GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Pastor David Maxfield

Dear Friends in Christ

Are we there yet? The voice rises up out of the back seat as "over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go...". Anticipation, excitement, expectation, hope it practically pops like popcorn out of a child's soul.

Are we there yet? Now the query comes with a slightly annoyed voice. I knew how far it was, or at least had an idea. We had stopped counting time and distance in terms of "Barney shows" (you remember Barney?) and I had long lost interest in the alphabet game, The road to somewhere seemed to the bored mind of the teenage traveler to be a road to nowhere. I couldn't get there soon enough.

I was thinking about travels and journeys and the spiritual life as we prepare for a family vacation. Or when I travel to Minot to pray with someone in the hospital, or when I take a drive along the southern bluffs or the North Unit, or...Maybe we are more aware of it now that the kids are out of school and it is time to go... the challenge is where are we going?

As a Boy Scout, all I needed was a map, a compass and some visual points and I could get myself really lost (no, I could find my way out of nowhere). But what are the equivalents on this journey of life? May I suggest a few?

North Star... seemingly set in the vastness of the sky, it has guided the land and water adventurer throughout the ages. For the Christian, the one unchanging fixed point is the Cross- where heaven meets earth. No matter the what, where, when or why the Cross is my fixed point... what's yours?

Map... "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth" or as the Psalmist says "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." Even in the days of GPS, our glove compartment is full of maps. But you know what? I've discovered that maps are most helpful when I look at them... Hmmm, could there be a connection here?

Compass..."tuned" as it were to magnetic north, a compass was/is a lifesaver to the explorer. So it is with prayer- God's Positioning Space. Prayer is a conversation between friends, but in silence God begins to orient our lives towards Him

Signposts along the way... Markers for mileage, advertisements and points along the way. If you were to map out your journey of faith, what markers would you include? Baptism, Confirmation? Marriage, birth of a child? What about illness, loss of job, a deep struggle and the journey through grief, is there a marker of God in those times?

Are we there yet? Maybe it is a question of the heart, the soul's query as we make our way and follow the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Shalom

Pastor David

Note: Yes, we're getting ready for a family vacation. I will be gone from Monday, June 4- Wed. 13. Steve will have the cell phone and will be available for pastoral needs while I am gone. I have also arranged with Pastors Bryan Knutson of First, and Nicole Martin of Good Shepherd to be available to Steve as needed.

Another ... Summer Communion schedule is flexed during June, July and August. While we try to maintain the tradition of second and fourth Sundays, that is not always possible.

Greetings from Evangelism!

The Evangelism Committee is working on ideas with Community Connections to support our youth; ideas include: "Adopt a Backpack Program"-to provide weekend meals for hungry children and/or "Birthday Treat Program" to help children bring treats for their classroom. Please stay tuned for further details We encourage the congregation to support the Lutheran Social Service Foster Home with noisy offering donations in June. If you are interested in helping us with homebound communion or becoming an Evangelism Committee member please contact the church office.



Hello from The Worship Committee!

The Worship Committee is bringing a few reminders for your summer calendar!

- Unified Summer Services Starting June 3rd and running thru September 2nd we will have one unified church service at 9:30am. Music will be determined by the availability of the musicians.
- Church in the Park We will hold our August 19th worship service at Spring Lake Park again this year at 9:30am. Mark your calendars for this fun event!
- Flat Jesus If you haven't picked up your flat Jesus yet be sure to grab Him at the church and bring Him with you on all of your adventures this summer.

Summer gets very busy but we hope to still see you all Sunday mornings!

Chelsey Vinger, Ashley Weisz, Linda Clemes, Kathy Molland, Clair Keene, Dave Rod, Peggy Hagen, and Steve Peters.

Hello from Stewardship Committee!

Ah, summer...we've waited so long for you!

Warmer weather means field work, outdoor work, activities like vacations and camping. Relaxing and easing up on schedules can be healthy and necessary for our souls. Taking the relaxation to the point of extreme can send the message that church isn't a priority. If you find that your worship attendance dips during the summer months, have you made plans to keep your financial giving consistent? Have you considered the message that sends to kids? Here are some things that can turn a summer worship slump into a faith-filled opportunity:

- Talk about it. Talk with your family or spouse about the priority of consistent worship attendance. Are there other worship times you could attend if you will miss your regular time? Could you attend worship where you are vacationing or visiting? If your congregation doesn't broadcast worship, maybe a neighboring congregation broadcasts on the radio or online. Listen to it while outdoors or traveling. Share a note or quick message with the leader saying how you enjoyed listening and thank them for the opportunity to listen while away from home.
- Plan for consistent financial giving while you are away. Can you give before you go or catch up when you return? Can you give online? Can you set up recurring giving through your bank? It's not just about paying the church electric bill while you're away, God is active in ministry and continues to change lives year-round.
- **Share your story with others.** If you have found a way to keep worship a priority in your life during the summer, be open about your experience with others. Offer to share your story during worship, in a bulletin announcement or newsletter article.

