

GLORIA DEI

LUTHERAN CHURCH



AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Pastor David Maxfield

Dear Friends in Christ.

Back in Iowa our youth group loved going out to the Grimes farm. Fun games, food and fire could life be any better? As the sun slipped into the horizon's pocket, our leader said, "let's play a game" and drew from his bag a large candle. As he lit it he said, "it's called Romans and Christians". After being divided up into two groups he huddled with the first group and told them they were the Romans. We watched and wondered as they scattered into the darkness.

Gathered around the candle he told us, "You are Christians. Did you know that in ancient times it was illegal to be a disciple of Jesus?" Yet Christians always gather for prayer, for community and for support. Here's the deal, the candle represents the "light of Christ" the Light of the World. Your goal is to get the candle to the barn without it being or snuffed out. You need to be careful, the "Romans" are out looking for the illegal Christians, and if they find you, you could be taken to "jail" (the front porch). You may have to pass the candle off, you may have hide it, you will want to know if the person you bump into is a disciple or someone else. Then he drew a fish in the dirt. Remember this symbol, it was how Christians knew each other without speaking a word. And with that he told us to close our eyes while he slipped into darkness.

It was an intense version of hide and go seek. We knew our destination, we knew our purpose, but we just stood there. Claire took the candle, "Look she said, the longer we stand here, the more likely we are to be caught. I will try to get it to the barn, but we have to disperse. If you see two quick flickers it means I'm in trouble....

Now it was dark. We made our way through the timber. "hey you" one of the high-school football players said, and I froze in my tracks. "you one of those Christians?" He shined his light in my eyes. "Well?" I said not a word, but took a stick and drew a fish in the dirt. "What's that?" he said. My silence won my freedom. I continued down the path breathless, relieved and thankful.

Dean blew the whistle and we gathered in the barn. The gave out light, but it was amazing how little light was needed to scatter the darkness. He posted the two football players by the door and every time they saw headlights, a whistle in the dark would send us huddling around the candle, to keep it lit, to keep us from being seen.

It was during our prayer in the barn that I first learned about Christian martyrs, in ancient and modern times, people like you and me for whom the faith was risky, costly, and sometimes even deadly. I remember that as Dean told the story of ordinary Christians with an extraordinary faith, he ended it with this question, "if you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

The question came back to me as I read the news of the Catholic priest who was martyred while saying Mass in Normandy, France. Every year over 5000 of our brothers and sisters who name the name of Jesus are asked to choose- your Lord or your life. I used to think it was a game, I used to think it only happened back then or over there. Now I am beginning to wonder, how would I answer the question.

Shalom

Pastor David

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



- Rally Day - Sunday, Sept 11th & Wednesday, Sept 14th
- Confirmation Parent Meeting - September 7th - 5:30 PM
- Youth 4:12 Parent meeting - September 7th - 7 PM
- Parish Ed Teacher Training - September 7th - 6 PM
- Still needing teachers for Sunday & Wednesday night.
Please contact the office if interested.
- More information coming with new Church School Newsletter

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE @
www.gloriadeiwill.org



Worship in the Park

Date: August 21st

Place: Harmon Park

Time: 9:30 AM

Potluck picnic to
follow service.

Please bring lawn chairs.

If you have an extra chair, bring one to share!



Thank you to
NOV for the
donation to
the food
pantry!!

Famous Names of the Bible

E W Z H P E S O J R K A W L I
V M W N U S N R C E X H D X C
E X O A N Y E S J T O M E A Z
B A X G H D T S T E J O B L M
H P W G A V L P O P S P S U Q
S M W Y I B A G U M A U A A A
N M E Y M F R A B N B X S P E
M Q H R E A Y I V U R H Q L B
A K T A R F H I E K A Q I L C
Z L T M E L T I H L H J R G L
M L A B J E O I X T A B T I Z
A U M O L I M D W H M N X S P
R K M C S N I I E E N F W A J
K E L A J A T V D I V A D A Q
W P Y J A D F Z K J Z U Y C Z

