

# GOOD NEWS

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*This is  
the day the  
Lord has made,  
Let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



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A MESSAGE FROM Sherie Heine

OCTOBER 2021

Associate to the Bishop for Congregational Life & Director for Evangelical Mission

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***“Anything can happen.”*** (Mark 9:23b)

It’s certainly been a long few months of *anything* and seemingly *everything* happening! We’ve all lived it and continue to live it! Let’s be honest.... These past months have been a mix feelings and a mess of emotions. As we gathered with the Rostered Ministers of our Synod for retreat and learning in Medora a few weeks ago, our time of rest and renewal was centered on a guiding Scripture from Mark 9:14-29 (Message). This gathering – the people and the focus – was exactly what I needed. What many in attendance needed. Perhaps what many of you may need?

Rev. Lisa Lewton (St. John, Dickinson) captured our time and the message in a recent eloquent blog entitled, **“When One Feeling Isn’t Enough”**. She consented to sharing it with you. Thank you, Pastor.

*Last week, I spent a few days with my colleagues in Western North Dakota at an annual theological retreat. We both retreated by resting and catching up, and engaged in theological learning and discussion. It's no secret that Western North Dakota is not the most desirable location in the country to do ministry! Lutherans leaders often prefer to land in a metro area, and so what leaders in other areas might miss is a tight-knit collegial community. It is tight-knit because we know we need each other to survive! There is no sense of competition among churches, but instead a culture of support. And so when the conversation at our retreat centered around processing the past year and looking ahead at the work yet to do, there was a flood of feelings. There was grief and hope, disappointment and gratitude, mercy and frustration, all at once.*

*Did you know you can feel at least two feelings at once? You do it all the time. You feel love for your spouse and also utter shock that the two of you are still married. You feel gratitude for your child and ongoing irritation that said child continues to leave a trail of messiness throughout the house. You feel content in your life at the same time you feel curious that there might be something more.*

*There are so many feelings in the world right now! It might be helpful to remember your neighbor may be as confused about her feelings as you are about yours. I live in one of the Covid-sickest parts of the country, so while I'm grateful people have started reconnecting at the church I serve, I feel deep concern for people's health. Should we be gathering? I think, yes. Should we be cautious? Also yes. Is it good for our souls to gather in the same space? Absolutely yes. Even now? I think, yes.*

*Argh. It's no small task to be human these days, with so many feelings bubbling inside of us. I encourage you today to take note of your feelings. Here is [a link with a list of feelings](https://baynvc.org/list-of-feelings/) (https://baynvc.org/list-of-feelings/) if you need some help. Then, you might ask a friend or people in your family to do the same. My very favorite tool to engage you in conversation around feelings with your own self or with others feelings are [GROK cards](https://groktheworld.com/) (https://groktheworld.com/).*

*There is a lot going on in your life if you start to dig around a bit. As I learned in a room full of pastors, deacons and a flood of feelings, naming the truth of what we are experiencing is an invitation for Christ's healing love.*

I pray you find healing in Christ’s love.

*Sherie*

## A Message from FLC Stewardship Committee

### Is Your Church Also A Business?

By Rev. Keith Pearson, ELCA Foundation

It's a phrase I've heard many times: "The church is also a business." And I understand the rationale behind that phrase. It's true that the church, like a business, is an entity with property to maintain, bills to pay, personnel to manage and so on. It also has a stream of income and expenses to be paid. However, to take the analogy any further could be a grave mistake. I believe this mistaken mindset has harmed our ability to do ministry and raise funds in support of it. The church should be looking for a *prophet*, not a profit.

There is a much deeper theological discussion here that I will leave you to explore with your local pastor, but the point I want to make here is simply this: When we compare the church to a business we are looking to the wrong example, particularly when it comes to raising funds.

The church does not have a product or service to sell, nor does it (or at least should not) have investors who expect a return on their investment. So, a better analogy would be to compare the church to other not-for-profit organizations. The church certainly has more in common with the local food shelf than it does the local grocery store.

