

GOOD NEWS

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MAY 2017



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**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!
May 14th**



This Mother's day, it's not your achievement in motherhood that makes you precious to your Savior; you are precious because you are His daughter.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

To make arrangements to receive the newsletter, change your address, or to submit information for the newsletter or bulletin please call Janell at 228-2228 or e-mail her at

Created by Janell Shannon

Administrative Assistant

04-27-17

ALL ABOUT THE KIDS**Building Self-Esteem in Your Child**

It's never too early to start helping your child develop healthy self-esteem. A child listens and watches for cues from other people to see what they think about him or her. A child's feelings for others are determined by their feelings toward themselves. Help your child develop a healthy attitude about themselves and the world around them at an early age. Several techniques to build a positive self-concept include:

1. View the child as a unique individual—not comparing him/her with others.
2. Learn why the child acts the way he/she does. Are they tired, bored, irritable? Are they jealous of the new baby?
3. Try to spend special time with your child alone without siblings and others.
4. Provide ways for the child to feel successful. Give your child jobs which aren't too easy or difficult. Give honest praise and encouragement to your child. When the child feels like a capable and competent person, he or she has good feelings.
5. Give the child plenty of praise, warmth, and physical signs of affection. Children thrive in an atmosphere of love.

Good Mental Health for Your Child

During the school year our children are learning many new things each day. How will you continue this learning throughout the summer? To grow healthy and strong, children should have good food, plenty of sleep, exercise, and fresh air. Children also require emotional nurture to have good mental health. To be both healthy and happy children need love, acceptance, security, protection, independence, faith, guidance, and control. How are you providing for your child's mental health? Do your children know they are accepted and loved? Do your children have a good safe place they can feel sure about? Is there a place where he/she fits in? Do your children know that you as a parent have confidence in them and their ability to do things for themselves? Do you nurture your child's faith through prayer and attending church? Do you show your child by example how to get along with others? Does your child know that there are limits to what he/she is permitted to do and that the parents will hold them to these limits? Take the time to enjoy your children and see them as the special gifts from God that they are.

How to Care for Your Child's Emotional Needs

To grow healthy and strong, children should have good food, plenty of sleep, exercise, and fresh air. Children have emotional needs, too. To have good mental health—to be both healthy and happy—all children require: love, acceptance, security, protection, independence, faith, guidance, and control. Children need to feel that their parents love, want and enjoy them; that they matter very much to someone; that there are people near them who care what happens to them. Every child needs to believe that their parents like them, just the way they are. That they like them all the time and that they accept them. Every child needs to know that they will help them when they must face strange unknown, frightening situations. Parents and adults in the faith community can help develop a set of moral standards to live by which includes kindness, courage, honesty, generosity, and justice. Just like years ago, we have the responsibility to guide children in their development by showing them through example how to get along with others.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from him.

Lois Fett
Your Parish Nurse



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

May already! Rummage sales have started. Keep an eye out for sleepers and t-shirts for the baby kits. Be sure they are in good shape without stains. The sizes used are 6 months—24 months (or 2T).

Traditionally, we have only participated in the October shipment, but there has always been one in the spring. Midwest Express Trucking will have a truck in Minot on May 10 & 11. If we get some boxes ready, Harvey and Coral Hoff have offered to take them down. From Minot they go to St. Paul, MN. and then are distributed worldwide where needed.

Check your supply of fingernail clippers and sturdy combs. If you have extras we will take them for the personal care kits.

Thanks to Deborah Circle for helping to pack 11 baby kits. Also, thanks to the Deborah gals for their offering of baby socks, fingernail clippers and combs.

Thanks to all the die-hards who keep helping with the diapers. Every little bit helps!

LeaRae Espe 228-2911
Chairperson



Susan Dahle 228-3180
Co-Chairperson



***HUGE
THANK YOU TO
OUR VICE-PASTOR
MIKE PRETZER***

Dear Lord,

We praise and thank you for uplifting our spiritual needs through Pastor Mike. We pray the Holy Spirit continues to work through him and guides all his thoughts, words, and deeds. Amen



Pastor Mike, you are doing God's work with your hands, and we are very thankful and praise God that you went above and beyond to be with our members as they:
Presented their child for baptism,
Said goodbye to a loved one,
Prepared for marriage,
Received their First Communion,
AND for attending council meetings.

Thank you!