ABRAHAM MARY
ADAM MATTHEW
DANIEL MOSES
DAVID NOAH
ELIJAH PAUL
EVE PETER
GABRIEL TIMOTHY
ISAAC
JACOB
JEREMIAH
JESUS
JOB
JOSEPH
LUKE
MARK



July Memorials

In Memory of Florence Larvick

Etta Miller.....50/50 Fund
 Shirley Green.....50/50 Fund

In Memory of Erik Rauser

Kenny & JoAnn Oyen.....50/50 Fund

In Memory of DeLaine Rude

Kent & Lois Reierson.....50/50 Fund

In Memory of Duane Hought

Gary & Linda Knusvig50/50 Fund

In Memory of Elaine Tofte

Darrin & Jeanne Knudsvig.....50/50 Fund

In Memory of Robert D Peterson

Hazel Kolden.....50/50 Fund

GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

Gloria Dei's families have taken a pledge to help temporarily or permanently disabled persons and older citizens with chores that they cannot do for themselves. This event will occur some time in September. We would like to hear from anyone interested in receiving or giving help so that we can make plans.

Items on our list would include, but not limited to:

- Housework
- Clean windows, blinds, etc
- Yard work
- Vehicle cleanup
- Cooking a meal
- Small paint jobs
- Minor repairs to home



We would be happy to be of service to you. You can contact the Gloria Dei office at 572-2667 and let them know what we could help you with. We will call you back to set up a date.

"SHARE YOUR GARDEN"



Members are encouraged to bring in extra produce to be offered to other church members & people who use the food pantry.



From the Stewardship Committee:

- As stated at the annual meeting and in the annual report, the Council's goal is to keep \$60,000 in the 50/50 debt retirement fund. As of the end of July 2016, the current balance in the 50/50 fund is \$8640.06. The current mortgage payment is \$6552. This will put us at a balance of \$2088.06 after we make the August payment. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the 50/50 fund as we support our "Gathering to Grow to the Glory of God" mission.
- Watch for news on upcoming Fall Stewardship Kickoff in September.

Respectfully,
 Wendy McGinley, Kent Reierson, Rick Clemes, James Bervig, Alberta Parisian.

July Worship Attendance

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sat - 5:00PM</u>	<u>Sunday - 9:30AM</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 3	6	95	101
July 10	14	164	178
July 17	7	115	122
July 24	8	124	132