When it comes to raising monies to fund the work of the church there are some great lessons to be learned from our not-for-profit neighbors. So, what can successful not-for-profits teach the church?

**Lesson #1: Cash is not king.** An interesting study was published in 2018 by Professor Russell James of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX. The study tracked over one million not-for-profit organizations from 2010 to 2016. The study found not-for-profits that only solicited cash donations managed to grow their revenues at a rate roughly equal to inflation. Those that also sought out non-cash gifts (mostly securities, but any tangible goods) grew their revenues by a remarkably higher rate (65% more). Add to this an IRS statistic that says 98% of the average American's wealth (and therefore their ability to give) resides in non-cash assets. The average church only asks for gifts of cash. The church needs to embrace non-cash giving.

**Lesson #2: Endowments are a key to long-term success.** Successful not-for-profits have long known the value of endowments (sometimes referred to as "perpetual funds"). These funds are often built on special legacy gifts – gifts that come through bequests or from large, accumulated assets that may represent a donor's lifetime of work. Because they represent such long-term, hard-earned wealth they are not likely to be given to the annual fund. These donors prefer their gifts to be put to work (invested) rather than simply spent. They prefer that only the growth in value be used to fund the mission of the not-for-profit. Endowments provide a steady stream of income that does not depend on annual donations. And this income is not generally subject to temporary economic downturns. Over time, these accumulating gifts can become a substantial part of the organization's overall funding. A strong endowment assures the not-for-profit is in it for the long haul. The church needs to embrace endowment giving.

If you'd like to learn more about these and other lessons the church can learn from our not-for-profit neighbors, I'd be happy to visit with you. My services are free to you thanks to a partnership with your Synod. Give me a call!

*Keith Pearson is the ELCA Foundation's Regional Gift Planner in Western Minnesota and North Dakota. His services are available at no charge to congregations interested in building and growing endowments and other planned gifts, and to individuals interested in creating estate gifts that will provide funding to local congregations, other ministries of the ELCA, and to charitable causes important to them. He can be reached at 612-718-4197 or [keith.pearson@elca.org](mailto:keith.pearson@elca.org).*



### 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, Stephanie Oakland, at [stephanie.oakland@outlook.com](mailto:stephanie.oakland@outlook.com) 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](http://bottineauflc.org) and click on the DONATE button.



First Lutheran Church  
Monthly Council Minutes  
September 14, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President Mike A. at 7:15 pm

Members Present: Mike Aasen, Brian Knudson, Sheila Bertsch, Laura Kersten, Katy Drader, Janell Monson

Members Absent: Joe Kjelskus, Swain Benson, Jenna Nelson, Janell Shannon, Nancy Stute

Others Present: Faith Bartsch, Pastor Carol Wendel

Acceptance of Agenda with additions:



- Video Screen Discussion
- Approve Special Meeting minutes

\*\*Motion to approve the agenda with additions made by Sheila B, seconded by Katy D.

Treasurer's Report

- Stephanie O. absent
- Brian K. made a motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report, seconded by Laura K.

Secretary's Report

- Amendments to August minutes: motion to hold a congregational meeting for the purpose of hiring a youth leader

\*\*Motion to approve August's Meeting Minutes with amendments made by Laura K, seconded by Sheila B.

\*\*Motion to approve Special Congregational Meeting Minutes (9/12/2021) made by Katy D., seconded by Brian K.

**Committee Reports-**

Endowment Committee

- No report

Parish Ed. Committee

- Rally Sunday meal had 75 in attendance (prepped for 150)
- Confirmation Luncheon November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30; Confirmation November 7<sup>th</sup>
  - » Pastor Cole will be the guest speaker
- Backpack Blessing, Bibles – 4 yr. olds, and Teacher Installation on September 19<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Director Application
  - Shawna A, Faith B, Jesse B, Tammy H, and Janell M will be contact people
  - Post to FLC Facebook, Courant, Synod website, Metigoshe Ministries Facebook

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Worship Committee

- Discussion about changing from committees to teams—no changes at this time
- Video Screen—a congregation member suggested that it would be nice to begin using the screen again, Tammy will work with someone to get presentations made and begin using the screen again when possible

Vinje Committee

- No requests to report

Property Committee

- Cleaned out rooms and sold some unneeded items—made \$600. Questioned where money should go
  - ° Decision was made that money should go to Property Committee account

Mutual Ministry Committee

- No report

Evangelism

- No report

Vision Committee

- Pastor Carol suggests that we make a plan to move forward in this area.

