

Pastor Gerald's Summer Article for June and July

Our family has a favorite Bible verse from when our kids were small. Psalm 118:24 "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" To this day they all remember that ritual which helped shape our days. We tried to instill in them that the day we are given is a gift from God and we live each day in thankfulness.

As I look to the days ahead, I'm very thankful to have Intern Dave Myers join our church staff July 1. Dave's gifts & responsibilities for ministry will be expanding. Those new responsibilities will be learning ministry across the board, but also include the duties he has already worked with, primarily in the area of church school with our young families. Dave will be serving as Intern Pastor part-time while he continues his seminary studies the balance of his time. Our congregation will be part of Dave's learning setting which will give Dave the blessing of a real-life ministry with its cares and concerns. It will be important for all of us to see this time of learning as a blessing in which we all can be actively involved. Pastor Janet and I will continue to walk beside Dave as his mentors during this time of transition.

As LuAnn and I consider our days ahead that God has given us, we desire to continue to walk faithfully where he is calling us. We are thankful that our ministry here at Bethany can continue at a slower pace with half-time work. Some changes will be necessary as we move forward.

This is how you can help. Starting July 1, it will be best to call the church office for scheduling visits and pastoral care, the staff there will direct your call to the appropriate person who can assist you. None of us know exactly what God has in store for us. What God has promised us is that "I will always be with you", Matthew 28:20. As we go through this transition at Bethany, I believe these key Bible readings will guide our days. Yes, we have enjoyed a busy and exciting past here at Bethany. I truly believe Bethany has a very exciting future as we serve a loving and wonderful Savior. Please look forward to tomorrow, God has big plans for us all!

With God's blessings,

Pastor Gerald Roise



IT'S RUMMAGE SALE TIME!

Do you know what time it is? Why, it's rummage sale time, of course! Time to begin picking up items for the LWR Baby Care Kits. Each kit contains 2 receiving blankets; 2 sleepers without feet (If you can't find sleepers, knit or fleece pants & shirt will do. Pin together - 3mo-2yr); 2 shirts (3mo-2yr) not onesies; a light-weight sweater, sweatshirt or jacket with or without hood; 2 pair of socks; 2 (4oz) or 3 (3oz) bars of mild soap; and a hand towel.

BLCW will provide the 4 diapers and 2 diaper pins. Items can be brought to the church anytime. Most needed items at this time are sleepers, receiving blankets. Please make sure everything is clean, unstained and without rips or tears. Don't bring in anything that you wouldn't give to your children or grandchildren. As always, if you don't want to shop, give me some money and I'll shop for you! Thanks. Any questions, call Sue 852-1981.



THE BLCW RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

The rummage sale committee thanks you for your support. We had lots of "good stuff" for sale, including "scrumptious" baked goods.

Special thanks to Alan Walter and the Breakfast Boys for providing the workers breakfast. The proceeds from our sale will be shared among local charities, by the BLCW Coordinating Council. Never fear, we hope to be back next year. Mark May 2, 2020 on your calendar. Thanks!

Pat J., Phyllis H., Cookie B. and Judy A.

Cause of the Month June



Community Action/Homeless Coalition

Community Action/Homeless Coalition changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes Minot a better place to live. The coalition is dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. Community Action Agencies are non-profit organizations originally established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's war on poverty. Community Action Partnership – Minot Region was incorporated in August 1975.



Cause of the Month July

We are Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. We are *purveyors of hope*, especially for people who thought all hope was lost. We reach out to people of all ages, all across the state. We **counsel** children and families, **support** over-burdened young parents, **fight** head-to-head with addiction, **work** to maintain our elders' dignity & independence, **provide** housing to people with no place to go, and **offer** support to childcare providers who care for our littlest ones.

Use the global mission envelope in your offering box to support Lutheran Social Services.



The Breakfast Boys are continuing to fundraise for new carpet in the church. Please help them with this project. It is greatly appreciated!

Monitor the progress on the thermometer in the Narthex!

May Ministerial Acts

Funerals: Arlin Pederson

Transfer Out: Matthew Anderson

New Members: KayLee Bourquin, Jacque Nelson, Ryker Nelson, Ender Nelson, Kolette Ostlund, Sierra Willenbring



Lutheran World Relief

May 9th all of the LWR projects were loaded on a Midwest Motor Express truck and shipped to the warehouse in St Paul. Thanks to MME, who have charged the same minimal fee forever, and to the strong-backed men who did the loading. The following items were shipped: 179 quilts.

You always amaze me with your generosity! (and I should have learned by now). These quilts are so desperately needed in so many places. Thank you seems inadequate to express how much they are appreciated. You are truly doing God's work! Please continue to pray for all in need. Thanks again to all. Sue



Thank You!

A big thank-you to the council and staff and congregation of Bethany for my 25th Anniversary celebration on May 5. Your gifts to the Western North Dakota Synod Accompaniment Fund have reached almost \$1000. And Todd and I are looking forward to using the Medora vacation package this summer. It is amazing how quickly the years speed by, and it continues to be a privilege and honor to share in ministry with all of you!

