

GOOD NEWS

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Growing together
in Christ.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



"Apparently, my spiritual gift is
being silly with the toddlers."

JUNE

2017

BOTTINEAU COUNTY FAIR

June 15th—18th

Food Safety Certification

June 4th at 10:15 a.m.



METIGOSHE DAY CAMP/VBS

June 19th—23rd



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228-2228 or e-mail her at**

Created by Janell Shannon

Administrative Assistant

05-25-17



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor Ben Carlsen

Greetings, salutations, and hellos; let me introduce myself one more time – Pastor Ben Carlsen, called by all of you to serve as Pastor here at First Lutheran Church in Bottineau, ND. Some of you reading this have met me and introduced yourselves to me already, and to you I say “thank you” and “I’m sorry, but could you repeat your name.” And to those I have yet to meet, I look forward to being introduced and also asking repeatedly for your names. God may know each of us so intimately that the hairs of our heads are numbered, but for me, it’s going to take me a bit of time to learn your names and faces and the community connections, so I humbly ask for your patience and pardon should I neglect to put a face with a name or say “hello” on the street.

Having said that, I am sure you are all aware of the effort to have a series of “meet and greet” events with medium size groups of congregational members. I know the council is working hard on organizing the groups and finding people to host. My vision for these events is first of all to have an opportunity to meet and greet as many of you as possible in an informal setting. I encourage all of you to find a group to be a part of or consider serving as a host for a group.

Even with these meet and greets, I will still suggest it is going to take some time for me to learn who all of you are, but let me shorten the time it may take all of you to get to know a bit about me. I know you all received a bio letter prior to your vote to call me, so some of what follows may be repetitive, but allow me to share the following with you: As you know, my name is Ben Carlsen, I have been serving in pastoral ministry since June of 2000. From 2000-2007 I served a three point parish in Drayton, ND; from 2007-2010 I served Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Sebeka, MN; from 2010-2016 I served as Associate Pastor of the Redeemer/Black River Lutheran Parish in Thief River Falls, MN; and from Nov of 2016 – April of 2017 I served as Interim Pastor at First Lutheran Church in Mahnommen, MN.

I grew up in the Red River Valley, in Climax, graduating from Climax High School in 1990 and enrolling at the University of Minnesota at Duluth. Following college I worked in the Twin Cities area for a couple of years and enrolled at Luther Seminary in January of 1996. In August of 1998, Pia and I were married and we currently have in our house, two dogs – Syntyche (who is ours) and Tomah (who we are puppy raising for Leader Dogs for the Blind) and one cat – Tobit.

I am excited to be here, living among and serving you at First Lutheran. I look forward to walking together in ministry here and learning and going where God is leading us in proclamation, service, and love.

In Christ,
Pastor Ben



MENTAL ILLNESS

5 Simple things you can do to make the world a better place for people with mental illnesses and their families

Faith and spirituality can be a very helpful component of someone's recovery from mental illness. A place of worship is a safe space where people can feel welcomed and have an instant sense of support and community, but how they are treated within this environment is crucial to that feeling of security.

1. Be a friend

Provide companionship and compassion on the road toward recovery. Offer a ride to your house of worship or to a local support group. Listen without judgement. Pray for those you know with mental illnesses and for their family members.

2. Be an inspiration

Share your story. Has mental illness impacted you or your family in some way? Your story may empower others to seek treatment or have hope.

Watch your language. Pay attention to the words you use and avoid stigmatizing labels. Do not refer to people as "crazy," "psycho," "lunatic" or "mental." Use Person First language. For example, say "She is a person with bipolar disorder" instead of "She is a bipolar."

3. Be a "Stigma Buster"

Challenge negative attitudes toward mental illness among your friends and acquaintances and in the media.

4. Learn the facts

Educate yourself about the various mental illnesses. Attend a lecture or class or use the Internet. Good places to start include the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), www.nami.org, NAMI FaithNet, www.nami.org/NAMIFaithnet, and the National Institute of Mental Health, www.nimh.nih.gov.

Adapted from the Widen the Welcome campaign of the United Church of Christ. 5/2017

Because 1 in 5 Americans lives with a mental health condition, you likely encounter people with a mental illness in your family or in your daily life. Stigma and myths around mental illness can make us nervous about how to relate to someone. If you are unsure of how best to approach someone who may be struggling, these tips may help.

