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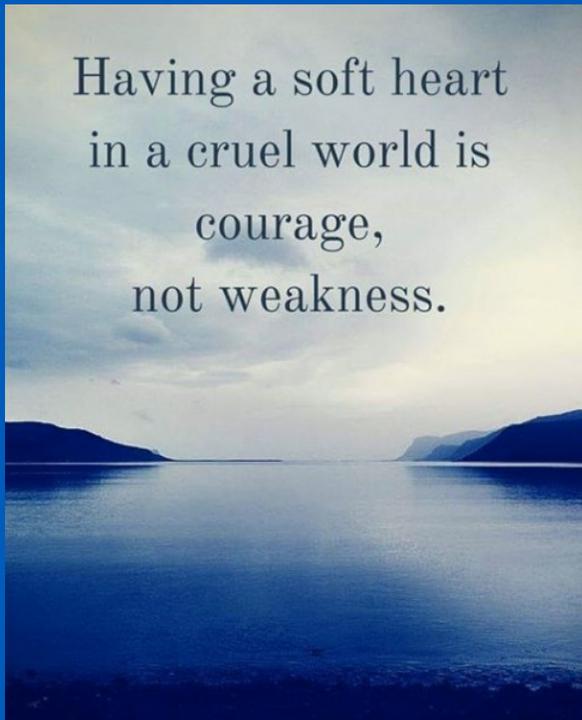
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Having a soft heart
in a cruel world is
courage,
not weakness.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Message From Our Council President

Good day to all:

Summer is here and we are being blessed with some warm weather. COVID-19 concerns continue to be on everybody's mind and the Church Council is doing its best to stay on top of the ever-changing conditions.

For the month of June we gathered on Wednesday evenings to worship as a group in the parking lot behind our church. These services were also taped and replayed on Sunday mornings on the local TV access channels, Facebook and also aired on Sunny 101.9.

The Church Council was hoping to move worship services back into the sanctuary starting in July but with the new cases of COVID-19 in Bottineau County, the Church Council decided to continue worshipping outside. These services will now be on Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m., and will start July 5th and will go through July. In the case of rain, the service will be held in the sanctuary but for only those required such as the Pastor, musicians, and the film and sound crew.

The organizers of the Bottineau County Fair have decided to put on a scaled back version of the Bottineau County Fair. The organizers did contact our Fair Stand committee but with all the COVID-19 regulations in place, it was decided that it was in the best interest for the stand not be run by First Lutheran this year. Once again these are tough decisions but we continue to do what we feel is best for our parishioners and the public.

The Church Council continues to discuss the call process and ask our members to be thinking of the questionnaire that was sent out. We will start hosting small group meetings this month to discuss the wants and needs of our congregation.

The FLC Council wants to say 'thank you' to all of you for your patience during these trying times. We know it is hard to comprehend and the council continues to make the decisions to keep our parishioners safe.

Thoughts and Prayers,

Brent Moum



First Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
May 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President, Brent Moum.

Members Present:

Mary Lura, Brent Moum, Connie Blada, Janell Monson, Katy Drader, Brian Knudson, Mike Aasen, Bob Abrahamson, Jenna Nelson, Nancy Stute

Members Absent:

Joe Kjelshus, Laura Kersten

Others in Attendance:

Pastor Carol, Lisa Herbel, Tammy Hahn

Acceptance of Agenda:

Bob A. moved to accept the agenda, Brian K. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

*Lisa reported \$16,703.79 income, \$15,623.50 expenses for a net income of \$1080.29.

*Lisa has no report on the EIDL Loan process, but will be checking on it.

*Pastor Carol suggested envelopes be left in the pews for giving options-currently 2 per row.

- Further discussion was made on this to see what is needed

*Brian K. made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Katie D. seconded. Motion carried

Secretary's report:

Jenna N. moved to accept the secretary's report of monthly and special meetings, Janell M. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Devotions: Pastor Carol

Committee Reports:

*Endowment

- Number of applications coming in, deadline will be May 15th

- Committee will meet May 20th

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***Parish Ed/Youth**

- Graduation Sunday is set for May 24th, parents are invited up to the front with the graduate during the service, if needed it has been scheduled for the service to be recorded on May 21, slideshow is just about complete, quilts are done, and cupcakes are ordered
- Discussion on VBS and Day Camp-Bob A. made a motion to cancel VBS, Janell M. seconded, Motion carried-this will be listed in the newsletter and Courant