Thanks be to God for the changing seasons and the opportunities we have to chose from, for the many gatherings of family reunions and picnics with friends, for the crops and flowers that blossom in the summer sunshine. Thanks be to God for the many gifts shared that change lives in this place!

Source: Faith Simonieg, Assist. to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity. WND Synod~

Hello from Parish Ed Committee!

Although classes are over for the summer, we are still busy working on VBS, Youth Picnics, and prepping for next year. Thank you again to all the volunteers and families for making the year such a great success.

Vacation Bible School starts June 3rd. This year looks like we are going to have a record number of kids with 75 already registered!

We were able to give out \$3,336.00 to 21 kids this year. Thank you for all of your donations!

We are trying something new this summer. Youth going into 5th-9th grades this fall are invited to come to the park and have a picnic and play some games. The dates for the picnics are June 13 at Davidson Park, July 25th Dakota Park and August 8th at Spring Lake Park. Picnic will be from 5:30-7:30. Registration will be on line thru our website. Look for a postcard in the mail if you have a 5th-9th grader.

If you are interested in helping out on Wednesday nights this fall, please contact Ann Nelson. Right now we need some help with teaching and teachers helpers. You do not need to commit to a full year if you are not able to. This is open to ALL member of our church.

Thank you to the Bizarre committee for donating money to 412Youth Group, Mission Trip and Senior High Youth Group.



Working together to be a community where all people are valued.

All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.

1 Corinthians 1:3-4 (The Message)

As disciples of Christ we are called to provide comfort, friendship, and care for those among us who are in need at our churches as well as out in our communities. There are men, women and children in our community that do not have the means to provide the basics of shelter, food and clothing for themselves. They are among us every day. We pass them on the streets and in businesses.

One question we get asked is how many are there and aren't they all transient men that have come to make a quick buck then leave? Ever wondered if the issue of homelessness in Williston is extensive enough that we should be concerned?

Community Connections is holding dinners at churches to look at how extensive an issue homelessness is in Williston and who are the people living homeless here. Over the winter months we held dinners in Crosby and Ray. Now we are looking to hold the dinners here in Williston. The congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church graciously hosted the first dinner in April. Gloria Dei Lutheran will host the next one May 16. First Lutheran will host one June 27. New Hope will host one August 14. We are working to hold at least 12 dinners in Williston. All dinners are open to the public and everyone is invited. We simply ask that people call to register so we can have enough food for everyone.

As the dinners continue to get scheduled we will list them in church bulletins as well as in the Community Events column of the Williston Herald. If you would like to know more feel free to ask any of our staff or call our office.

God comforts us in our hard times. He also calls us to provide that same comfort to those in need in our community. Let's use this time to work together as a community to find ways to serve families that need comfort.

Blessings, Deacon Lynea Geinert Executive Director

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UNIFIED SUMMER WORSHIP

Once again we will be unifying our worship services for the summer months! Starting June 3, we will have one worship service on Sundays, beginning at 9:30 am. The experience of joining our first and second service worshippers in the summer has been so warmly received and thoroughly enjoyed, and we look forward to this blessing again this year! We will return to our two-service schedule on Sunday, September 9.

June BIRTHDAYS

06/01
BROOKE ALTON
KELSON DORNFELD
JUNE FORD
ALAYNA KREIL
DWIGHT MORTENSON
MELISSA SUNDBY

06/02 KEEGAN CARNS ALYX FISKETJON CHAZE GREENFIELD TAYA HARSTAD

06/03
JORDAN BENTH
GEORGETTE HURAVITCH
LAWRENCE KOHANNES
ASHTYN KREIL
AVERY LITTLEFIELD
KEVIN MISCHKE
LAURA PEDERSON
CHAR THOMPSON
JUSTIN THOMPSON