Old Business

- Senior Companion Program –Synod attorney is reviewing contract
- Covid protocols review – no changes
- Council Vacancy—Council still has 1 vacancy, being advertised in the bulletin and newsletter
- Call Process—2 requests for paperwork (1=no, 1=waiting to hear back)

New Business

- New Candle Request—a congregation member expressed interest in giving a gift to update the hanging sanctuary lamp (eternal flame) to electric

Pastor Carol Time

- Prayer

Closing

- Lord's Prayer

\*\*Motion to adjourn made by Brian K.,  
seconded by Sheila B.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Next meeting October 12, 2021 at 7pm

Minutes submitted respectfully by Katy Drader



## ATTENTION FLC COMMITTEES/GROUPS

### *2021 Budget & Annual Reports*

Please submit your proposed budgets to the church office AND let Stephanie know if there are any changes in your budget needs for the upcoming year by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please submit your annual (year-end) report to the church office no later than **December 28<sup>th</sup>**. *Thank you!*

### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

United Parish is looking for volunteers to help prepare their community Thanksgiving meal the day before Thanksgiving. Please contact Pat Kippen at 228-3551 if interested! Thank you!



The Bethany Lutheran Church Youth Group would like to invite you to join them for their annual

### **Turkey Dinner**

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
215 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE, Minot  
Please use Door #3

Saturday, November 6th  
Serving from 4:00PM-7:00PM

Free Will Donations  
Funds will help students attend the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis and Summer Bible Camp

To-Go Dinners Available

### MINOT FIRST LUTHERAN ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR

Minot First Lutheran Church, 120 5th Ave NW will hold their annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 6 ---- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The day will open at 9 a.m. with Home-made Pie and Coffee. From 11 am – 1 pm, a Creamed Chicken & Biscuits Lunch will be served. All day Grandma's Attic and Prairie Sky Breads will be selling fall treats. Also Rømmegrøt (by the pint), LEFSE, and FROZEN APPLE PIES will be sold (or until sold out)...If you missed your Hostfest Rømmegrøt, this is your chance to enjoy in the comfort of home!

### CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

First Lutheran will be doing the Christmas Day Dinner this year! Watch for further details to come!



*Marvel &  
the Christmas Day  
Dinner Crew*

### SENIOR CITIZENS:

Keith Hanson, Minot, will present material and discuss the issues of Supplemental Insurance and Prescription Drug Insurance at the Bottineau Senior Citizens Building on Monday, November 15th at 1:00 p.m. Anyone that has questions or is looking for information concerning these topics is asked to attend this open meeting. Please bring a list of your medications with you.



## HELP STOCK THE BOTTINEAU FOOD PANTRY!

The Food Pantry is an important ministry in our area. Did you know that on the third Wednesday of every month the Food Pantry distributes food to a continuing growing number of families? So we are hoping to help out!

The Food Pantry is in high need of cereal and canned vegetables, specifically peas. They also take non-food items, such as Kleenex and soap. During the month of November, you will see a grocery cart just outside the sanctuary. We are asking that you bring donations to the church during the month in November.