Pastor Janet



"Fishing in Faith"

Retreat being planned for August

The Annual "Fishing in Faith" weekend is being planned at Camp of the Cross on Lake Sakakawea, August 2, 3, 4. Please mark the dates for a fun weekend of fishing, great eating and faith fellowship, headquartering out of Camp of the Cross at Garrison.

Rooms are available at the camp for Friday and Saturday evening with meals planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday noon. Friday evening events begin at 7:00 pm followed with a campfire music and story-telling to follow. Registration begins June 15th. To register talk to Pastor Intern Dave Myers 240-4225

Pledges May 2019

5/5 \$7,909
5/12 \$6,205
5/19 \$5,466
5/26 \$
Online giving \$8450
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SUNDAY MORNING CIRCLE

**WILL TAKE PLACE 1ST SUNDAY (JUNE 2ND) @
10:00 AM (JULY TO BE ANNOUNCED)**

Will meet not meet June, July or August!

Ruth Circle

June 11th @ 2:00pm

Miriam Bible Study

June 13th @ 2:00pm

Pastor Janet's Joke!

A grandmother brought her 5-year-old grandson along for her appointment with the orthopedic doctor. The doctor had a life-size human skeleton displayed in the waiting room. After Grandma explained its purpose, her grandson studied it briefly and asked, "Well, did the rest of him go to heaven?"

After we had lunch with another couple, the women went shopping, and the men opted to go sailing. Bad decision—a storm blew in while we men were out on the water. Making matters worse, the tide had gone out, grounding the boat. We had to climb overboard and shove it back into deep water.

As my friend stood there—ankles deep in muck, muscles straining against the weight of the boat, and rain pelting his face—he grinned broadly and with unmistakable sincerity said, "Sure beats shopping!"

After Adam stayed out late a few nights, Eve became suspicious. "You're running around with another woman— admit it!" she demanded.

"What other woman?" Adam shot back. "You're it!"

That night, Adam was fast asleep when he was awakened by Eve poking him in the chest.

"What are you doing?"

"Counting your ribs."

Exciting News

There will be a 2019 **Bus Trip!**



Join us for the 2019 Bus Trip!

Please consider joining us for the 2019 12th annual Bethany bus trip, August 29,30,31. We're excited to be exploring all new sites from all the previous eleven trips. Our activities will be similar in kind and description to previous trips with the added twist, we're asking you to trust us to have a great time without knowing where each stop will be.

The Mystery trip will be leaving Minot at 8:30 Thursday morning August 29th. We have 50 seats available, so invite your friends from other churches to join us on this adventure.

The cost of for this trip will be \$425 double occupancy or \$550 for the single rooms. We as for a \$100 non-refundable deposit by July 5th. The balance due by July 25th. The only requirement for this trip is to have a current passport or pass card. Oops, that just gave you a clue to part of our travel time. Please join us for a fun, educational and entertaining trip. Please call the Bethany Office for further details.

****Please let the office know if you would be willing to receive Newsletter's via e-mail to reduce paper costs!****

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

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.

If you would like to stop in the office and get signed up, you are welcome to do that!



Thank you to all who are using Amazon Smile!

For the months of Jan-Feb-Mar \$12.13 was deposited into our account! At 0.05% that is roughly qualifying Amazon purchases of \$24,500.





Bethany Birthdays!

June:

- 1st – Don Boger, Sylvia Iverson, Lolly Rostad
- 2nd – Mary Ann Lafontaine
- 3rd – Shaun Walker
- 4th – Kaylee Armstrong, Chance Thompson
- 5th – Barb Sanden
- 6th – Charlie Bovee, Chassis Luther
- 7th – Genhard Holen, Nadine Holmly, Yvonne Peterson
- 8th – Cookie Berning, Betsy Casey
- 9th – Melody Johnson
- 10th – Odena Dopp
- 11th – Janette Beyl, Bruce Schonberger
- 12th – Madison Lehner, Ken Stroklund
- 13th – Luke Heilman
- 14th – Karie Chilson
- 15th – Myrna Anderson, Mary Larson, Petter Thunshelle
- 16th – Courtney Bourquin, Duane Engstrand, Clifford Nelson, Adrienne Norby, Betty Olson
- 17th – Beckham Opperude, Deanna Reiten
- 18th – Preslie Everson, Michael Klimpel, Nicholas Lommen
- 19th – Lorraine Grondahl
- 20th – Harold Harmon, Elwood Sandvol, Jonelle Watson
- 21st – Dalton Walker, Laura Westmeyer
- 22nd – Tony Meiers
- 23rd – Phyllis Hodnefield
- 24th – Rene'e Arnold, Oren Fawbush, Jace Hoaglund, Robert Pederson, Bruce Walker
- 25th – Holly Johnson, Emily Seier, Emily Vilandre
- 26th – Katie Coffin, Al Dietz, Jayd Eggert, Deanna Ennis
- 27th – Dallas Johnson, Eric Knutson, Briley Walker, Rhonda Willenbring
- 28th – Michele Dopp
- 29th – Mary Duchsherer, Bryce Murphy, Lucille Ofsthun, Rosella Tollefson
- 30th – Mark Grunewald

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!

