

GLORIA DEI

LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Matthew 19:14

Back
to
school



SEPTEMBER 2016

NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Pastor David Maxfield

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our hearts are saddened, and our prayers surround the people of Indiana where violent tornadoes ripped through towns and countryside leaving a path of damage in their wake. Then our prayers went to Italy to the beautiful mountainous area of Umbria where small villages were flattened by an earthquake and the death toll is now over 120 children, adults and elderly. All of this while we continue to pray for the people of Louisiana where record flooding surged over half the state and residents now face the long arduous task of mucking out, sanitizing and rebuilding.

We always begin with prayer. Standing in the flood waters of Minot a few years ago, that was what we had left, and prayer became our life. Devastation all around the waters had flooded not only church and homes, but lives, dreams. I can only imagine what our brothers and sisters are feeling as they come home to... rubble, mold, and grief.

It was prayer that carried us through the Minot flood and it is prayer which will see our friends through. Prayers from folks like you and me, who pray not for an answer or a reason why, but ask that in the midst of the devastation our friends may know the signs of God's presence, and that the One who redeems will bring good out of disaster.

I know God was among us in Minot. We received word of prayers from ELCA congregations around the country, but then the circle expanded, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Mormon, you name it people of faith, people of no faith sent word of their thoughts and prayers.

Prayers came packaged in unexpected ways. Quietly, faithfully women of the church gather to quilt. Countless hours of love and prayers as blocks are sown, tops tied, the quilt boxed up and sent around the world to bring warmth to the body and a hug to the soul. Who would have thought that on a Thursday evening, in the parking lot where we gathered to pray (flood waters in the basement kept the doors locked) we would open a box and there would be two quilts- as we passed the quilts around we clutched them close to our hearts, the quilts moistened not with flood water but with the healing rain of tears. The quilts were a prayer... we were not alone.

God's presence came to us in surprising ways. After Communion in the parking lot we walked around the closed and molding building we called church. We did not know what to do, what we could do, or what the future would hold. On the far end of the building, the flood water had reached a height of over 5 ½ feet. Every sign of life was gone. The grass was covered in a muddy slime which looked like moonscape as it baked in the summer sun. Bushes, trees, you name it, it was gone. And oh the smell which was the parting gift of the water.

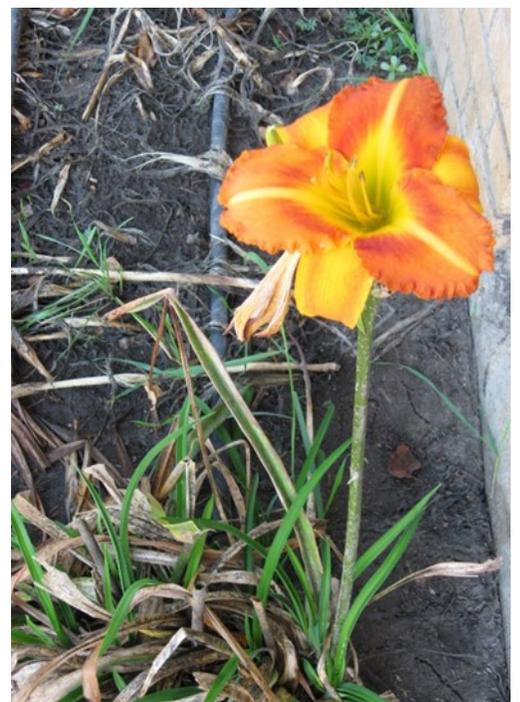
Then it was that one young boy started tugging on my sleeve, "You gotta see, you gotta see," so we did. As we walked through the muck and the mud we stopped, We looked, we were amazed. There in the corner of gunk a small lily had begun to grow, its blossoms eager to open to the sun. The rest of the summer one after another, as one lily withered another would take its place. Hope in the midst of so much suffering. (the strange thing is that no one could recall planting the flowers, nor would they bloom the next year! Coincidence? I think not)

And prayers came incarnate in the people who took the time to come, who shared from their wallets and their hearts who called, who came, who prayed with hammers, sledges and hands folded across the miles.