**COMMUNION
SUNDAYS**

Confirmed communion dates are as follows:

May 7th = Pastor Christoph Schmidt from
Minot State Lutheran Campus Ministry

May 21st = Same as above

June 4th and June 25th = Our new pastor
Pastor Ben Carlsen



FUNERALS

4-22 Lowell Nelson

MEMORIALS

Eloise Halvorson
Minnie Mouv

ALICE IHLA

{Permanent}

ADDRESS

7522 South 101st St
LaVista, NE 68128
402-593-9265

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

PASTORAL CARE, BAPTISM, FUNERAL, WEDDING

If you need to schedule a baptism, wedding, funeral, or you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Janell, our Administrative Assistant, by calling the church office at 228-2228, or her cell phone at 721-1262. You can also send an email to flc@utma.com.



SUPPORT

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,



OFFICE CLOSED

May 29th

Please note: No quilting

*Janell will be out of the office
May 15th—19th.*

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesdays, 5:30 P.m.

May 3rd

May 10th

Summer break begins after the May 10th class.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH SING AT WORSHIP

May 14th

This is the last day of Sunday School before Summer Break.
Everyone is welcome to come and join our youth after worship.
See details below!

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Last Day of Sunday School

Special Event!

MAY 14th (after worship)

Fellowship Hall

Our youth are currently learning about “*Wandering in the Wilderness*” and on our last day before summer break they would like to share the story of Moses with everyone. Everyone will gather in the fellowship hall and grab some coffee, a muffin, and some fruit before watching together *The Prince of Peace*.

[Please note the movie is about an hour and 15 minutes]

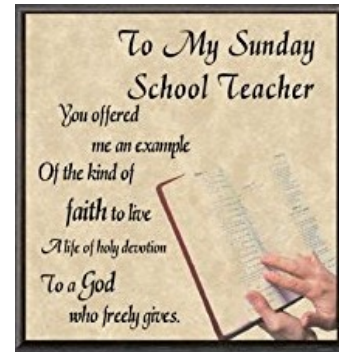
{Those not wishing to watch the movie are welcome to stop in and get some coffee, a muffin, and fruit and go to the courtyard for fellowship.}



Teacher Appreciation and Recognition

Sunday, May 14th

Music = Shelly Berge, Kerry Olson, Nancy Olson
Handbells = Jessie Boehnke
Pre-K = Janell Shannon
K & 1st = Lindsey Guss
2nd & 3rd = Jeremy & Becky Moen
4th & 5th = Katy Demming & Becky Olson
6th—12th = Linda Berge
Confirmation = Andrea Medlang
2016 VBS = Jenna Nelson, McKenna Coleman, Jenna King
VBS/Day Camp Contacts = Becky Moen and Lindsey Guss



Subs:

Marcia Robertson, Jenna Nelson, Cydny Espe, Mandi Kornkven, Amanda Fett, Lois Fett, Shawna Allard, Melissa Coleman, Beth Reitan, Alissa Mogan, Andrea Medlang, Nancy Stute (confirmation ~ Tina Olson & Janell Shannon)

Worship Leader at St. Andrew's & Good Sam = Diane Myhr, Sub = Lloyd Fett

Pianists for above worship = Barb Pearson and Jeannie Orke

Adult Bible Study = Glenda Heisler

Lectionary = Estelle Jelleberg

Parish Education Committee Members: Becky Moen, Amanda Fett, Jenna Nelson, Andrea Medlang.

Mike Cerkowniak, Doreen Cerkowniak, Lachelle Cerkowniak, Janell Shannon, and council reps Lindsey Guss & Jeremy Moen

~ METIGOSHE MINISTRIES BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP~



First Lutheran Church offers \$50.00 to go toward camp registration fees for Metigoshe Campers. 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.

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, contact Janell in the church office at 228-2228.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe."

ANATOLE FRANCE

Congrats!

TRUST IN THE LORD ~ PROVERBS 3:5

***Senior Recognition
Sunday, May 21st***

(Seniors)

Dalton Barbot

Austin Kittleson

Alicia Monson

Megan Olson

Sophie Peck

Tyler Rispa

Christine Wall

(Parents)

Faith & Karsten Bartsch and
Kristopher & Patty Barbot

Jeremy & Rhonda

Karla Mattson

Tim & Julie

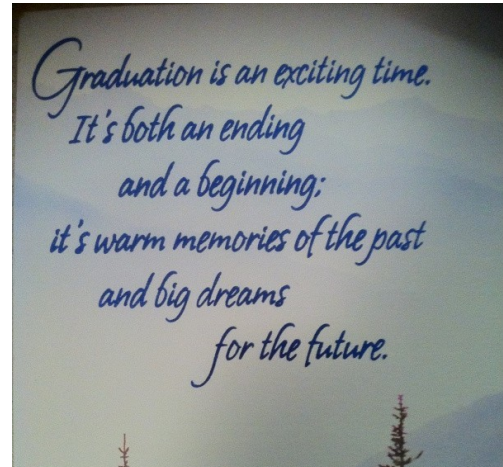
Donn, Wendi Tonneson

Alice Rispa

Dwaine & Sady

Everyone is encouraged to come on **Sunday, May 21st** as we celebrate with our seniors the close of this chapter in their lives and the beginning of a new one.