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/01
SANDY OPPERUD

MARVIN TREIDER

08/02
REID HALVORSON

MARTY HANSON

BRITTNEY O'NEILL

KARTER SCHOW

KOOPER SCHOW

DAVE SKALSKY

OLIVIA WESTMAN

08/03
GRANT CARNS

BENNETT NASS

ELIZABETH REED

RACHAEL STUDSRUD

JAN WILLIAMS

08/04
PATTY HODENFIELD

08/05
GRANT GATHMAN

KOBEN HOLM

RYLEE RUDE

RHONDA WOODHAMS

08/06
MANDI OLSON

08/07
TAMI ENGET

SANDY LONG

08/08
AVERY ALLEN

AUDREY FRISINGER

KAEGAN HOLM

MEGAN SWENSON

08/09
LORI ERICKSON

08/10
MICHAEL BAIRD

RUBY BAUER

IRV DAVIDSON
RYAN ENGBERG

NOAH HAAGENSON
SPENCER KJORSTAD

08/11
LAURIE BECKER

BRIANNA FRETLAND

JEREMY HENDRICKSON

ROBERT RUDE

08/12
WADE FORTHUN

SHARON KNOX

ALEX OSBORN

KENDRA TAYLOR

08/13
RANDY RAMSEY

JESSIE STUNDAL

08/14
ANGELA BRACKEY

LESLEE BUBLITZ

TRACY MORTENSON

LAURALI SIME

08/15
BOB ERICKSON

ALIYAH SOLWAY

08/16
EVAN COLLINS

ANNA PETERSON

08/17
MICHELLE HANSEN

LEAH JORGENSON

LANDEN SNELLINGS

08/18
PENNY SLAGLE

08/20
MARGARET GARBEL

LAUREY HOFFER

LANA LYNDE

BRODY MONSON

08/21
DEREK ANDERSON

MACI TESKE

08/22
RON BINGEMAN

FRANK WEISZ

BLAKE WOLD

08/23
OLIVIA MORTENSON

BRENDA SWARTOUT

08/24
MARIE CHALLES

DALE SUNDET

08/25
SETH GRUNDSTAD

08/26
TAYLOR BLOXHAM

ISABEL LLEWELYN

HEATHER SOISETH

08/27
RANDY HAUGENOE

CONNOR MCKEIL

BEN NELSON

08/28
SHANE HAUGE

CHAD HOLGERSON

JUSTIN IRGENS

STACY LACROSSE

LOIS MORTENSON

SUE TREIDER

TREVOR VANNATTA

JADEN VIRNALA

08/29
CHERYL DAHL

HOLLY SNELLINGS

CODY THOMPSON

BRIDGET WHRITENOUR

08/30
ABEL ALLARD

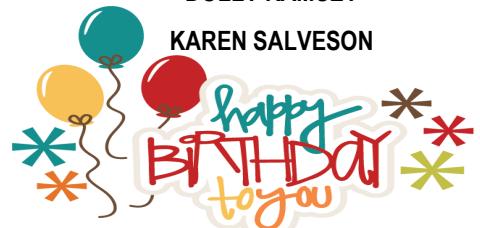
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KYLIE BAKER

BRAXTON HELLER

HADLEY MONSON

DOLLY RAMSEY

KAREN SALVESON



Gloria Dei Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Summer Worship

9:00 AM Gloria Dei Coffee Hour

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	1	2	3 Glory Band -
7 Girl Scouts - 7 PM	8 Gloria Dei Work Night - 5:30 PM SOS - 7 PM TCC - 7 PM	9	10 Glory Band -
14	15	16	17 Women's Bible Study - 9AM Glory Band -
21 Worship in the Park @ Harmon Park Girl Scouts - 7 PM	22 SOS - 7 PM	23 Kindergarten Screening	24 Kindergarten Glory Band -
28 New Member Sunday	29	30	31 Glory Band -

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Faith Lutheran Sunday Schedule

10:00 AM Worship

Gloria Dei Saturday Schedule

5:00 PM Worship

	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 PM	4 Quilting - 9 AM	5 Lacrosse/Wickman Wedding Rehearsal	6 Bible Breakfast—8 AM Lacrosse/Wickman Wedding - 4 PM
8 PM	11 Quilting - 9 AM	12 Snelling/Thompson Wedding Rehearsal	13 Bible Breakfast—8AM Snelling/Thompson Wedding
8 PM	18 Quilting - 9 AM Gideons - 5:30 PM	19	20 Bible Breakfast—8AM
Screening 8 PM	25 Kindergarten Screening Quilting - 9 AM Evangelism - 7 PM	26	27 Bible Breakfast—8AM
8 PM			



Gospel Seed...August 2016

**A Monthly Update from the
Western North Dakota Synod Office**

Central African Republic Partners Meeting

On July 8th, representatives of our Synod, Eastern ND Synod, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA Global Mission, Lutheran Partners in Global Mission, and Global Health Ministries met in Minneapolis for conversation, reporting, and planning for our continuing work in our companion synod.

-Rev. Doug Cox, Global Health Ministries, opened our time with devotions focusing on hospitality from the perspective of host and guest.

-Rev. Andrea Walker, ELCA Global Mission, shared she had recently visited the CAR and was captivated by the hospitality and the generosity of the people – even in the midst of the recent unrest.