Tips for How to Help a Person with Mental Illness

Find a space that is comfortable, where you won't likely be interrupted and where there are minimal distractions.

Ease into the conversation. It may be that the person is not in a place to talk, and that is OK. A greeting and a gentle kindness can go a long way. Sometimes less is more.

Be sure to speak in a relaxed, calm and straightforward manner and stick to one topic at a time.

Be respectful, compassionate and empathetic to their feelings by engaging in reflective listening, such as "I hear that you are having a bad day today. Yes, some days are certainly more challenging than others. I understand."

Be a good listener, be responsive and make eye contact with a caring approach.

Speak at a level appropriate to the person's age and development level. Keep in mind that mental illness has nothing to do with a person's intelligence.

Show respect and understanding for how they describe and interpret their symptoms.

Genuinely express your concern. Be real and authentic.

Offer your support and connect them to help if you feel that they need it. Ask, "How can I help?" if appropriate, or even, "Can I pray with you now?" if appropriate.

Give the person hope for recovery, offer encouragement and prayers.

Prayer: God who has created us all. May we be good companions to each other in life's journey and have the courage to reach out to those who need our love and care.



Lois Fett
Your Parish Nurse



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

MISSION ACTION NEWS JUNE 2017

Please sign up for a shift at the Bottineau County Fair if you are able. This is the main fundraiser for WELCA and gives us the means to support our missions both at home and abroad. Just remember what a difference you are making to a mother in a refugee camp or a victim of an earthquake or countless others who are the "least of these" (the least of God's children) who find themselves in dire situations.

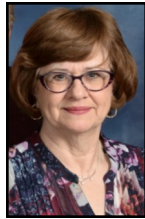
Here is a perfect example of "God's Work, Our Hands"

May was a very busy month. For the first time in years First Lutheran gathered items for a spring shipment to Lutheran World Relief. Members of Debra Circle stayed after their Bible study two months since the fall shipment and packed 16 Baby Kits. Michelle Anderson visited circle and assisted with the project. The Girl Scouts under the leadership of Sady Wall helped assemble some of the Personal Care kits. We ended up with 62 personal care kits to send. These have a towel, toothbrush, nail clipper, soap, and a sturdy comb. Susan Dahle and I finished up these by securing each with rubber bands and yarn. Harvey and Coral Hoff transported 16 boxes to Minot. Along with the baby and personal care kits, this also included 16 quilts.

Thank you one and all! It takes close to an army of willing workers to pull this off.

Keep watching for deals on kit items and let me know if you see any. A few of us shopped the Domestic Violence rummage sale and purchased sleepers, t-shirts and blankets for the baby kits. We are in need of flannel to make the larger diapers of 22" by 27". These are the preferred size as they dry faster for reuse. We have included two large diapers and two made from t-shirts in each kit. The flannel can be any color and even old flannel sheets. Dark colors are preferred because there are often washed in a river.

LeaRae Espe 228-2911
Chairperson



Susan Dahle 228-3180
Co-Chairperson



OUR CLOTHING CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

JUNE 12TH THROUGH JUNE 26TH

Please refrain from bringing donations
during this time.

MEMORIALS

Terry Charnholm	Beatrice Webster
Marlys Hummel	Freda Gall
Elois Halvorson	Marshal Tallon
Lowell Nelson	Otto & Gary Ihla
Gerald Geisen	Elaine Thompson
Rose Borgen	

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,



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Committee met on April 19th to review 12 grant requests totaling \$93,452. However, provisions of the General Endowment Fund only allow \$43,152 to be available for grants during 2017. (The \$43,152 is 5% of \$863,036 which is the 12/31/2017 value of the General Endowment Fund.)

After review and discussion, the Committee recommended funding 8 of the requests which totaling \$22,260. The Church Council convened in May and approved 7 of the recommendations proposed by the Endowment Committee. The following is a list of the approved grant awards.