We pray the Holy Spirit guides their thoughts, words, and deeds on all their new adventures ahead.



Just want to say Thank You!

The cards, flowers, and gifts this past week are so greatly appreciated. I didn't even know that it was Administrative Professional's Day on Wednesday. You have lifted my spirits, and I am humbled and honored to be serving the Lord with all of you! I pray the Lord continues to send His Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Your thoughtfulness has touched my heart! God bless you all, Janell

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

It is of utmost importance that we form a committee that will handle all the behind the scenes needs, such as the ordering of meat, buns, all the ingredients for our beans and potato salad, pop, coffee, napkins, mustard, salt, pepper, cups, plates, order pads, and so much more. Let's not forget the tasks such as cleaning the stand, stocking the stand, preparing the menu board, overseeing the shift signups, and donations. This can be very overwhelming when one person is doing it all. Having a team of people to take on one or just a few of these needs makes serving others a joy. Please, do not wait to be asked. Volunteer today and join the team.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER.

It would be greatly appreciated if a few men would sign up to help with heavy lifting!



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 KINDERGAR-
TEN
&

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.

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



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



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:
Parent(s) First and Last Name(s)		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
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

To be held at First Lutheran Church, 701 Main Street Bottineau, ND 58318

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

HOSTS: First Lutheran Church and Metigoshe Lutheran

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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 child, \$35 third child, plus supplies.

EASTER MEMORIALS

In memory of: Marvin & Corrine Herbel, Kay Cove, & Joyce Opperman

From: Kim & Lisa Herbel and Family

In memory of: Jens & Anna Lund

From: Art & Carol Lund

In memory of: Frances & Oliver Lee

From: Marcia & Brad Robertson

In memory of: Mabel & Bradley F. Robertson and Paul H. Robertson

From: Marcia & Brad Robertson

In memory of: Bruce & Nita Condit, Marion & Hilda Condit, William & Mary Delp, Donna Morris, Gottlieb & Emma Buchholz, Edward and Hazel Morris

From: Mike & Rhonda Condit and Family

In memory of: Elois, Kenneth, and Clyde Halverson

From: Halvorson Family

In memory of: Marlene Reing

From: Oliver Reing Family

In memory of: Marlene Reing, James & Mid Fulsebakke

From: Jim & Marlee Rae, Josh & Mindy, and Brittany Fulsebakke

In memory of: Dennis Kittleson, Bertha Kittleson, and Frank Goolsbey

From: Lori, Stephanie, & Dustin Kittleson

In memory of: Curt & Joe Millang

From: Lorraine Millang & Family

In memory of: Paul & Harriet Heidbreder and Wm. & Mary Sanders

From: Roger & Linda Heidbreder

In memory of: Husband, Bruce Nostdahl & Son, Bill Nostdahl

From: Betty Nostdahl

In memory of: A.S. Benson Sr., Andrew & Verna Bertsch

From: Donovan & Sheila Bertsch and Family

In memory of: Knute & Marie Gravseth

From: Marc & Debra Nelson

In memory of: Joseph & Esther Nelson

From: Marc & Debra Nelson

In memory of: Norene & Floyd McNea

From: Marc & Debra Nelson

In memory of: Ethel & Marvin Myhr, Ross & Irene McNea

From: Reggie & Diane Myhr

In memory of: James Holwell

From: Dolores Holwell

In memory of: Jim Holwell

From: Dolores Holwell

In memory of: Lorraine & Raymond Radtke and Daniel Crookston

From: Elaine Crookston and Phyllis Sveum

In memory of: Clinton J. and Marc Arlen Nelson

From: Carol Nelson

Memorials Continued

In memory of: Bud & Shirley Olson and our grandparents

From: Paul & Nancy Olson

In memory of: Marlene & Dick Harms

From: Cara Harms and Jen Patterson

In memory of: Hans & Helgi Schei, Hilma Nehring, and Lyle F. and Effie & Richard F. Thompson, Jana Overbo, and John Frykman