-Those in attendance were thrilled to welcome Willie and Anne Langdji, ELCA missionaries, to our meeting. Their presence and voices brought current and first person information to the partners. *Watch eNews for an opportunity to hear Willie and Anne at some of our congregations in the next few weeks.*

-“The life of the church and community in the CAR are intimately connected. Because of the church’s relationship to the community, even during the unrest, progress continued... just at a slower rate.”, said Willie.

-We heard from Anne, “As much as people continue to live in fear... life goes on (in the Central African Republic).”

-Our money *is* making a difference! Combined with support from our Churchwide body and the other partnering synods: *Over 5000 families received food and seed pods for planting! *The livestock herds of more than 78 families have been rebuilt! (This includes more than 1300 sheep and goats!) *The goal of rebuilding 600 homes was surpassed – 660 homes in 14 villages! *Rural health outposts providing free healthcare to children under 5 and the elderly have reopened! *Over 7000 people have benefited from the 7 new water sources accessed! *The schools and seminaries continue to function!

-I wish you all could have heard the affirmations of our Synod’s congregations continued faithful financial and prayerful support of the Central African Republic. The Churchwide representatives expressed a number of times their joy in hearing stories of Western ND Synod’s work on behalf of the CAR. One of the other synod’s representatives commented, “You all may be small in number, but you are mighty!”

Rostered Leader’s Gathering...

Registration is now open for the Fall Rostered Leader’s gathering in Medora. We are pleased to have President Louise Johnson, Wartburg Seminary, and President Robin Steinke, Luther Seminary, joining us as our presenters. They will speak about the changing shape of theological education for the sake of mission in Christ’s name.

Leadership Needs...

Within the next few weeks, fall classes will begin again at the seminaries of our church. There is a possibility that at least two new people from Western North Dakota will begin studies with the goal of becoming pastors within the ELCA - this is really good news!

I invite you to continue to pray that God would lift up leaders in our midst. You are very important in that process; your questions and words of affirmation to people who are in discernment are crucial. Please take the time to pray, look around you, and listen - seeking to identify those who have gifts for public ministry.

It is important that for the future of God’s church there be people willing and able to lead. Help us identify and encourage them.

Synod Council to Meet...

The Western North Dakota Synod Council will meet in Bismarck, September 16th and 17th. If you have comments, concerns, or questions about the meeting, please let us know. A portion of the meeting will include a Mission Support Consultation with ELCA Director of Mission Support, Victoria Flood.

Tidbits...

-Wayne Van Kauwenberg has been called to serve the people of Grenora and Zahl. His ordination will be in Minneapolis-St. Paul July 28th, and he will begin his call August 1st.

-Rev. Dorothy Williams was installed Sunday, July 10th and serves the people of the Dunn County Parish (Dunn Center, Killdeer, and Halliday)

Blessings All -

Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



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June Financials

General Checking Account:

June 1 2016 General Checking Account Balance	208,336.61
June Offering	+21,760.76
June Expenses	(24,406.30)
June 30 2016 General Checking Account Balance	\$205,691.07

Special Checking Account:

June 1 2016 Special Checking Account Balance	251,469.89
June Specials Offering	+7,676.25
June Expenses	(10,941.08)
June 30 2016 Special Checking Account Balance	\$248,205.06

Benevolences :

WND Synod—ELCA Benevolence	1244.80
UMM Bible Camp Benevolence	177.83
Bethel Lutheran Home Benevolence	124.48
Lutheran Social Services Benevolence	88.91
WND Synod— WND Benevolence	142.26
Total Benevolences for May	\$1778.28

Thrivent Mortgage Payment	\$6552.00
Building Loan Balance as of May 20th, 2016	\$295,854.73

July Council Meeting Highlights

Pastor's report - God's Work Our Hand's Sunday of service is an annual church wide servant event. This is an opportunity to live our shared mission to "gather, grow and go (to serve) to the glory of God".

Developing a confirmation plan for the fall.