This is the way our God works. This is the way God desires to work through us. I have had the privilege of witnessing a miracle- a response to prayer and I want us to discover the joy of being the servant people of God. As we open our hands in prayer to carry the folks of Indiana, Italy and Louisiana into the healing presence of the Holy One, let us open our hearts and minds to the whisper of the Spirit, who knows, maybe we are an answer to someone's prayer

Shalom

Pastor David





**CHURCH
SCHOOL**

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

- Rally Day - Sunday, September 11th & Wednesday, September 14th
- 8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting- September 7th @5:30 PM
- Parish Ed Teacher Training - September 7th @ 6 PM
- Youth 4:12 Parent meeting - September 7th @ 7 PM
- 9th Grade Confirmation Stole Meeting - August 31st or September 7th @ 7 PM
- Still needing 1 teacher for Wednesday night church school. Please contact the office if interested.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE @ www.gloriadeiwill.org

Join Us October 16th for the

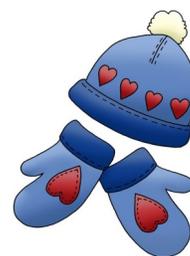
Installation of Pastor David Maxfield.



We will be celebrating
at both services .

Winter Hat & Mitten Drive

Looking for new hats & mittens for elementary age children. They will be delivered to district 1 school office and given to children in need.



**Lutheran Youth
Organization**

Synod Youth Gathering

Oct. 20- 22

Ramada Inn, Bismarck

Cost: \$75.00

(includes \$75.00 matching grant from GDLC!)

Registration deadline:

Tuesday, September 27

Watch for a letter with details!

Synod Youth Gathering

Attention Students grade 9-12

Join with youth from the Western North Dakota Synod over fall break for an exciting retreat/ conference Thursday, October 20- Saturday, October 22

Program

Rachel Chumley and Mandy Anderson of *Big Blue Couch Coaching* will be calling us to connect our Christian faith to the life challenges we face. Singer/songwriter **Tony Memmel** will lead us in worship. Camp reps will be with us -- a good time will be had by all!

Servant projects will challenge us to make a difference in the lives of others as we seek to be and share a blessing in tangible ways.

Fun, food, Faith, friends, Fellowship!

For more information, speak with Deb Kemp, Jodi Mishcke, or Pastor David.



August Memorials

Harold & Arlene Tvedt.....	In Memory of Jim Hill	50/50 Fund
Russell & Audrey Frisinger	In Memory of Don Thompson	Food Pantry
Dick & Marg McKennett.....	In Memory of Doris Liffrig	50/50 Fund
Thelma Hagen	In Memory of Florence Larvik	50/50 Fund
Gary & Linda Knudsvig.....	In Memory of Betty Opperud	50/50 Fund
Richard & Janet Tangedal		50/50 Fund

Call Committee Update

The first meeting of the newly formed Call Committee met on August 23rd to begin the process of calling an Associate Pastor to GDLC. Members of the committee are as follows: Pastor David, Wayne Colebank, Lisa Hanson, Cody Jeanotte, Deb Kemp, Stan Lyson, Alberta Parisien, Drew Robinson, Wendy Slotsve, Deb Solomonson, Hailey Vader and Carl Zeman. We are all extremely excited and committed to begin this process and follow it through to bring an Associate Pastor to join us at GDLC.

We have begun working on the Ministry Site Profile, which is the document that will be submitted to the Bishop's office to formally begin the call process, and we have broken down the tasks of the committee to be as efficient as possible.

We ask that you would pray for us as a committee, for the call process, and especially for Gloria Dei as a whole that we can work together for the good of the Church.

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. Currently the balance in the 50/50 fund is \$4663.06. The current mortgage payment is \$6552. This will put us at a balance of **-\$1888.94** after we make the September payment. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the 50/50 fund as we support our "Gathering to Grow to the Glory of God" mission.**
- **A huge THANKS to those who have donated to Gloria Dei's Above & Beyond program. Through above & beyond we have planted the flower beds, provided a much needed computer updates for the office, obtained expanded wireless services & additional technology updates. Please keep an eye on the Above & Beyond board for future needs.**
- **Stewardship Celebration is set for October 30th.**

Please contact a Stewardship committee member if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Respectfully,

Wendy McGinley, Kent Reiersen, Rick Clemes, James Bervig, Alberta Parisian.