***Worship**

- Chairperson of the committee stepped down
- Discussion on Easter Service

***Vinje**

- Scholarships are being worked on

***Property**

- Tammy H. and Willie H. have made a checklist for the duties broken down by time of need, such as: daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, annual.
- Assessor came and made an emergency list, no concerns

***Mutual Ministry**

- No report

***Evangelism**

- Cards and calls sent out to those on the list, if you want anyone added to the list, let a committee member know
- St. Andrew's shared their thankfulness for the efforts by the Evangelism Team

***Vision**

- No report

***Pastoral Care Team**

- Goes along with Evangelism

***Security Team**

- Has not met

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Old Business:

*Kite Fly

- Hoping to schedule this event in conjunction with Rally Sunday in September

*Parking Lot Party

- (now known as Parking Lot Festival) may be held with Crazy Days in August

*Call Process

- More discussion and finalization on questions by group
- Council needs to get the questions out to our members to review
- Questions will be finalized by Friday 5/15 to be in Sunday's bulletin (5/17)
- Council has profile paperwork to complete from the Synod

*Christian from Boy Scouts came in and requested to utilize the church on June 1 if possible, which will be determined at a closer date due to the COVID-19 guidelines

*Church opening

- Closed until June 7, 2020 tentatively
- Possible outdoor services may be held on Wednesdays versus Sundays starting June 3, 2020 at 7pm in the church parking lot

New Business:

*Pulpit supply for future-good

*Special Service from Bishop David Zellmer on May 17th

*Zoom group meeting for Ministers and Presidents on Thursday, May 14th

Closing:

*Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting:

*June 7, 2020 at 7pm, with a possible phone conference tentatively set for May 26th at 5pm

Motion to Adjourn:

*Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Nancy Stute, FLC Council Secretary



ONLINE GIVING CONTEST

Winner - Julie (Tim) Olson

Congratulations!

Prize
\$50 Bottineau Bucks!

Thank you to all who participated in the online giving contest and to those who continue to provide **financial support** and **gift of time** so that ministry and mission may continue!

Information on Charitable Giving - Western ND Synod

Source: Faith Simonieg, Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity

How the CARES Act Impacts Charitable Giving

When you think of making a financial gift to your congregation or favorite ministry, tax relief probably is not the first thing that comes to mind. If it's the second or third thing you think of, we want you to know that the CARES Act passed by the Congress in March provided provisions that increase the tax-deductibility of donations to charities - which include congregations and ministries. And, the window on these opportunities closes on December 31, 2020.

Two New Tax Benefits to Donors

Universal Deduction for Donations Up to \$300

For the over 9 out of 10 people who no longer itemize their charitable giving, the CARES Act will allow these individual taxpayers to deduct donations to charity of up to \$300 on their 2020 federal tax return, even though they take the standard deduction. Married-filing-jointly taxpayers will get an above-the-line deduction of up to \$600.

Raising the Charitable Giving Deduction Cap

For those donors who are still able to itemize their deductions, and therefore directly write off gifts to charity, the current deduction cap is 60% of adjusted gross income*. Corporations are able to deduct charitable donations up to 10% of taxable income.

The CARES Act lifts these caps to 100% for individuals and joint filers, while corporations will see their cap lifted to 25% for 2020. These are truly substantial changes to the tax treatment of donations. For individuals, it could theoretically mean zero taxable income if someone gives big.

*The 60% of AGI limit is for giving to 501(c)(3) public charities. The deductibility of gifts to 501(c)(3) private foundations is capped at 30% and was not included in this legislation.

Required minimum distributions suspended

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The new law temporarily suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions (RMD) for the 2020 tax year. This probably comes as a relief to many of you who would have had to withdraw from your retirement accounts. Many donors use their RMD to make a gift from their IRA. Despite the RMD suspension, remember that if you are 70½ or older, you can still make a gift from your IRA, name your congregation or favorite ministry as a beneficiary.

Why a gift from your IRA may still be a good idea:

- Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- Since the gift does not count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

We do not offer legal, accounting, or other professional advice or service. Professional advice on specific issues should be sought from an accountant, lawyer, or other professional.

Faith Simonieg, Assist. to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity



FLC men volunteers are needed to deliver noon meals throughout Bottineau for Meals on Wheels! (Women: please feel free to help, also!)

Who: Two drivers each day

When: Monday, July 27th - Friday July 31st (Only this one week left to fill!)