Organization Making the Request	Request	Purpose	Amount	Council Approved
First Lutheran Church	\$10,000	Vehicle for transporting FLC members to worship services (See Note)	\$1,200	\$1,200
First Lutheran Church	\$2,000	Replace treads on SW stairwell	\$0	\$0
First Lutheran Church	\$6,000	Replace 55 door locks for single key entry	\$0	\$0
First Lutheran Church	\$5,000	Refresh, update Sunday School Wing (1st of 3 phases)	\$5,000	\$5,000
First Lutheran Church	\$5,460	Fund the annual cost of recording and broadcasting Sunday Services	\$5,460	\$5,460
First Lutheran Church	\$2,500	Funding for summer concert in FLC's parking lot	\$2,500	\$2,500
First Lutheran Church	\$7,000	Replace projection screen in Sanctuary with a large TV	\$4,500	\$0
4-H, Fairboard, other	\$3,000	Partial funding to build announcer building and lunchstand at Fairgrounds for 4H, High School and Little Britches youth activities	\$1,500	\$1,500
First Lutheran Church	\$500	Subsidize meals at Senior Center, Oak Manor and Meals on Wheels	\$500	\$500
First Lutheran Church	\$1,992	Sponsorship of Financial Peace University	1,600	1,600
First Lutheran Church	\$20,000	Replace all southside windows (both floors) at FLC	\$0	\$0
Fundation - Good Samaritan Society	\$30,000	Replace broken fencing at Bottineau facility	\$0	\$0
Total Grant Requests	\$93,452		22,260	17,760
			Available Funding from Endowment Fund for 2017:	\$43,152
			Remaining Balance after proposed awards:	\$25,392
		Notes:		
		1. Committee did not agree with the proposed purchase of a vehicle. Instead, we provided \$1,200 (\$100 per month) for taxi service to transport FLC members that have no other means of transportation to Sunday services.		

During October of this year, The Endowment Committee will hold a second round of grant requests to award the balance of the available grant funds.

If you would like to contribute to the Endowment Fund or want additional information about the fund, please contact the Church Office or any member of the Endowment Committee (Jim Borkowski, Steve Gorder, Kathy Benson, Debra Nelson, and Jeremy Moen).

Sincerely,

Jim Borkowski
Endowment Fund Committee





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.



To help us give this opportunity to all our members please leave a list of person's in your group in the church office.

FIRST LUTHERAN FAIR STAND
BOTTINEAU COUNTY FAIR
JUNE 15th - 18th

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO BE APART OF THIS MINISTRY AND SERVE OTHERS!

This is a perfect opportunity to serve others with your church family. Encourage your teen(s) to serve with you. There are several ways you can be a part of the team. Check out some of the areas listed below that need to be filled and either call the church office or stop in the narthex and sign up to serve today.

KITCHEN HELP:

(We also need lemon and pecan pies)

Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning (start at 8:00 a.m.) ~ need workers to help prepare the potato salad, and heat up the beans.

FAIR STAND HELP:

Especially need people for Saturday and Sunday

Task assignments: Runner (bring food from the church to the fair stand) bus tables, dishwasher, hamburger fryer, grill order organizer, dish up food, cashier, waitress

Shifts at the fair stand are either from 10:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to close. If you need to share a shift with someone that works to. Let the office know what your needs are and we will work with you. Your help is so greatly appreciated.

NOTE: Net profits are used to fund missions for the approved budget for WELCA

These missions are: Metigoshe Ministries, Lutheran Social Services—Luther Hall, WND Synod, Lutheran World Relief, Bottineau Good Samaritan Center, Lutheran Camp, Braille Center of Bottineau, Anne Carlson Center for Children, Dakota Boys' Ranch, ND State Hospital, Mission Action Supplies, Bottineau Food Pantry, Emergency Transient Fund, Bottineau Girl Scouts, Bottineau Cheerbox, Bottineau Family Crisis Center, LaVonne Nelson Seminary Fund, Office Supplies, Kitchen Supplies, Funeral Meals, Clothing Center, Ronald McDonald House and more.

We strongly encourage everyone to get **Food Safety Certified** to follow health procedures. (certifications are good for three years). **Sunday, June 4th** after worship, Linda Liebelt will present the required film and together those present will take the test together. *(To ensure enough tests are available, please call the office to signup today!* You can also test by calling the County Nurse at 228-3101 to schedule a test time.

Thrivent T-Shirts available for fair workers: thank you to the Members of our congregation that applied and received Thrivent Action Team Dollars to help defer our costs. So all that are helping in the kitchen or at the stand are welcome to take one and we hope you will proudly wear as you serve others.