August Worship Attendance

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sat - 5:00PM</u>	<u>Sunday - 9:30AM</u>	<u>Total</u>
August 7	3	100	103
August 14	4	114	118
August 21	4	95	99
August 28	7	132	139

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

09/01

JASON OSBORN
KASS WHITECLOUD

09/02

TARA CARNELL
GORDON WEYRAUCH

09/03

LES HOLGERSON
AUSTIN SALVESON
JANESSA STORLIE
KARSON WIGNESS

09/04

JOHN ATOR
CODY JEANNOTTE
EMMA SOLBERG

09/05

MANDY LANDERS
JIM RAUSER

09/06

BREXTON KRITIKOS
CODI SALVEVOLD
JOYCE SPEELMON
ROY TROGSTAD
ALEINA WEISZ

09/07

SULLEY KRENZ

09/08

KEON SYVERSON

09/09

DEBBIE BENTH
ROY CLARK
SAWYER HANSON

09/10

ETHAN ANDERSON
LACEY BURWELL
WAYNE COLEBANK
BRECKLYN LANDERS
MYLES SWALLOM

09/11

TRISTAN FALCON
AVERY NOESKE
GRACE SLAAEN
BRIE WEDGE
LEAH WIEDRICH

09/12

ADDISYN COTE
CINDY LAWRENCE
TERRY OLSON
ALEXANDRA O'NEILL
VAL OPSAL
QUINN VONDAL

09/13

ROBBIE WROLSON

09/14

DARREL FAGERLAND
SHELBY HANSON
ALEXIS VADER

09/15

PAULETTE OVERBO

09/16

CONNIE LARSON

09/17

RICK ANDERSON
COLLEEN BAIRD
ZACK BOLDT
JOANNE COLEBANK

09/18

BRETT OLSON
DAWSON SHEETS

09/19

CURTIS THOMPSON

09/20

DONETTE ARNDT
BRITTNEY BUBLITZ
TIEGAN BURKE

09/20

CASEY JONES
SHELBY NELSEN
DUANE NOESKE
TIEGAN NORDLOEF-BURKE
ROD OPPERUD
JAXON TAMEZ

09/21

BRIAN KNOX
LOGAN LONGTIN
CARTER RONHOLDT
GLADYS STRAND

09/22

CARLY COLLINGS
CASS HANSON

09/23

JACIE KOHLER
JAMIE KOHLER
TRACER OVERLAND

09/24

ROWDY COTTAM
CLEO ERICKSON
LEE GARBEL
JEANNE KNUDSVIG
PAUL SOLOMONSON

09/25

TESS COLEBANK
BETH HAAGENSON
JEFF LEDOSQUET

09/28

MARY SCHROEDER
JENNA SIME

09/29

LORI GELTEL
KENT REIERSON

09/30

RICHARD ODEGARD

Gloria Dei Sunday Schedule

8:30 AM Traditional Worship
 9:30 AM Gloria Dei Coffee Hour
 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship

SEPTEMBER

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

4

Girl Scouts - 7 PM

5

Office Closed

6

Woodworkers - 5 PM

7 *Teacher Meeting*
Confirmation Parent M
4:12 Youth Parent
Confirmation Stole
Glory Band -

11 Rally Sunday!!
Church School - 9:30 - 10:30 AM
God's Work. Our Hands Sunday
Senior High Youth Group - 7PM

12
GDLC Work Night - 5:30 PM
SOS - 7 PM
TCC - 7 PM

14 Rally
Confirmation -
Church School -
4:12 Youth -
Glory Band -

18

Girls Scouts - 7 PM
Senior High Youth Group - 7PM

19

20

21
Confirmation -
Church School -
4:12 Youth -
Glory Band -

25

Girls Night Out - 6 PM
Senior High Youth Group - 7PM

26
SOS - 7 PM

27
Worship Committee - 7 PM
Parish Ed Committee - 8 PM

28 *Stewardship -*
Confirmation -
Church School -
4:12 Youth -
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
	1 Call Committee - 6 PM	2	3 Bible Breakfast - 8 AM Worship - 5 PM
- 6 PM Meeting - 5:30 PM Meeting - 7 PM Meeting - 7 PM 8 PM	8 Council - 6 PM	9	10 VES - 9 AM Bible Breakfast - 8 AM Worship - 5 PM
Wednesday!! 5:15 -- 7 PM 6 - 7 PM 6 - 7 PM 8 PM	15	16 Durham/Fixen Rehearsal - 5PM	17 Durham/ Fixen Wedding - 3 PM Bible Breakfast - 8 AM Worship - 5 PM
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7:30 AM 5:15 -- 7 PM 6 - 7 PM 6 - 7 PM 8 PM	29 Property Committee - Noon	30	



Gospel Seed...September 2016

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office

Proud to Participate...