06/04
AVY ATOR
LUKE SOISETH
KAREN WEISZ
SANTIAGO ZUBKE

06/05 HALEE ERICKSON LAURIE GUSTAFSON

06/06 CLAIR KEENE MALEAH RAMSEY LYNZE SWANSON JAN SWENSON

06/07 JERRY ERICKSON MARY ERICKSON TYLER FRETLAND ALEXIS MEDUNA

06/08
KOLE ALLEN
CHERYL OLSON
BRANDON STALOCH

06/09 ROBERTA ROLLEFSTAD

06/10 SLOAN HANSON MADISON JOHNSON KAILYN JOHNSON-OLSON

> 06/11 DUANE BERG

06/12
LEANN CARRAWAY
MICAH FLECK
DOUG GRONFUR
CARTER NELSON
KINSLEY SHERMAN

06/13 LARRY BERG KAYLA MCKEIL CALEB OWENS JANET TANGEDAL

06/14
ALEXIUS ENGET
KINSI OLSON
PAULA SCHILKE

06/15 BRETT ENGEN SHIRLEE LEININGER ANN NELSON SHERI SKALSKY

06/16 BRADY ABERLE WYATT DOUCHETTE BRITTANY WOLD

06/18 RHETT CARNS WILLIAM VENNES

06/19 PRESTON BINDE KARLA HAUGENOE

06/20 SOPHIA CHRISTOFFERSEN TARYN GERRARD 06/20 MADISON LERVICK TODD REMUS

06/21
JACOB ENGEN
DAVIS LITTLEFIELD
JAYDEN SHUPE
MARK TELEHEY

06/23 KELLY ABERLE MARGARET MAXFIELD

06/24 DONNA PETERSON ROB URBATSCH

06/25 AUSTIN HINGTGEN

06/26 KADEN BRACKEY

06/27 AARON BARCLAY JUSTIN LANDERS JOAQUIN ZUBKE

06/28 KAYLENE HELLER PATRICIA LUND

06/29
BRUCE BARCLAY
AVA KEENE
LOIS KUESTER
MARK OSBORN
HAROLD TVEDT

06/30 ARVIN LARSON





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WHO? You! Any member, family or group of GDLC interested in growing in faith, Fellowship

around life topics

WHAT? GDLC has access to Grace Ministry's Digital Library with over

18 topics of faith plus an 11 volume "heroes of faith" collection.

WHEN? GDLC has a one-year subscription to this on-line library. You can access it anytime,

anywhere.

WHERE? At home, at the coffee shop, at church, with an access code

(available from church office) you can open up a topic, continue the discussion and

grow in your faith walk.

HOW: View a simple "welcome" video at

https://vimeo.com/199924464

Obtain the username and password from the church office

Gather with family and friends

Enjoy!















<u> May Memoríals</u>

In Memory of Danny Hilestead

Eternity Candles
Patti Hillstead

In Memory of LeVern Herland

Sunday School
Duane & Dorothy Fenster

In Memory of Jean Kaler

Food Pantry
Gary & Marilyn Rooks
Stephens Ministry

Ron & Deb Bingeman

Mortgage Reduction
John & Lois Kuester

In Memory of Darwin Krenz

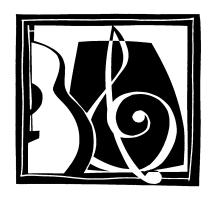
<u>UMM Campership</u> Ron & Deb Bingeman

Mortgage Reduction
John & Lois Kuester
Rick & Janet Tangedal
Dale Livdahl

Steve's Corner

Seminary Update

My first semester at Wartburg Seminary is in the bag. I must say it was a very challenging time, especially since I have not been back to school for a while. The support and encouragement of members in our cohort helps to keep everything in perspective. We have a Facebook page set up for us to interact, and towards the end of the semester it was busy. I am fascinated by the wide range of people in my class who have accepted the call to serve in the ministry, and the various locations throughout the United States that we are all doing God's work. I plan on visiting a few of my class this summer when I get back to lowa. Greek is the next class up and will start in July for 5 weeks. This will help me interpret the New testament as I prepare for sermons and continued engagement with professors and fellow seminarians in future classes. I am blessed and am thankful for your continued support, prayers, encouragement, or just that push I need to continue the journey (and the chocolate and cookies are a plus!).



THE WHOLENESS WHEEL



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The Wholeness Wheel

As a counselor I work to provide a holistic experience for my clients who come in to utilize employment/career resources at Community Connections. The ELCA has a wonderful tool called the "Wholeness Wheel", that I encountered when I worked at Portico a few years back in Minneapolis. As you can see by the image of the wheel it works holistically to help us balance our lives. I have a few of these wheels printed and posted at work and home to remind me of what is going well, and what I need to work on. I will be highlighting each area in my newsletter articles over the next several months. I welcome conversation around this since I have committed myself to this process as a seminarian and as a counselor.



