

From the Pastor

The women on that first Easter morning knew what death looked like. They came armed with spices, prepared to take care of a dead human body. They knew decay would soon set in, and so it was important to anoint the body with spices. They wanted to gentle the effects of decomposing. But then came the great disruption to their expectations. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance and Jesus' body was missing. Suddenly two strangers in dazzling clothes appeared beside them. The women did what any normal human being would do in this situation – they dropped to the ground in terror.

But the men spoke: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Then they reminded the women of the promises Jesus had made while he was still among them. The women remembered, and went to tell the disciples. You would think Luke could have ended his story right here. The women heard that Jesus was alive. They went to report this amazing news to the disciples. And then they all lived happily ever after. The End!

But that's not what happens. Luke tells us that the disciples don't believe the women. Imagine that! Idle tales. The news was so unbelievable that the disciples couldn't accept the women's words. In fact, it would take several more resurrection appearances by Jesus himself and the giving of God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost for it to sink into their thick skulls. But eventually, the spark and the Spirit took off, and the disciples went off to risk life and limb. The good news of Jesus' resurrection spread.

You and I remain part of a faith community because we, too, trust the promise that Jesus is raised. It is this hope that propels us forward, in spite of the truth of our own bodies and the aging process that brings each one of us another step closer to death and the grave. It is this hope and trust in the promise that allows us to entrust our loved ones into God's care and keeping, even when it is so difficult to let them go. It allows us to stand at a graveside, no matter how bleak, and know that this isn't the end of the story. Our thoughts turn

heavenward as we imagine all the reunions taking place.

This hope allows people to move forward after great loss. We might learn new ways to function after serious illness or injury; we might discover that we can find love again after the heartache of divorce or death.

The promise of resurrection proclaims that even while our outer nature is wasting away, in Christ our inner nature is being renewed day by day. So our brains, our heads, live with that hope and optimism of resurrection, knowing that our physical bodily setbacks are only temporary. We are looking to that day of resurrection when Christ makes all things new.

In Christ, we have a future. It is the promise of resurrection. It tells us that even in the darkest moments of our lives, even on the hardest days, even when we experience pain, or loneliness, or despair, that we have a future with God and that God holds our future in his hands. It is a promise that says, "We shall not die, but we shall live." Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ,
Pastor Janet

April Ministerial Acts

Funerals: Dennis Roerick, Delores Selfors

Baptized: Elizabeth Hodenfield, Hudson Mackey

Confirmands: Chloe Alexander, Breana Morlang, McKenna Isakson, Krista Permentier, Phoebe Thompson, Jorn Brose, Grady Duchscherer, Isaac Flanagan, Blake Latendresse, Bryce Latendresse, Caleb Walker, Dalton Walker, Emma Tofte.

Transfer Out: Brianna Ellingson



Camp Metigoshe Day Camp

Our Bethany Day Camp is coming
May 28–31 for 1st–6th graders.

Join the Metigoshe staff for arts and crafts, games, music, bible study, and service projects. Camp will begin at 9am–3pm Tuesday through Thursday, and 9am–11:30am on Friday. On Thursday evening, we will have a Pizza Slice and Ice Cream Social at 6pm with the Camp Closing Program at 7pm. The church will provide a snack, campers must bring their own sack lunch. Please register at the church office. For more information, please contact, Pastor-Intern Dave Myers @ 701-240-4225.

Pastor Janet's

Joke of the Month

A woman from Brooklyn decided to prepare her will and make her final requests. She told her pastor she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Bloomingdales. "Bloomingdales!" the pastor exclaimed. "Why Bloomingdales?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

A Grandma who had serious hearing problems for a number of years went to the doctor to be fitted for a hearing aid that would return her hearing to 100%. She went back for further tests a month later and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." To which she replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

A reporter was interviewing a 103 year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 103?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

May Cause of the Month YWCA Women's Shelter

The YWCA's mission is a membership movement nourished by its roots in the Christian faith and sustained by the richness of many beliefs and values. Strengthened by diversity, the Association draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people. Our imperative is to thrust our collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any means necessary. Support the YWCA Women's Shelter by using your global mission envelope in your offering box.