July:

- 1st – Terry Olander, Makenna Rosencrans
- 2nd – Jeffrey Alvin, Janice Barlow, Matthew Evanoff, Ashley Lucy, Duane Olson, LuAnne Roise, Dianne Walter
- 3rd – Vicki Amon, Mark Scharmer
- 4th – Toni Davey, Shawna Froseth, Shondell Gantzer, Cleo Nicolaisen, Karla Raciborski, June Stroklund
- 5th – Dana Bjertness, Shane Hill, Shane Morlang, Matthew Norby, Parker Polsfut, Marlene Schoenberg, Avery Zietz
- 6th – Noah Files, Dawn Peterson, Ronald Schimke, Jack Shoberg
- 7th – Paislee Everson, Haley Seykora
- 8th – Megan Eisenbeis, Shea Froseth, Hailey Johnson, Logan Krueger, James Vannett
- 9th – Patricia Ofsthun
- 10th – Christopher Johnson, Karen Kuhnenn, Merle Lee
- 11th – Lenhart Mindt, Trevor Ofsthun, Arnold Olander, Samantha Westmeyer
- 12th – Steve Coffin, Lanae LaBonte, Karen Olson, Nels Olson, Elise Parizek
- 13th – Wally Berning, Sherry Dyke, Steve Heilman, Ashley Horner, Bill Jensen, Aili Smith
- 14th – Brian Everson, Timothy Herzig, Michael Thompson
- 15th – Teri Aufforth, Heather Paul
- 16th – Ted Selfors, Sue Stewart, Michael Wold
- 17th – Joshua Hummel, Eric Johnson, Patricia Kuhnenn
- 18th – Ronald Everson, Tammy Wolf
- 19th – Lola Eide, Becky Jones, Alexis Schonberger
- 21st – Noran Olson, David Overvoid
- 22nd – Zachary Peterson
- 23rd – Vincent Horner, Betty Solwey
- 24th – Kenneth Clark, Josceline Fix, Lucas Gotvaslee, Judy Johnson, Kaitlyn Rademacher, Steven Rosencrans
- 25th – Camden Aufforth, Addison Herzig, Tamara Rodgers, James Shaw
- 26th – Terry Alexander
- 27th – Eric Angell, Henry Howard
- 28th – Weston Hartleib, Matthew Thrailkill
- 29th – Kirk Hochsprung, Pat Julson, Breann Lehner, Alexis McLaughlin,
- 30th – Spencer Ellingson, Rhonda Grindy, Braden Hodenfield, Arlyce Holtz, Carole Mehl, Kiley Schuster
- 31st – Mary Carlson, Curtis Moen, Kelly Rodgers, Duane Tollefson, Tyler Vilandre

May 2019 Memorials:

*In Memory of **Harold & Mabel Ennis***

Undesignated from Karl & Nancy Christensen.

*In Memory of **Robert & Inez Serr***

Ministry of Care from Janell Serr.

*In Memory of **Arlin Pederson***

CHIF from Betty Lindsey.

Undesignated from Shelby & Marchetta Holmly, Bill & Bev Jensen, Brian & Leanne Steenerson, Curt & Lorraine Medalen, Janice Klimpel.

Ministry of Care from Lolly Rostad.

*In Memory of **Delores Selfors***

Undesignated from J.E. & W.R. Brey



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.

Finance Update:

Currently, year to date, we have borrowed \$10,000 to help Bethany cover operating costs. As of today, the \$10,000 is still owed. Along with that, our pledge comparison thru May 21st is \$160,512 received and \$168,929 anticipated. (-\$8417). Our online giving has grown over \$3,000 a month during the past year to approx. \$8450/month! Please consider the online giving which will ensure a steady income over the months for Bethany. Forms are in Narthex or office. Thank you.



Pastor Janet, along with 7 other cyclists will be participating in our Western North Dakota Synod Hunger ride, June 4-6, which takes place the 3 days leading up to Synod Assembly. We will bike from McGregor, ND, back to Minot, approximately 100 miles. Along the way, we will visit with area churches, stay with congregational members, and experience the majestic beauty of Western North Dakota! Together, we will raise awareness of hunger issues facing God's people and funds to support ELCA World Hunger. If you would like to support this cause, donations are welcome – just designate ELCA Hunger ride, and place in the offering plate, or turn in to the Bethany church office! And we appreciate your prayers for safe travels and a lovely NW tailwind along our way.



Congratulations

These are the senior graduates from Bethany: Hailee Field, Parker Everson, Dalyce Leslie, Angelina Opperude, Carrie Otto, Dylan Alexander, Conner Armstrong, Jordan Johnson, Brandon Ofsthun