Donations do not have to be limited to the month of November! Donations can be dropped off anytime by contacting the food pantry or when they are open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

The Food Pantry also accepts monetary donations which can be mailed to:

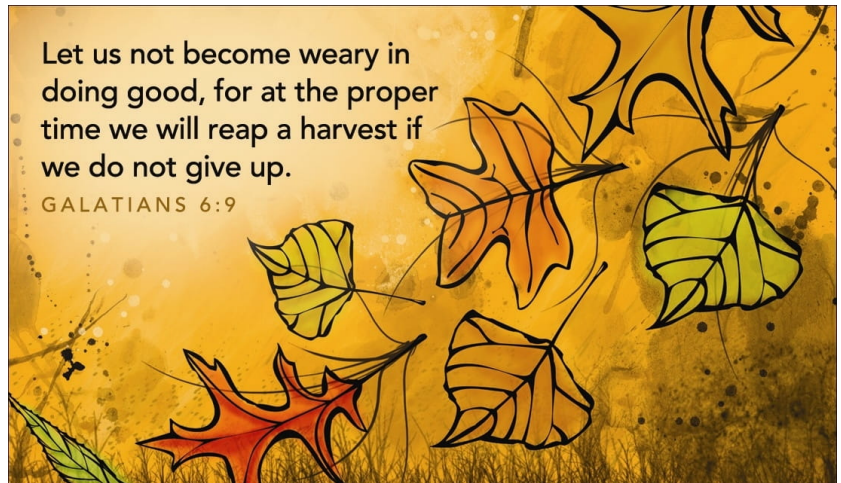
Bottineau Food Pantry  
122 5<sup>th</sup> St W  
Bottineau, ND 58318.

Please visit the Food Pantry's facebook page for more information or contact Tim Schroeter at 701-228-4098!



### GOATS FOR HAITI

Our Goats for Haiti fundraiser is on its way! Watch the bulletin and next newsletter for the details!



### CALLING ALL ANGELS!

Be an angel this Christmas by purchasing a gift for a tag from the Angel Tree. The Angel Tree will be up in the narthex mid-November. Each Angel tag on the tree will identify a child and lists their gift wishes. A clipboard will be in the narthex to sign your name by the child you have chosen. Please watch the bulletin for the gift value guideline and the deadline to bring gifts back to the office!

Thank you from *Pastor Carol* to the council and congregational members for cards, gifts, and good wishes on Clergy Appreciation Day. It is nice to be remembered! Prayers that you will continue to grow and strengthen your ministry as you await full-time pastoral leadership.



From Our Pastors

As the old, retired guy that just tries to help out as I am able, I was touched by being included in Pastor Appreciation recognition on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Church Council and the congregation for thinking of me. As I watched the worshipping congregation file past on the way to communion that Sunday, I was filled with the joy of remembering each of you that have welcomed Shelly and me into this First Lutheran family over these years. I thought I should host a Congregational Appreciation Sunday someday. You have been such a blessing to us and we thank you!  
*Glenn and Shelly Berge*

**CONFIRMATION (Nov. Schedule)**

- ◆ **Wednesday, Nov. 3**  
3:30 p.m. - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
5:00 p.m. - FLC 9<sup>th</sup> Gr. (serve banquet)
- ◆ **Wednesday, Nov. 17**  
3:30 p.m. - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
4:45 p.m. - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
6:00 p.m. - Metigoshe 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**10th GRADE  
CONFIRMATION BANQUET**

(9th Grade Serves)

Wednesday  
November 3, 2021

5:00 p.m. - Pictures  
6:00 p.m. - Banquet



*Congratulations to  
our Confirmands!*

*November 7, 2021*

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| ~ Morgan Aasen    | ~ Nicholas Barbot |
| ~ Easton Freeman  | ~ Ella Keith      |
| ~ Dylan Lindquist | ~ Natalie Moen    |
| ~ David Monson    | ~ Rayna Mortenson |



*May God's Love Be Always in Your Hearts to Strengthen You Along Life's Way.*





Don't forget to set your scales back ten pounds this week

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!**

Daylight savings time is coming to a close, meaning we'll get to turn back the clocks an hour and catch up on sleep. This year's time change happens next Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2 a.m., shifting back to 1 a.m.

**QUILTING**

*All Are Welcome!*

Mondays  
1pm - 3pm

**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.



**SUNDAY  
SCHEDULE**

Worship  
9:00 a.m.

*Coffee Fellowship  
to Follow*

Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

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**  
November  
11, 25 & 26

**NO  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

November  
14 & 28

**CLOTHING CENTER  
SCHEDULE**

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
10am - 3pm

Please call the office regarding donations.  
Thank you.