Spring Fling

Spring Fling – May 5th

Our annual "Spring Fling" will be held on Sunday, May 5. What is the "Spring Fling"? It is the way in which our Church school students honor their grandparents and all older members of Bethany. The students will present a program for them in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30am. Come and enjoy!

Mary Circle

Will meet Tuesday, May 21st at
Bethany at 9:30am



SUNDAY MORNING CIRCLE

**WILL TAKE PLACE 2ND SUNDAY (MAY 12TH) @
9:30 AM**

May 14th @ 2:00pm

April Offering

04/03	\$1257
04/7	\$5998
04/10	\$1481

04/14	\$6006
04/17	\$0
04/18	\$613
04/19	\$861
04/21	\$5583
04/24	\$
04/28	\$
Online Giving	\$8850
Thrivent Choice	\$0
Carnival gross (expenses pending)	\$3635

May 8	6:30	End of the Year Party @ Village Inn
May 12	9:30	Coffee Hour
May 15	7:15	Celebrate Dalcyce!
May 19	9:30	Coffee Hour
May 22		NO LYO Good Luck with Finals!
May 26	9:30	Celebrate our Seniors! Coffee Hour



Wear Red for Pentecost!

On Sunday June 9th, we celebrate the Day of Pentecost-the day that Jesus' disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Wear something red (a red necktie, a red scarf, or a dress or shirt) to remind ourselves of this great gift from God. You may also wish to bring a red geranium to decorate our sanctuary & then take home again after worship.

It's hard to believe that another year has come to an end. We will miss seeing your smiling faces on Wednesday nights, but we hope that you all have a lovely, safe summer!

April 2019 Memorials:

In Memory of **Mabel Ennis**

Quilting from Bill & Bev Jensen.

In Memory of **Carol Holje**

Quilting from Bill & Bev Jensen, Roger & Roberta Larson.

CHIF from Betty Lindsey.

Choir from Bryan & Nadine Holmly.

Undesignated from Estelle Jelleberg.

In Memory of **Ana Jo Nelson**

Undesignated from Claire Larson.

Music from Patrick & Peggy Schmitt, Bryan & Nadine Holmly.

In Memory of **Delores Selfors**

Undesignated from Bill & Bev Jensen, Russell & Donna Kress, Ron & Pat Schimke, Lenhart or Viona Mindt.

Ministry of Care from Loly Rostad, Boyd & Phyllis Hanson.

Choir/Music from Geraldine Peterson.

Carpet Fund from Roger & Roberta Larson, Sylvia Iverson, Sharon Grondahl, Elloide & JoAnn Marschall, Janice Klimpel, James & Carol Wyne, Sharon Rollman, Audrey Lilly, Marian Guss, Dallas & Ardis Johnson, Jacky Jo Smith, Yvonne Peterson, Mary Jordahl, and cash.



The BLCW rummage and bake sale will be Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please bring your rummage to the NW entry (door#4). All rummage must be at the church by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 3rd. We also appreciate any and all baked goods. Please have them at the church by noon on Friday, May 3rd. Our sale is the best! Please stop by. This year we will be serving pie and coffee too. See you there!