From: The Mike Nehring Family

In memory of: C.O. Bjornseth

From: DeElla Bjornseth

In memory of: My Parents

From: Marvel Thompson

In memory of: Family and loved ones

From: Orlando & Connie Gorder

In memory of: Hilma Nehring, Haddie & Ed Nehring and Hans & Helga Schae

From: Gene & Reen Nehring

In memory of: Don Vestre, Nick Vestre Family and Julius & Mabel Nelson

From Gene & Reen Nehring

In memory of: Daryl, Warren, and Steven Moum

From: Jane Moum Family

In memory of: Orville Mattern

From: Norma Mattern

In memory of: Bill Willams

From: Mildred and Family

In memory of: Harland & Sharon Nelson, and Richard Shannon

From: Lynn & Janell Shannon

In memory of: My husband, Marshall

From: Betsy Tallon

In memory of: Neil Arntzen

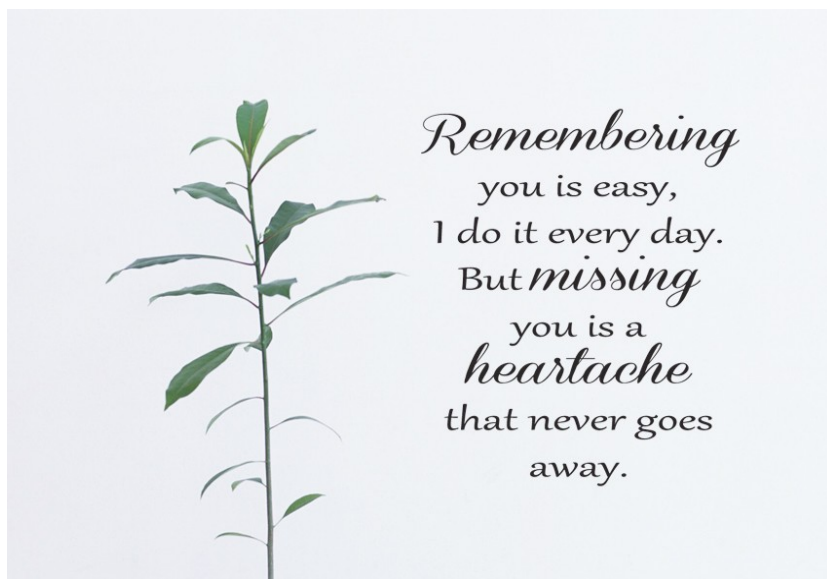
From: Helen Arntzen

In memory of: Wesley & Delilah Marquardt

From: Marlene Marquardt

In memory of: Otto & Gary Ihla

From: Alice Ihla and Bonnie Goduto





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 recommends funding 8 of the requests which totals \$22,260. The Church Council will meet in early May to review, adjust (if necessary), and approve the recommendations proposed by the Endowment Committee. The results will be published in the next newsletter.

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

METIGOSHE MINISTRIES ~ MOTHER THE CAMP ~

SHAPE UP THE SHOP

During the month of May donations can be brought to the church to help fill the camp pantry and shape up the shop.

Items needed: breakfast cereal, oatmeal, tomato sauce, canned vegetables, brown sugar, powdered sugar, white sugar, flour, sunscreen, chocolate chips, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, honey, mayonnaise, pickles, Hershey Kisses, drink mix, napkins, paper towels, paper cups, paper plates, toilet paper, dish soap, hand sanitizer, mosquito spray, Band Aids.

ALSO HELP SHAPE UP THE SHOP WITH: socket sets, drill bit sets, work gloves, garden carts, golf cart, reciprocating saw, extension cords, utility knives, chalk lines, brush mower/tow behind, chain saws, DeWalt 20v charger, DeWalt 20v batteries, pull-behind fertilizer spreader, air compressor (60 gallon), reciprocating saw blades, utility vehicle (like a Gator), yard vac/grass clippings trailer, wrench sets, tape measures, peg board hooks, circular saw blades, pliers, floor jack. *(Please make arrangements with the camp for large items.)*

OTHER METIGOSHE MINISTRY EVENTS:

Volunteer at Camp Metigoshe ~ Call Melissa Kornkven at 263-4788

Camp Work Day: Saturday, June 3rd

Camp Scrap-A-Lotta and Camp Quilt-A-Mucha

1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 19 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 21

35th Annual Quilt Auction: Saturday, June 24, 10:00 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNION



“At the Crossroads”, our journey through Lent to Easter Sunday





Gospel Seeds - May 2017

A Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff

Who will serve? Ministry is not a numbers game, it is all about relationships. Ministry happens as people of God gather around Word and Sacrament working to connect the Holy with everyday life. Ministry happens in worship on Sunday, around the dinner table on Monday and in faithful work any day of the week. Ministry happens as people share their hopes and dreams, their fears and their failings. Ministry can happen anywhere or at any time. Ministry is the work of all of God's people. Some people though are called or set aside for specific roles of ministry within the community of faith. Pastor or Deacon, even Synodically Authorized Ministers in training for ordination are set aside to serve. Who will step into these roles in the years to come? Troubling Numbers... We have gone through the spring assignment process – Western North Dakota was blessed to receive 2 candidates. We are thankful to God for these individuals however we reported 12 congregations or parishes in need of a first call candidate. Across the entire church, we are dealing with a declining number of individuals entering seminary. Many of those who are entering seminary are not from rural places, so the thought of serving in a rural setting is unsettling for many.