**Altar Guild**  
Kathy Benson  
*Volunteer Needed*

**Service Group Chairpersons**

Mary Haugen  
*Volunteer Needed*



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# My Baptism day



## *Banks Ensley Liebl*

*Baptized:* October 10, 2021  
*Parents:* Justin & Sloan Liebl  
*Sponsors:* Eric & Alecia Herbel

## *Paisley Dawn McGuire*

*Baptized:* October 2, 2021  
*Parents:* Michael McGuire & Mandi Kornkven  
*Sponsor:* Chad McGuire  
*Sponsor:* Karley Meyer

Thank you to Jim Kofoid for helping Willie clean up the church grounds and for the use of his lawn equipment! Jim also recently purchased 2 new candle lighters for worship. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated!

We would like to express our gratitude in advance to Rick and Pam Moum! They will be doing the parking lot snow removal this winter. We also would like to extend a thanks to Jeremy Ketterling for cleaning the lot last winter season!

Jim Kofoid

Rick & Pam  
Moum

Jeremy Ketterling



Dick Kornkven  
All  
Volunteers!

Mike Foster

A shout out to Mike Foster. Much appreciation for checking and fixing our electrical/heating needs; you are always quick to get here even on your busiest days!

And last but not least, you may have noticed a keypad on the main doors of the church. There is also a keypad on the back door going down to the kitchen. Thank you to Dick Kornkven who donated the locks and his time to install them!

And to all of our volunteers and committee members - thank you for everything you do!



# November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 1pm-Quilting 5:30pm-Cub Scouts-Crtyard 7pm -Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall 7pm-Girl Scouts Courtyard	<b>2</b> 11am-Visitation Team-Conf. Rm. 3:30pm-Book Group-Conf. Rm.	<b>3</b> 3:30pm-6th Gr. Confirmation 5pm-FLC 9th Gr. Confirmation (serve banquet) 5pm-10th Gr. Conf. Photos 6pm-Banquet	<b>4</b> 10am-Coffee	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 9am-Worship/ Communion/ Confirmation <i>Coffee Fellowship to follow</i> 10am-Sunday School	<b>8</b> 1pm-Quilting 5:30pm-Cub Scouts-Crtyard 7pm -Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall 7pm-Girl Scouts Courtyard	<b>9</b> 5:15pm-Parish Ed 6pm-Property 6pm-Worship 7pm - Council	<b>10</b> 9am-Deborah Circle-Library	<b>11</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10am-Coffee 	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9am-Worship <i>Coffee Fellowship</i> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>15</b> 1pm-Quilting 7pm -Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall 7pm-Girl Scouts Courtyard	<b>16</b> 9:30am-Hannah Circle	<b>17</b> 2pm-Rebecca Circle 3:30pm-7th Gr. Confirmation 4:45pm-8th Gr. Confirmation 6pm-Metigoshe 9th Gr. Conf.	<b>18</b> 10am-Coffee	<b>19</b> <b>NEWS-LETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b> 9am-Worship/ Communion/ Brooks & Knudson Baptisms <i>Coffee Fellowship to follow</i> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>29</b> 1pm-Quilting 7pm -Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall 7pm-Girl Scouts Courtyard	<b>30</b> Noon-Senior Companions-Conf. Room	<p align="center"><b><u>Sunday Morning Worship Broadcasts</u></b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Radio - Sunny 101.9 FM</p> <p>LIVE - Facebook - <a href="http://www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranChurchBottineau">www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranChurchBottineau</a></p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Television - Local Cable Channels 19 &amp; 52</p>			

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Laura Kersten

Katy Drader

Brian Knudson

Anthony (Swain) Benson

Janell Shannon

Sheila Bertsch

Andrea Bardell

**CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Mike Aasen, Jenna Nelson, Sheila Bertsch, Shawna Allard, Nate Olson and Rachel Stewart

**WORSHIP SERVICE / LIVESTREAM: Sundays - 9:00 a.m.**

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