Gospel Seeds.... June 2018

Imagine That...

Again and again I am amazed by Bible Stories – where God unexpectedly shows up. An Ethiopian eunuch traveling a dusty road encounters a follower of the risen Christ and is baptized. God showed up! The Chosen People are enslaved in Egypt – they cry out through prayer and Moses is called to lead them out of Bondage. God Showed UP! A baby is born – angels announce it – shepherds give witness – Immanuel, God With Us has arrived. Indeed, God Showed Up.

God shows up when we least expect it, catching us up by surprise. I invite you to be on the look-out for God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who by the power of the Holy Spirit shows up, offering grace, peace and forgiveness.

God shows up and uses people just like you and me to be the Good News in our communities and neighborhoods, counties and congregations. How has God gifted you? How might those gifts be used for the sake of serving others that they may come to know God's redeeming love through Jesus Christ?

Brothers and sisters in Christ we have been given incredible gifts. With limitless imagination we are invited to dream and pray, wonder and ponder how God might use each of us. You are exactly what is needed for the Gospel to continue to spread.

<u>Sabbatical Time...</u>

A sabbatical is a time of rest, rejuvenation with some learning added into the mix. Synod policy provides a sabbatical every 5 years for Executive Staff. Beth Anderson will be on sabbatical this summer from June 19th through August 10th.

We honor the sabbatical time by not contacting Beth during her time away. Other synod staff will step in to provide support to our congregations and groups, just let us know what you need.

Thanks be to God!!!

We celebrate with Kayla Hill and Annie Langseth as they graduate from seminary this spring. Both are candidates of the Western North Dakota Synod. May God Bless them as they enter into Word and Sacrament ministry.

Considering Your Calling...

Do you have questions about your vocational calling? Are you wondering if Rostered Leadership in the ELCA should be a consideration for you? Or is the call to explore ways to serve faithfully in your current callings? The Western North Dakota Synod Candidacy Committee will meet June 15th and 16th. Friday evening June 15th the committee will host a discernment dinner at 6:30PM at the synod office.

You are invited to come with your questions, your uncertainties and just talk with others who are in discernment. Bring a friend, a pastor or a mentor with you if you would like. Just come, as you are and explore where God might be calling you.

GIFTS Committee to Engage in Strategic Visioning...

For almost 30 years Western North Dakota has been blessed to have a excellent lay ministry academy known as GIFTS (Growing In Faith To Serve). Over the years the program has shifted as the needs of participants and congregations have shifted. This summer a group of people will gather to once again wonder what God is calling GIFTS to be in this particular time.

We invite you to pray for the leadership of the GIFTS Program. Know that raising up lay leaders for congregations is essential to the future of our synod's ministry.

Staff on the move...

What have synod staff been up to in the last month or so?

-Faith Simoneig has worked with Zion, Towner, Metigoshe Lutheran, met with Pastor Dorothy Williams at Killdeer as well as Pastor Michael HarriSon with the Prairie Hope Parish. Faith also hosted a Live-Streamed event in Dickinson and is providing scholarships to a couple of conferences – contact her for more information.

-Beth Anderson has met with the LYO board, been deep into organizing Synod Assembly and Candidacy Committee, as well as to a meeting of the Luther Seminary Alumni council.

-Sherie Heine had lunch with Minot State President Steve Shirley, Vice President Kevin Harmon and Campus Minister Anna Dykeman to say thanks for the partnership in ministry. Sherie also represented the synod at ground-breaking ceremonies at First Lutheran and Bread of Life in Minot, as well as meeting with several of the conference pastor's groups.

Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



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April 2018 Financials

General Checking Account:	
April 1 2018 General Checking Account Balance	200,571.91
April Offering	+39,036.16
April Expenses	(36,087.24)
April 30 2018 General Checking Account Balance	\$203,520.83
Special Checking Account:	
April 1 2018 Special Checking Account Balance	276,428.21
April Specials Offering	+14,460.94
April Expenses	(<u>9,133.88)</u>
April 30 2018 Special Checking Account Balance	\$281,755.27
Benevolences:	
WND Synod—ELCA Benevolence	1862.28
WND Synod– WND Benevolence	212.83
UMM Bible Camp Benevolence	266.04
Bethel Lutheran Home Benevolence	186.23
Lutheran Social Services Benevolence	133.02
Community Connections	<u>133.02</u>
Total Benevolences for January	\$2793.42
Thrivent Mortgage Payment	\$6552.00
Building Loan Balance as of April 20, 2018	\$159,571.86

May Council Meeting Highlights

Committee Reports -

Evangelism

Noisy offering in June will go to the new Foster Care Home. Thank you for all the food donations. There are many in need and we appreciate your generosity. We have veterans that are in need also and hope to help them monthly. Would like the congregation for \$500 match noisy offering to be given to Community Connections.