Once again it was an honor to see people from our Synod actively involved as servants during August's ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Rev. Craig Schweitzer and Associate in Ministry Kari Files were part of the team of worship musicians. Mason Schmidt, Christ Lutheran (Minot), was assisting minister during worship on Friday of the Assembly. Synod staff member Sherie Heine was one of the communion ministers during the entire Assembly. Connie Essler, America Lutheran (Stanley), served as an Assembly volunteer.

There were also seven people from our Synod who participated in the *Grace Gathering*, a way for people from around the country to experience the work this church does together in Jesus' name.

News from Around Your Church...

Sixteen voting members from our Synod joined almost 1,000 voting members from around the country to do the business of the church. During the time in New Orleans the Assembly:

- Gathered daily in worship, with rich preaching of God's word and the celebration of Holy Communion.
- Heard calls from our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Secretary Chris Boerger, and Vice President Carlos Pena to remember that Jesus is at the heart of who we are; it is proclamation of the Good News of his death and resurrection we are called to share and be about as church.
- Continued the conversation about future priorities of our church.
- Elected William B. Horn II (Clearwater, Florida) as Vice President.
- Unified the three lay rosters of Diaconal Minister, Associate in Ministry and Deaconess into one roster which will be known as Deacon.
- Passed a memorial repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery.
- Approved a document (*Declaration on the Way*) outlining what the ELCA and the U.S. Roman Catholic Church agrees on in terms of the church, worship, and Holy Communion.

You can read more about your Church's gathering at elca.org.

Great News...

We have received word a Churchwide mission probe grant has been approved for "Penelope's Place", an outreach of Metigoshe Lutheran Church. This ministry's goal is to connect with those pushed away by the church - especially women. We are looking forward to seeing what God might stir up through this outreach.

Save the Dates!

All ELCA Rostered Leaders are invited to a leadership gathering next summer in Atlanta, Georgia. The event entitled, "On the Way Together", is being billed as a continuing education event with excellent worship, learning opportunities, and the ability to connect with colleagues from across our church. The dates are August 7 -10, 2017. Watch for more details in coming months on the ELCA website.

Good Resources...

I commend two books, which I have recently read, to you. The first is "*Embracing Stewardship*" by Charles "Chick" Lane and Grace Duddy Pomroy. The first section of this book lays out a solid Lutheran theology of stewardship. The second section is intended to be used over time as a resource providing different ways to engage stewardship within a congregation.

One of the gifts of this book is the diversity of the two authors. They are open about the difference in their church backgrounds, their age, and their gender. This diversity brings a wider range of thinking to current day issues of being stewards - or caretakers - of all God has entrusted to us.

The second book was shared with me by Pastor Marty Mock. "*I Am A Church Member*" by Thom S. Rainer is a quick read and defines the difference between a church consumer and a disciple of Jesus. Pastor Mock plans to use this as a conversation starter with his church council.

Both of these books could be excellent conversation starters within your congregation.

Church Council Visits...

In the coming weeks, Synod Council members and Synod Staff will be making phone calls asking to make a visit to some church councils across the Synod. The purpose of these visits is straight forward: to thank congregations for their partnership, to share stories of ministry in Jesus' name made possible because congregations share Mission Support, and to share the Bishop's Challenge.

If you would like a visit, please call the Synod Office and let us know. If you receive a call, please help arrange the visit. We are thankful for your partnership in the Gospel.

- 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	<u>(24,406.30)</u>
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	<u>(10,941.08)</u>
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	<u>142.26</u>
Total Benevolences for May	\$1778.28

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

Council Meeting Highlights

Committee Reports –

Pastor's report - God's Work Our Hand's Sunday of service in September. Mutual ministry committee needed.

Evangelism - Food pantry is continuing to see high usage. Working on God's Work our Hand's community project in the fall. Share Your Garden area is up.

Property - Daycare is moved into their new location. Work night is 2nd Monday of the month.

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. Considering "how to" sessions for ushering, communion etc.

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 and Youth rep for Youth committee

Bazaar is in need of a chairperson/persons.