Evangelism - Working on God's Work our Hand's community project in the fall. Share Your Garden - members are encouraged to bring extra produce to be offered to other church members and those being served by the food pantry. Food pantry is seeing high usage.

Property - Will be doing painting and carpet cleaning after daycare is moved out.

Worship - Blended summer worship service thru September 4th. August 21st is the outdoor service and picnic.

Stewardship - Above and Beyond forms are available in the church office.

Parish Ed - Sunday school will start September 11th, Wednesday school will start September 14th, there is a new curriculum.

Nominating - Open positions for council

- Evangelism
- Parish Education
- Youth rep for Youth committee



Faith Lutheran Church

August 7	Worship	10:00 AM
August 14	Worship	10:00 AM
August 21	Worship	10:00 AM
August 28	Worship	10:00 AM



Faith News August 2016

Bill Christensen

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Thru Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.” John1:1-3

O beautiful for spacious skies... for amber fields of canola. I couldn't help but notice the beautiful fields of canola blooming all around Faith Lutheran Church. I don't confess to know anything about farming and growing crops but I know what I think is beautiful. I like all of God's creation! The bible makes it clear to me that God created everything. Beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelations, but here is the thing. Creation and God are separate...God is in all creation but creation is not God. We don't worship the canola fields even though they are beautiful, we don't worship the church even though it is God's house but we worship the God who allowed the creation of canola and allowed the building of beautiful churches. Some may claim that science is actually responsible for the creation of the canola fields and that may be so but here again is your thought. Science cannot answer this question: Why does creation exist? God created everything for the sake of goodness and out of love. We need science because science can answer many questions the bible can't. The bible is not a book of science but a book of theology. The bible leads us to faith in Jesus and our salvation. Science can tell us why canola is so beautiful, and answer other questions we may have about the world we live in. We need science and we need God and we thank God we have both. **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”** Genesis 1:1



- **No Meeting in July or August**
- **Cleaning in August - Merrill and Darlene Benth.**





SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 2016

Corn 5k Run, Walk, or Stroll
 Registration 10am
 Runners at 10:45am
 Walkers at 11:00am

Sweet Corn Feed
 Free Will Donation for Fresh local sweet corn, beef on a bun, many fixings, & ice cream.

Silent & Live Auction
 Silent auction starting at noon
 Live auction begins at 1pm

70th Celebration
 At 1pm UMM will gather for a brief celebration of God's seven decades of ministry

Everyone Welcome
 Games, Live Music, Tours of camp, Crafts for all ages, & More!



YOU
 Can Help:

- Donate a Handmade Quilt
- Bring a car load of people to the event
- Donate a blanket, baby items, or basket.
- Invite your womens group, mens group, and bring your youth!
- Donate handmade wood, metal, or other items

Drop Off Location
 UMM Camp Office 123 2nd Street West Williston
 or UMM Camp 12601 58th St NW Epping

Thanks to the generosity of one of our member couples we now have a much needed office computer. The gift was made through the "Above and Beyond" program. The program is designed to help provide important items for the church that the regular budget cannot quite meet or which can be taken care of through special donations in order to help stretch the church budget a little further. Thanks to all who provide these additional gifts and thanks to all of you for keeping an eye on the Above and Beyond Poster for church needs.



- Stewardship Committee.



Starting September 11th we go back to regular worship service times on Sunday at 8:30 & 10:45 AM.

UPPER MISSOURI MINISTRIES

Check CampUmm.org for more information and pictures of Quilts and auction items.

www.CampUmm.org

Special congregational meeting to be held following worship on August 14th.

This meeting is to discuss & vote whether or not to call an Associate/ Children, Youth & Family Minister.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BAZAAR CHAIR NEEDED!!

Bazaar and November are approaching faster than you think and we are in need of a chairperson or persons to continue with this tradition. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to be a part of some wonderful fellowship and at the same time making a difference in your personal life and in your church family's life. This is time sensitive as planning for the bazaar usually gets rolling in September.

If you are interested please contact the church office at 572-2667.



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