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Where: Senior Center East Door

****You will not be going into homes (most recipients have made arrangements to leave the meals at their door or meet you at the door)**

****Feel free to wear masks (not a requirement) - the church has masks if needed**

****If you wish to wear gloves (not a requirement), the Senior Center will provide them - please ask the workers at the Senior Center when you arrive**

If you are able to volunteer, please email or call the church office. I will email an updated list periodically.

Thank you for serving our community!



Change in Worship Schedule

Effective: July 5, 2020 through the month of July

When: Sundays at 9:00 a.m., *weather permitting*

Where: First Lutheran Church parking lot

Why: Get back to a “normal” schedule and still keep everyone as safe as possible

Key Reasons Why Outdoors:

- Taking advantage of the warm weather while we can
- Less risk since we are not in an enclosed space for an extended period of time
- Congregation is able to sing if the service is outdoors

Communion: July 12th and July 26th

Poor Weather Conditions: Outdoor service will be cancelled, however, will still be filmed for radio, TV and Facebook broadcasting

Other Changes: Because we will be filming Sundays again, the following will change with our broadcasts:

- *Radio:* Will be a week behind. To “catch up”, we will be broadcasting Pastor Carol’s June 3rd service on July 5th (this service was not previously broadcast due to a special service provided by ELCA for that week). After that, the radio broadcast will be the prior week’s worship service.
- *Facebook:* Will be broadcast, but broadcast time is to be determined.
- *Local Cable:* No change

First Lutheran thanks you for all of your patience with the changes and adjustments!

Sunday Morning Worship Broadcasts

We will continue to have worship broadcast on Sundays as follows:

8:30 a.m. - Radio - Sunny 101.9 FM

TBD - Facebook -
www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranChurchBottineau

10:10 a.m. - Television -
Local Cable Channels 19 & 52





Please come and enjoy the outdoors!

- ∴ Bring your own chairs or stay in your vehicle
- ∴ Stay in family groups & 6 feet from other family groups
- ∴ Stay home if you are feeling ill
- ∴ Church restrooms will be open
- ∴ Hand sanitizer & masks will be available
- ∴ Bulletins will be emailed and available at the service

Ushers

Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild

Diane Pritchard
Sheila Bertsch

Service Group Chairpersons

Lynne Boettcher
Volunteer Needed

CLOTHING CENTER
Closed until further notice.

If you would like to
serve for any areas or
assist with a Sunday
service, please call
the church
office at 228-2228.

OFFICE CLOSED

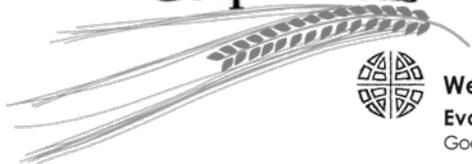
Friday, July 3rd

**FLC CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**

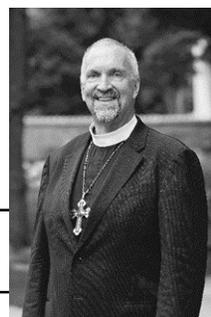
Office: Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Vice-Pastor: Wednesday
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Gospel Seeds



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM BISHOP

July 2020

Luke 15:1-7 NRSV

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: which one of you, having 100 sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the 99 in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one Sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance.

In just a few short weeks, on July 17, the Western North Dakota Synod Assembly is gathering at a special meeting to do the work that is required of the people of Western North Dakota who are walking together. We will elect people to the Synod Council and Boards, pass a budget, discuss a couple of Resolutions, hear reports of ministry around the synod, and elect a new bishop. That pastor, so chosen, will officially begin their term on September 1, 2020.

As the voting members from each of the congregations prepare to do the work of the Synod on July 17, here are some hopefully helpful items to consider as you elect your new bishop.

Please read the WND Synod's constitution section on the Office of the Bishop: <http://wndsynod.org/preparing-bishops-election/> before you arrive. It is the longest section in any of our 3 ELCA Constitutions and truth be told I find the list of duties to be daunting. The responsibilities are far reaching and they each are important to the life and health of the Church. They require a team effort to complete them, as to date I've not met a bishop who can fulfill them all on their own. Having the right people to work with is the most important first decision the bishop-elect will make.

As I told the South Dakota Synod in 2007 when I was first elected and I believe it still to be true is this; “the only lasting impactful gift that a bishop provides to the Synod, is which leaders are invited in and those that are kept out.” As the church changed during my 12 years a 2nd phrase was added. “And which leaders we raise up from our midst to train and educate to be pastors and deacons.” Western North Dakota will have to continue the work that Bishop Narum and the staff began of finding, training, mentoring and educating local people who will finally serve as Ordained Pastors and Deacons. The process is called discernment and I believe it is one of the most important tasks that bishops, staff and Candidacy Committees undertake for the church.