ALSO: We have 4 XL neon green First Lutheran Church t-shirts available for those working more than one shift. Please help yourself.

~ METIGOSHE MINISTRIES BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP~



We encourage all youth to attend Bible camp at least once, so don't let the cost of camp keep your child from growing in their faith.

For more confidential information on how we can help send your child to camp, contact Janell in the church office at 228-2228.

First Lutheran Church offers \$50.00 to go toward camp registration fees for Metigoshe Campers whether it is their first time or fifth time going. Please note that a copy of the registration form will be needed before payment will be sent to the camp.

On the table by the elevator in the narthex, please feel free to pick up information on the Bible Camps offered at Metigoshe this year.

COMMUNION SUNDAYS

Month of June
4th & 25th

Watch your newsletters and bulletins for more information on our Pontoon Fellowship that will be held in July or August and our Parking Lot Concert that will be held in August.



FINDING YOUR GIFTS!

Hear are a few questions to ask yourself to help you find where God is calling you to serve.

- What comes easily and naturally to me?
- Others come to me for help with _____?
- What interests me?
- Where do people say I excel?
- What excites and interest me?
- For what do I have a passion?
- As a child, I was really good at _____? _
- As an adult, I'm really good at _____?

We all struggle with discerning what God given gifts and or talents we have. I pray this helps you discover that you have so much to give and so many ways to bring glory to God, and that you will grow in your faith as you use your gifts and talents to serve others.





YOUTH IN THE WHOLE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED ON

MONDAY, JUNE 19th TO FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd

HERE AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Co-hosted with Metigoshe Lutheran

VBS (*Vacation Bible School*) FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

&

METIGOSHE DAY CAMP FOR YOUTH ENTERING 1st GRADE TO YOUTH ENTERING 6th GRADE

If you are willing to provide snack items please contact First Lutheran Church at 228-2228 for more information

Registration forms are on the next two pages. To help prepare please register by Monday, June 12th.

Preschool (4 year olds—Kindergarten) (led by Volunteers)

Camp Days: Monday, June 19th - Friday, June 23rd

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Day Camp: (Entering 1st grade to entering 6th grade) (Led by Metigoshe Ministries Staff)

Camp Days: Monday, June 19th – Friday, June 23rd

Time: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Child needs to bring: A sack lunch and his/her Bible



EVENTS DURING THE WEEK:

Monday the 19th: NEW THIS YEAR ~ All campers and their families are invited to Forestry Park starting at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of family fun. More info coming soon.

Thursday the 22nd: 10:00 a.m. All youth will walk together to St. Andrew's Hospital for singing and fellowship with the residents.

Thursday the 22nd : Metigoshe Day Camp and VBS Program 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Thursday the 22nd: 4th—6th grade sleepover following the program

COST: FREE ~ *If you are able, we appreciate your generosity and support through donations that help cover the cost of day camp. Actual costs to provide this program are \$45 per student, \$35 second and third child , plus supplies.*



ATTENTION VBS AND METIGOSHE DAY CAMPERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Monday, June 19th, 7:00 p.m.

Forestry Park in Bottineau



All registered campers and their families are invited to come to Forestry Park at 7:00 p.m. for an evening filled with family activities and singing camp songs with our Metigoshe Day Camp Staff.



Camp Metigoshe

Day Camp Registration Form



CAMPER INFORMATION (ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD ATTENDING)

First and Last Name	Office Use Only: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Child in Family <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Child <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Child <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th Child <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th Child <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th Child
Grade Entering Next Fall	
Date of Birth (Month/Date/Year)	
Age	
Gender	

PARENT AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION		Church Name/Location: Attendance: For each day, mark in the morning if camper is present. <input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday
Parent(s) First and Last Name(s)		
Mailing Address City, State, Zip		
Home Phone		
Cell Phone		
E-mail Address		
Emergency Contact Name if Parent/Guardian unavailable		
Phone of Emergency Contact		

HEALTH HISTORY AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Medications: Please list any routine daily medications camp staff will have to administer during day camp including dosage and directions			
Allergies: Food/Medications/Insects/Other			
Dietary Concerns/Restrictions			
Physical Activities Encouraged and or Restricted			
Date of Last Tetanus Shot (Mo/Yr)	Camper up-to-date on shots	Yes	No

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE TO THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED

I attest that the health history and medical information are correct to the best of my knowledge. The person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed day camp activities, except as noted by me. I agree that Metigoshe Ministries and/or its personnel will not be held responsible for accidents or personal injury arising there from. I give permission for camp staff to provide basic first-aid for minor bumps and bruises including over-the-counter medications according to label instructions, with any specific concerns regarding this noted on this form.

EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION: I recognize that I will be called, followed by the emergency contact if I am not available, in the event of an emergency. In the event I or the emergency contact cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order X-rays, perform routine test, and treat my child as well as give permission to the physician selected by the camp director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment, and order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child named herein. I give my approval to photocopy this form for use at day camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature	
Date	

VBS REGISTRATION ~ June 19th to 23rd 2017

___ I attend Metigoshe Lutheran ___ I attend First Lutheran ___ Other ___

Child's First and Last name: _____ Age _____ Grade going into: _____

ALLERGIES/MEDICINES _____

Parents: _____ Contact number during VBS time _____

_____ Contact number during VBS time _____

Other emergency contact person _____ Phone _____

If you are willing to bring snack items and/or prepare counselor lunches ~ please see Janell in the First Lutheran Church office or call 228-2228.

(Metigoshe Lutheran members, contact your church concerning snacks and lunches.)

ALL PRE-K THROUGH 6th GRADE PLEASE RETURN THE UPPER PORTION OF THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH. PLEASE NOTE 1st – 6th GRADERS MUST RETURN A COMPLETED HEALTH FORM WITH THEIR REGISTRATION FORM. REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY MONDAY, JUNE 12th

VBS INFORMATION

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Phone: 228-2228 (contact Janell Shannon, Admin. Asst.)

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**Finger Labyrinths for WELCA 2017
Triennial gathering in Minnesota in July**

A special thank you to Julie Thompson!

Thank you, the Holy Spirit has shown you how doing God's work with your hands brings glory to Him. We are all disciples for our Lord and this adventure has blessed you with beautiful fellowship and deeper friendships, you have grown in your faith, and felt the power of the Holy Spirit. What started out as a one time project the Holy Spirit turned into a ministry. We lift up to the Lord; Julie Thompson, Eloise Boppre, Estelle Jelleberg, Karen Nelson, Jeannie Orke, Diane Pritchard, Sharon Siercks, Joan Mortensen, Sherilyn Flatt, Bea Gault, and Betty Sletto, and praise you Lord for their gifts and talents.



TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 14th

Ephesians 4:11-12 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Through Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Study, Worship, Music, and Fellowship we build up the body of Christ. Praise you God for equipping and calling our leaders.



SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

May 21st

Seniors pictured on photo to the right:

Austin Kittleson, Megan Olson, Dalton Barbot, Sophie Peck, Alicia Monson

Special Thank you to Pastor Christoph Schmidt from Minot for leading worship and recognizing our seniors.

Congratulations!

As you celebrate the end to an amazing chapter in your lives, may you take time to reflect on how God was with you all the way and may you seek His will as you move on to the next chapter in your faith journey.





Gospel Seeds - June 2017

Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff

With Joy and Thanksgiving!

Three young people who call Western North Dakota home have been selected to serve as Young Adults in Global Mission this year. YAGM's spend a year serving as missionaries in locations around the world. The three are: Christian Aardahl (Faith Lutheran, Bismarck), Molly Haagenon (Gloria Dei, Williston) and Krista Mathistad (Bethany, Minot). At Synod Assembly, we will have a brief service of blessing and sending for these three. We will also raise prayers of thanksgiving for two Western North Dakota young adults who have recently completed their YAGM service: Carrie Sandstrom (Good Shepherd, Bismarck) and Solveig Stenslie (Heart River Lutheran, Mandan). Each person accepted to serve as a YAGM must raise \$5,000 to be a part of the program. The Synod Office is willing to collect funds from any individual or congregation who would like to help support these three young people. If you send a donation, please indicate it is for the YAGM participants.

