 228-2228.*

### *Others meeting in our church*

**Weight Watchers:** Meet every Tuesday in the lower level Sunday School area starting at 4:30 p.m.; **Cub Scouts: & Boy Scouts:** Monday's 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. **Senior Companions:** Meet the Wednesday before the last Friday of every month in the conference room at noon; **Minot Homeless Coalition:** Uses our library every Monday, Wednesday, Friday; **Nutty Needlers:** randomly use a room to learn knitting

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 a.m.**

**WORSHIP BROADCASTS: Sundays 8:30 a.m. on 101.9FM and 10:00 a.m. on local cable ch 19 & 52**

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