LYO in May

May 1	7:00	Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry
May 5	9:30	Spring Fling -Serve Coffee Hour



Bethany Birthdays! May:

- 2nd – Kobe Ballantyne,
Alexzander Rosencrans
- 3rd – Maverick Hartleib
- 4th – Tim Lindsey, Adeline Mueller,
Geraldine Peterson, Jim Sundley
- 5th – Randy Froseth
- 6th – Joan Irwin, Joshua Jensen, Anne Smart
- 8th – Mike Ennis, Ryan Lester,
Darrell Michalenko, Bexley Zietz
- 9th – Barbara Aase, Eunice Farstad,
Miranda Kasha, Tonya Knutson
- 10th – Darin Grondahl
- 11th – Shirley Frost, Benjamin Seier,
Derek Smith
- 12th – Ian Holmly, Cyndi Morlang, Megan Sult,
Connie Westmeyer
- 13th – Stephen Davenport, Sara Van Dyke
- 14th – Kaelyn Hirzel, Larae Hirzel
- 15th – Joan Hokenson
- 17th – Courtney Anderson, Lloyd Dahl,
Roger Tollefson
- 18th – Axl Dopp, Jaden Grosz, Brian Mathson
- 19th – Brian Messmer, Brandon Ofsthun
- 20th – Miranda Dyke, Elizabeth Gehring,
Jane Lommen
- 21st – Marissa Dyke, Julie Hoaglund,
Tia Hummel
- 23rd – Michael Carson, Shad Froseth,
Simon Ryan
- 25th – Dylan Alexander, Brinley Filipek,
Allie Wallin
- 26th – Tegan Schindler, Jaxon Thompson,
Parker Wold
- 27th – Cooper Deforest, Travis Heilman,
Ralph Kuhnhenh, James Morken,
Eunice Rostvedt
- 28th – James Coffin, Emily Hedstrom
- 29th – Kyle Boster
- 30th – Steven Peterson
- 31st – Jacob Marsh

Also, Happy Birthday to anyone whose name is not on the list. If your name is not on the list then we don't have it, so please call the office with it. Thank you!

And you can help the veggies grow!
A generous farmer has offered his garden to The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry for the summer. He will seed, fertilize, water and harvest, but needs help weeding. The gardens are all in raised beds on a farm located North of Velva. All the vegetables harvested will be donated to The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry. The Pantry has accepted his offer and now gardeners, would-be gardeners, and anyone who enjoys growing things is invited to give some hours this summer to pull a few weeds. The weeding will be done during June, July and August on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Gardeners will carpool to the gardens, leaving the Bethany Lutheran Church parking lot, 215 3rd Street SE in Minot at 8:00 AM. The gardeners will weed for 2 hours and return to Minot by 11:30. The barn (no longer in use for cattle) is located near the gardens and will be available for shelter as well as a cup of coffee or lemonade. There are three ways you can volunteer/sign up for a time to weed at the garden: Online, text/call or QR code:
- <http://tinyurl.com/y4q4j7ky> (copy to your computer)

- Call/Text Carol at 701-721-0839 and leave a message

- Use your phone to read the QR Code.

iPhone users: Open your camera and point at the QR code. Click on "open signup genius"

Android phone: Download a QR reader app.

Open the app and point at the QR code.



The Soup Kitchen greatly appreciates all who volunteer their time and effort with serving at the Episcopal Church and/or supplying soups and salads for our serving days. Without your support we would not be able to continue this service!

**The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry
has a garden. . .**



The Paraguay team members would like to thank the Bethany Foundation for helping with educational experience on our trip to Paraguay. Your help was greatly appreciated!

‘Trinity Health Hospice is currently looking for respite care volunteers. If you’re a good listener, have some time, have a spirit of compassion and understanding towards those who are at end of life, then hospice volunteering might be right for you. Trinity Health Hospice would love to have you on our team. Hospice volunteers provide support during one of life’s most challenging journeys, and in doing so, enrich their own lives. God gives us our families to love, nurture and hold us accountable. Then he sends in ‘perfect strangers’ to further manifest His Divine Love. Those perfect strangers are called Hospice Volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for Trinity Health’s Hospice, please call 701-857-5083 for more information.’

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about “Faith and Care”!