Discernment Retreat... With so many voices vying for our attention, how do we learn to listen to the voice of God? Matt O'Rear, staff person at one of our seminaries, will spend time sorting through some of the predominant voices competing for our attention - voices that stake a claim on who we should be, what we should value, and what makes us happy. We will spend time thinking about the voice of God which lays claim on our lives and how following that call might help us find a sense of purpose, meaning, and even joy. This retreat is designed to assist those who are wondering if God may be calling them to leadership as a pastor, deacon or another leadership role within their own congregation or synod. Bishop Mark Narum and staff will also be present for conversations about candidacy and opportunities to serve throughout the church. The retreat is planned for June 23-24 at Camp of the Cross near Garrison. Visit the synod website to register.

<p>FIRST LUTHERAN MEMBERS</p> <p>PLEASE READ THIS</p> <p>>>>></p> <p>>>>></p> <p>YOU HAVE GIFTS THAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO USE!</p>	<p>No More Volunteers! I want to challenge you to remove the word "volunteer" from your church's vocabulary. Instead, I want to encourage a conversation around the way people have been given incredible gifts. Instead of volunteers to prepare and serve meals at church, we should think of them as ministers of hospitality. A meal served following a funeral is a gift, prepared and served by those with special talents. The conversation which flows over that meal is a healing balm for a grieving family. Those who step up to work with youth are more than volunteers – they are individuals with special gifts of patience, relationship building, the wisdom to listen to a good question and ask more questions in return. This is important ministry which helps young people grow in faith. While it may sound insignificant to change the language we use, it can be very profound - especially if we take the time to engage people in conversation about their passions and gifts. Once they have been identified, then further conversation can help identify ways these gifts and passions can be used to love and care for the neighbor. That is ministry at its very best.</p>
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A Time For Creativity... We continue to experience a significant number of pastoral openings across our synod. We are thankful for the congregations who are thinking creatively about new ways to provide Christ-centered Word and Sacrament Ministry in their communities. -A group of fourteen congregations in the very southwest part of our synod are having a conversation about what a cooperative ministry would look like in their area. About two years ago, conversations among this grouping of congregations lead to the creation of an area-wide Bible study with eighteen participants.-Another congregation in our synod has two people who will be entering seminary while serving their congregation. -A congregation on the western edge of the synod is taking the first steps toward a conversation with one of our ecumenical partners about a shared ministry which will benefit both congregations. What opportunities for creative ministry will be next? Who knows? We are only limited by our imaginations and our willingness to experiment. We continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's nudges.

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

JUNE 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 **4th & 25th**), coffee fellowship after worship, **10:10 a.m.** Cable TV worship broadcast ch. 19 & 52

HAPPENINGS

Sunday 4th - 10:15 a.m. Food Safety Certification

Wednesday, 7th - 6:00 p.m. W.E.B.S.

Tuesday, 13th - 5:15 p.m. Parish Ed/Youth Committee **6:00 p.m.** Property Committee, **6:00 p.m.** Worship Committee

Wednesday 14th - 9:30 a.m. eve Circle, **2:30 p.m.** Rebecca Circle

Thursday 15th - Sunday 18th - Bottineau County Fair

Monday 19th - 9:30 a.m. Deborah Circle

Monday, 19th - Friday 23rd - Metigoshe Day Camp/VBS

CIRCLE INFORMATION

Eve - 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, the 14th at the Hospital Apartments

Hannah - Does not meet June, July, August

Deborah - 9:30 a.m. Monday, the 19th

W.E.B.S. - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, the 7th

Rebecca - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, the 14th

SERVING

Ushers: Ron Lorenz, Mike Santiago, Lloyd Nelson, Lloyd Fett

Reader Rueben Guttormson

Greeters: Steve & Randy Gorder

Coffee Fellowship: 4th Reen Nehring, Susan Gartner, Karen Fraser, Lorraine Millang,
11th, 18th, & 25th Volunteers needed

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

Altar Guild: *Angie Bartholomay ~ June 4th Marlene Marquardt*

Service Group Chairman: Linda Heidbreder, Donna Moldenhauer

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE IN ANY OF THE ABOVE AREAS, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH

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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SHARE YOUR IDEAS, CONCERNS, QUESTIONS, ETC, WITH A COUNCIL MEMBER:

Debra Nelson (President)	Darrell Waters	Rod Parrill
Reggie Myhr	Dale Thompson	Beau Medlang
Lindsey Guss	Robin Gense	Jeremy Moen (Vice-President)
Karla Monson	Linda Liebelt	Brad Robertson

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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