What shall we do? Whether or not your congregation has an opening at this moment should not matter, because we are in this together. The truth is that in the last 5 years 65% of our congregations have been or are in the call process. This is our issue together; both town and country churches have openings. Some have been waiting up to three years for the right candidate. All of us can keep our eyes open for people whom we believe have the gifts for service within the church. Pray for them and encourage them to consider serving the church as a pastor or deacon. We all can financially support those who are in seminary, as concern over educational debt is one of the hurdles facing candidates considering seminary.

Discernment Retreats... We are noticing that the more we talk about the need for qualified candidates, the more people begin to ask questions. We are in conversation with a number of people about the possibility of entering into theological education. Our next Discernment Retreat is scheduled for June 23-24 at Camp of the Cross. At this event individuals will have a chance to ask questions, talk with others who are wrestling with a call to ministry, as well as worship and pray together. This is a cooperative effort of the synods in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. For more information, call the synod office 701-223-5312 or email beth@wndsynod.org.

Synod Assembly Announcements: Registration is now open for the 2017 Western North Dakota Synod Assembly, visit wndsynod.org/synod-assembly for complete details. Here are a few things you should know: -Register before May 15th and you will save \$20 per person. -Pre-Assembly Workshop is June 1 from 10:30 to 3:00 with Rev. Dr. Sam Giere – “In Faith, For Faith: Reclaiming the Heart of Salvation”, cost \$15 which includes lunch. -Tickets for Thursday evening's Annual Mission Gala are also available, cost \$30/ticket -A number of resolutions have been submitted this year. We are going to try something different to allow people to hear the issues behind the resolutions. We will have open discussion on the various resolutions during the Friday plenary. This will allow voting members to hear the issues, discuss the issues and have time to think about them before they are brought to the floor for consideration and action on Saturday. -We invite you to bring your “Sweet Deal for CAR” funds with you to assembly, which marks the beginning of collecting funds to support ministry priorities in our companion synod church.

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

MAY CALENDAR

EVERY MONDAY: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Quilting

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 **7th & 21st**), coffee fellowship between service, **9:45 a.m.** Sunday School, **10:00 a.m.** FIRE UP Youth, **10:20 a.m.** Adult Bible Study, **10:10 a.m.** Cable TV worship broadcast ch. 19 & 52

HAPPENINGS

Monday, 1st - Janell out of the office all day

Wednesday, 3rd - **5:30 p.m.** Confirmation, **6:00 p.m.** W.E.B.S.

Monday, 8th - **9:30 a.m.** Deborah Circle

Tuesday, 9th - **5:15 p.m.** Parish Ed/Youth, **6:00 p.m.** Property, **6:00 p.m.** Worship, **6:00 p.m.** Stewardship, **6:00 p.m.** Evangelism, **7:00 p.m.** Council

Wednesday, 10th - **5:30 p.m.** Confirmation

Sunday, 14th - Last day of Sunday School, Youth sing during worship, Teacher Recognition

Monday, 15th—Friday, 19th - Janell out of the office

Tuesday, 16th - **9:30 a.m.** Hannah Circle, **2:00 p.m.** Rebecca Circle

Wednesday, 17th - **9:30 a.m.** Eve Circle

Sunday, 21st - Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday, 28th - Our new Pastor Ben Carlsen will lead worship

Monday, 29th- OFFICE CLOSED

CIRCLE INFORMATION

Eve - 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, the 17th at the Hospital Apartments

Hannah - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, the 16th

Deborah - 9:30 a.m. Monday, the 8th

W.E.B.S. - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, the 3rd

Rebecca - 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, the 16th

SERVING

Ushers: Brian Knudson, Rod Parrill, Reggie Myhr, and Bob Indvik

Reader Jeannie Orke

Greeters: Larry & Jeannie Orke

Coffee Fellowship: Volunteers needed

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

Altar Guild: *Mary Lura ~ please contact the office if you are willing to set up for communion*

Service Group Chairman: Mary Haugen, Coral Hoff

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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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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