I would speak to each of the pastors that are eligible for election. Please be mindful of the personal costs that come with the call to the office of bishop. This calling will impact your relationships, your health and your spirit. How you respond and deal with the impact will be up to you and I strongly encourage you to be responsive in ways that are life-giving.

Remember that the bishop is the pastor to the Synod. We are responsible for the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ and for the people of God. All of them, not just the 99, even the lost 1. As I have watched my fellow bishops work and what I have set my hand to is the regular task of finding lost sheep. When the bishop is working with people who have been victimized by the church and have become lost, I have found it to be holy work, but regularly the 99 will not be as impressed, they may even grumble. The work of seeking the lost and all that comes with that work must not be abandoned or forsaken.

Finally, the most important characteristic needed in a bishop is a deep abiding faith in Jesus Christ. Know that you are a child of God and that no matter what, Christ will not let you go. Rest in the promise that was poured into each one of us in our baptism and know finally that it is not your church, but Jesus Christ’s church.

I will continue to pray that the leader that is needed now for the people of God in Western North Dakota will be chosen. My prayers of support will continue.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev David B. Zellmer
Interim Bishop, Western North Dakota Synod, ELCA

Special Meeting of the Western ND Synod Assembly

Registration and Details are available at:
<http://wandsynod.org/synod-assembly/>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 13 - Rally Sunday

September 27 - First Communion
(for the ceremony that was postponed)



Parish Education Committee

Jessie Boehnke (Chair)
Jenna Nelson (Council Rep)
Nancy Stute
Lindsey Guss
Jeremy Moen
Janell Monson
Shawna Allard
Faith Bartsch
Connie Blada

Confirmation

September 16 - 7th-9th grade student/parent meeting
TBD - 10th grade student/parent meeting with Pastor Carol
November 4th - 10th grade Banquet (9th grade will serve)
November 8th - Confirmation



Sunday School is in Need of Teachers!!

This year Sunday School will be following the Bottineau Public School schedule (if no school the Friday before or Monday after, there will be no Sunday School). There will be classroom rotation for grades 1-6; the teacher will rotate with the same children. The following are the age groups we need teachers for:



- √ Pre-K/K: (not included in the rotation)
- √ 1st & 2nd: (3-week rotation)
- √ 3rd & 4th: (3-week rotation)
- √ 7th & 8th: (1st & 3rd Sundays of each month)



Please contact a member of the Parish Ed Committee (listed above)
if you are able to volunteer or have any questions! Thank you!