“SHARE YOUR GARDEN”



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



Faith Lutheran Church

Sept 4	Worship	10:00 AM
Sept 11	Worship	10:00 AM
Sept 18	Worship	10:00 AM
Sept 25	Worship	10:00 AM



Faith News September 2016

Bill Christensen

“You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11

I looked up “JOY” from Wikipedia: JOY differs from happiness in that it is an emotion. Happiness on the other hand is what we think of as a feeling and is more fleeting. Joy may be thought of as a dimension of the good life that is being lived well.

The psalmist King David’s heart was glad, he had found the secret to joy. True joy to him was far deeper than happiness and can be felt more so than all of our troubles. Joy is lasting because it is based on the presence of God within us as David had found and he was assured that God would not leave him. And as we understand the future God has for us we can live in the joy of abundant life in Christ Jesus as we realize that God will not leave us.

What kind of joy is being set before you? Can you call the crosses you have to carry as a Christian nothing but joy as the Apostle Paul? Can you name the joys and sorrows that mark your paths as witnesses of our Lord Jesus? Most of the worshippers at Faith Lutheran live in a rural life setting and farming the land and growing crops is their mainstay. We get tied to the seasons and right now it is the season of harvest and your joy should be great as the harvest is plentiful.

Every person regardless of where they live experiences busy seasons. I just returned from a trip to Minneapolis and people were rushing everywhere you looked. We need to be on the alert that we don’t let the busyness of life take away joy have in Jesus. So I ask you: Name just one joy in your life today.



- **Faith LCW will meet September 10. Hostess - Cathy Stromme. Bible Study leader - Sharon Moline.**
- **Fellowship dinner September 11th. Hostesses - Jeri Truckner & Cathy Stromme**



September 2016

GDLC YOUTH GROUP NEWS



E-Mail

E-mail us at gloriadeilutheran@ymail.com so we can add you to our contact list so we can keep you up to date regarding our youth groups!!

Grapple (Grades 5-7) 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 14: Why Do My Parents Always Say No? (Exodus 20:1-17; Jeremiah 5:22; Ephesians 6:1-4)

Wednesday, September 21: Why Can't We All Just Get Along? (Genesis 4:1-12; Psalm 133; Colossians 3:12-15)

Wednesday, September 28: Why Can't I Be an Only Child? (Matthew 10:16-22; John 21:15-19; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

****Need people to volunteer for Wednesday nights and/or bring snacks!!**

Contact Wendy Slotsve (770-3330) or Bobbi Gathman (406-262-3775)

8-12 Youth Group: (Grades 8-12) from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Sunday, September 11 Pokemon Go ministry game, Futball and Scatterball

Sunday, September 18 Photo Scavenger Hunt (Drivers needed)

Sunday, September 25 Outdoor games

Call Melissa Meyer at 770-5443 if you can bring snacks!!!

We need volunteers to help make the youth groups run!!! Maybe it is one Wednesday or one Sunday a month, or all you do is organize games, bring snacks, promote youth group activities etc. To help with Grapple contact Wendy Slotsve (770-3330) or Bobbi Gathman (406-262-3775) and for 8-12 Youth Group contact Jodi Mischke at 570-1062 or Deb Kemp at 770-1997.

*****LYO dates are Oct. 20-22 and deadline to register is by September 28th. More information contact Jodi or Deb or go to www.wndsynod.org/LYO.**

God's Work. Our Hands.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The date this year is Sept 11; also our Rally Sunday.

Service activities offer an opportunity for all age groups to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

We plan to gather after our church service on September 11 for a "brown bag lunch" and organize into our groups. From 12:30 to 2:30 we will go out and serve. We will then gather back at the church for Root Beer floats, celebration, and prayer-remembering especially our fire-fighters, policeman, and all impacted by the tragic events September 11, fifteen years ago.

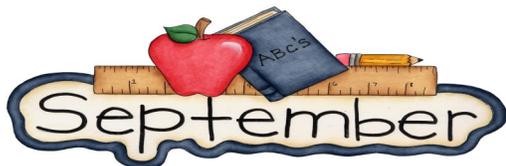
We have a sign-up sheet with some of the service activities we hope to offer please prayerfully consider leading, co-leading, or joining a team. Also, if you or someone you know may benefit from minor home repairs, housekeeping, shopping, yardwork, or vehicle clean on Sept 11, please write your or their name and contact information if you have it on the bottom of the sheet. Deadline to sign up is September 5th, please call the office if interested.

We are excited to be a part of this wonderful event and look forward to serving with you!

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