Worship

Unified Summer Service at 9:30 starting on June 3, return to 2 services on September 9



I have been doing some reading and research for this article and stumbled across information on the website, crosswalk.com, and found it pertinent.

Seriously? It's almost June? When did that happen? Hard to believe that another school year has come to an end, summer is literally in full-swing, vacations have been planned, gardens have been planted, we can catch up on things we've wanted to do all year, and take a much-needed break from the busy lives that so many lead.

But as much as we love the days of summer, fun vacations, and the times that rest and relaxation with those we love can bring, sometimes our focus gets off. We might somehow start to feel responsible for all the fun and making every minute count. And along the way, we may get weary, distracted, impatient. Kids get tired. The excitement of summer days can quickly fade.

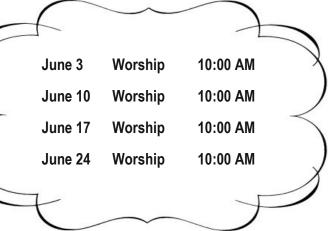
I'm reminded of this at the start of the season...true rest is not found simply because it's summer, true rest is found in the Lord. And the secret to finding real peace is not found in time off from work and school, it's found in Him.

It's in His Presence that we find refreshing for our souls, renewing of our spirits, peace in our hearts, rest over our worried thoughts.

May you have a truly blessed and peace-filled summer in Him....

Wendy McGinley

Faith Lutheran Church





Faith News June 2018

By

Bill Christensen

"Because you have seen me you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29

Thomas one of the twelve disciples was having a hard time believing in the resurrection of Jesus. He stated plainly that unless he could see and touch Jesus he would not believe. Thomas got his request granted and he believed and served Jesus for the rest of his life. But many at that time did not believe and Paul spent time preaching the resurrection of Jesus to all who would listen and believe. Acts 17: 32: "Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this."

As Christians we regard the resurrection of Jesus Christ as our central doctrine. According to Paul the entire Christian faith depends upon the resurrection of Jesus and the hope for life after death. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 15:19-20: "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."

Resurrection is an action that can only be done by God. God does it for us we don't do it for ourselves. Just as we are saved by God's grace and not by anything we do. Jesus's resurrection gives us the faith that what God did for Jesus God will do for those who believe and are baptized into the life and death of our Lord Jesus. We just trust this promise: God raised Jesus, God will raise us.

The promise of our resurrection is good news every day by God's grace we are reborn new, forgiven and resurrected daily thru the waters of our baptism. Amen and come Lord Jesus.



- Faith LCW will meet June 2 at 10 AM at Lynn Brubaker's home.
 Group Bible Study Lesson 2 in "Following Jesus Through Mark".
- Cleaning for June Dennis & Cathy Stromme

Faith Lutheran Sunday Schedule Worship Worship Gloria Dei Saturday Schedule Anderson/Hellen Wedding - 5:00 PM Quale/Novela Wedding Bible Breakfast - 8 AM Bible Breakfast - 8 AM Bible Breakfast - 8 AM Dahl/Erickson Wedding Bible Breakfast - 8 AM Bible Breakfast - 8 AM Baby Shower - 1 PM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sat 91 30 Dahl/Erickson Rehearsal - 6 PM Quale/Novela Rehearsal - 6 PM Anderson/Hellen Rehearsal - 5 PM Fri 15 50 22 Evangelism Meeting- 6 PM Property Meeting - NOON 6:00 - 8:30 PM Council - 6:00 PM Quilting - 9 AM Quilting - 9 AM Quilting - 9 AM 8 PM Quilting - 9 AM JUNE 2018 Thu 8 PM 6:00 - 8:30 PM Glory Band Glory Band Glory Band Glory Band 13 20 27 Exec. Committee - 5:30 PM Parish Ed Meeting - 8 PM Worship Meeting - 6 PM 6:00 - 8:30 PM Tue 61 26 GDLC Work Night - 5:30 PM Tri County Childcare - 7 PM 6:00 - 8:30 PM SOS - 7 PM SOS - 7 PM Mon VBS 1825 Girls Night Out - 6 PM 9:30 AM Unified Worship JUNE 3RD Gloria Dei Summer 9:00 AM Coffee Hour UNIFIED SERVICE BEGINS Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM 6:00 - 8:30 PM VBS 01 17 24

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