The Bethany Church Council is sponsoring 2 training sessions for our “Faith and Care” ministry, either Sunday May 12 or May 19, at 9:30 AM, in the sanctuary. It will be a hands-on session regarding setting up for Communion, helping to distribute Communion, and what you might want to know as an usher or when reading scripture. We don’t necessarily pay close attention to these tasks, until we are faced with doing them ourselves. Once you feel like you know what you’re doing, the tasks seem simple and routine. And the more people who are willing to participate, the better off we all are.



Pastor Janet celebrates 25 years at Bethany Sunday, May 5th!

Pastor Janet began her ministry at Bethany on May 1, 1994. We will celebrate 25 years on Sunday, May 5. Pastor Janet requests no gifts, but instead invites you to make a contribution that day to our Western North Dakota Synod Accompaniment Endowment Fund. This fund will provide resources necessary to work one-on-one with individuals discerning their calls, and congregations seeking new pastors. Central to the work of our synod staff is accompanying these congregations and individuals. This happens as candidates are exploring a call to ministry, and as staff help congregations in the call process. This fund will help to ensure there are synod staff to walk with congregations of the synod. Pastor Janet graduated from Luther College, Decorah, IA, in 1983, and from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, in 1989. She served the Max-Douglas Lutheran Parish before coming to Bethany in 1994. She and Todd have 3 children who all grew up here at Bethany.



Have you seen the church blood pressure cuff and stethoscope?

Bethany Lutheran Church proudly welcomes **Bountiful Preschool** to join us here this fall!

Tiffany Miller is the owner, and you will see her around the church prepping the preschool classroom in May. Tiffany does have open houses scheduled for late May and you may contact her @ 701-340-8563. Welcome Bountiful Pre-School!

Faith Melody Miltenberger Angela Fox &
James Miltenberger



2019 Bethany Confirmands

Student Parents

Chloe LeeAnn Alexander	Terry & Kim Alexander
Jorn Kellyn Brose	Jeff & Niki Brose
Grady Cole Duchscherer Duchscherer	Patrick & Shelley
Isaac Flanagan	Mitch & Jen Flanagan
McKenna Paige Isakson	Conley & Julie Post
Blake Latendresse Latendresse	Clint & Vanessa
Bryce Latendresse Latendresse	Clint & Vanessa
Breana Rose Morlang	Shane & Cyndi Morlang
Krista Permentier Permentier	Yves & Michelle
Phoebe Thompson	Chris & Lana Thompson
Emma Tofte	Carol Lucier
Caleb Walker	Jonathan & Lesley Walker
Dalton Walker	Monte & Marchell Walker

Bethany Lutheran Vacation Bible School

Children 3-years-old – kindergarten are invited to VBS May 28–31 from 9am–11:30am. Join Ariel Hirzel for arts and crafts, bible stories, games, music, and more! The church will provide a snack each day. Please register at the church office. For more information, please contact Pastor-Intern Dave Myers @ 701-240-4225.

Church School News

This is it...the end of an amazing church school year. The year started with a “Back-to-School” Bash on Sept 5th, welcoming back more than 100 adults and children. For 24-weeks, students of all ages engaged in extensive studies of scriptures from the Church Year Calendar. We also participated in four Family Church School Events including: building backpacks for Lutheran World Relief and collecting Christmas toys for the less fortunate. The children also sang at four church services, wrapping up the school year with our annual “Spring Fling” on May 5th. We want to share a special thanks to parents and grandparents, children, faith leaders, and volunteers for making this year successful. Finally, we want to recognize those children who attained **PERFECT ATTENDANCE** this church school year.

- Kindergarten class: Kaelyn & Larae Hirzel, and Aiden Williams
- 3rd-grade class: Breanna Mindt and Owen Casey
- 4th/5th-grade class: Aiden Sult



First Communion Class

Student Parents

Ariana Diaz Gehring	Angela Diaz & Lance
Callie Walker	Jon & Lesley Walker
Holly Latendresse Latendresse	Clint & Vanessa
Emma Fassbender	Jeff & DelRae Hedstrom

Blessings on your summer and we look forward to seeing you in the Fall!