July 2020 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Monthly Prayer Calendar Submitted by: <i>Glenda Heisler</i></p> 			<p>1 Things at times look so hopeless; Lord lift me up from despair and give me hope and strength. Luke 18:1</p>	<p>2 Tough times never last, but tough people do. (Robert Schuler) It is hard and perplexing to see how lost we are becoming. Psalm 60:3</p>	<p>3 Lord Jesus, may your life be manifest in us; grace and mercy, strength and thanksgiving. 2 Corinthians 4:8-10</p>	<p>4 Life, Liberty, Happiness. You are the giver of life; Your truth sets me free; happy are the people whose God is the Lord. Psalm 144:15</p>
<p>5 This present trial has come to teach me something. May I learn my lesson and pass the test. 1 Peter 4:12</p>	<p>6 Lord take my hand and lead me through this life; building on things eternal. Matthew 7:24, 25</p> 	<p>7 Help me always to love, praise and adore you, God, no matter what troubles befall me. Psalm 27:1</p>	<p>8 Even in times of trial, let me be capable of great acts of love. Ephesians 4:32</p>	<p>9 Let me be an instrument of Thy love. 1 John 4:7; Colossians 3:13</p>	<p>10 My life may not be perfect, yet I know Lord, you will perfect that which concerneth me. Psalm 138:8</p>	<p>11 Make your vision for our families, church, nation clear; put your law into our hearts. Proverbs 29:18</p>
<p>12 Your eyes Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those who are fully committed to You. Strengthen us Lord for the days ahead. 2 Chronicles 16:9</p>	<p>13 “Let the weak say I am strong.” So I say “I AM STRONG”. Joel 3:10</p>	<p>14 I need truth. I desire and long for truth. Without truth I am deceived and enslaved. I run to you God for you cannot lie. Titus 1:2</p>	<p>15 I have been in my house and not heard a knock at the door because I had so much turned on inside. Help me turn down the noise in my soul so I may let you in when I hear you knock. Revelations 3:20</p>	<p>16 Thy presence fills my solitude; Thy providence turns all to good. (S. Longfellow) Psalm 31:19</p>	<p>17 I recognize God as the great fact of the universe, separate from no place or part, but revealed in all places and in all things (T.C. Upham) Psalm 13:6</p>	<p>18 A young friend was worried that her future children would be ugly. I said, “love your children and they will be lovely.” 2 Corinthians 3:18</p>
<p>19 Let your love, God, be perfected in me. Psalm 145:9</p>	<p>20 Lord touch all the hurting backs today, cause their spines to straighten, their muscles relax, their strength return. Ezekiel 34:16</p>	<p>21 Lord let me maintain a calm face and a gentle tone; even if I am not feeling well, let me not use it as an excuse to sin. 2 Corinthians 4:16</p>	<p>22 America is in distress Lord, hear our cries and save us. 2 Chronicles 20:9</p>	<p>23 We are not worthy of your love and mercy Lord, yet when we repent, you forgive. Blessed are the poor in spirit. Matthew 5:3</p>	<p>24 In the battle between good and evil, the victory is the Lord's. When I hold my peace and let God fight my battles, victory will be mine. 2 Chronicles 20:15-17</p>	<p>25 When I read “You love the world” I can believe I am loved because I am part of the world. When I read the hairs on my head are numbered, I feel cherished. Luke 12:7</p>
<p>26 I choose You, Holy Spirit, to be my guide. Romans 8:1-5</p>	<p>27 I set my mind on the spiritual. Lord, help me. Romans 8:6</p>	<p>28 Father God I am yours; I sense your spirit working in my life. Romans 8:13-16</p>	<p>29 Presently I suffer but my future with You will be glorious. Romans 8:17, 18</p>	<p>30 Holy Spirit, you know what to pray for when I do not and lead me in intercession. Romans 8:26-27</p>	<p>31 I take courage this day knowing you Lord are for me and working all things for my good. Romans 8:28-31</p> 	

Thank you!

Thank you for your 'Mother the Camp' donations last month for Camp Metigoshe! Your generosity is appreciated!

Be Strong,
you never know
who you are
inspiring

Memorials

~ Larry Haugen



IN LOVING
memory

BOOK READ/DISCUSSION WITH PASTOR CAROL

Those wishing to join the book readings and discussions on racism and white privilege are invited to order the books: *Waking Up White* and *Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving and *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. We will likely start the first part of July and determine: time, day, and place for meeting at our first gathering. Please watch the bulletin and Facebook for further details.

MISSION ACTION

Lutheran Social Services has set tentative shipment dates of July 15 and 16 from Minot. They plan to take the same kits (baby, personal care, school, and fabric) as well as quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Watch for more definite information closer to the dates.

Submitted by
LeaRae Espe



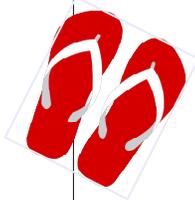
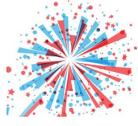
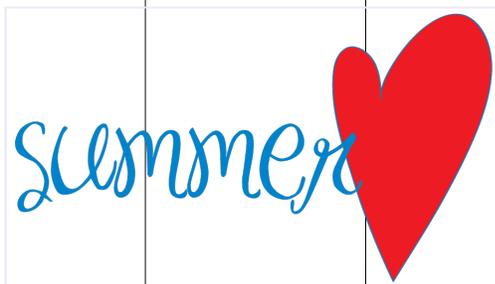
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chin up,
trust in
God.
& BELIEVE in
good things
TO COME"
Jeffrey R. Holland



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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, bottineauflc.org and click on the DONATE button.

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

President: Brent Moum

Vice President: Mike Aasen

Secretary: Nancy Stute

Janell Monson

Joe Kjelshus

Laura Kersten

Katy Drader

Brian Knudson

Connie Blada

Jenna Nelson

Mary Lura

Bob Abrahamson

WORSHIP: Sundays - 9:00 a.m. - First Lutheran Church Parking Lot (weather permitting)

SUNDAY WORSHIP BROADCASTS: 8:30 a.m. on 101.9FM

TBD on Facebook

10:10 a.m. on local cable Ch. 19 & 52

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