

Looking over the horizon!

By Pastor Gerald

We love the morning horizon, especially the sunrise! If we miss it, then the day is just not the same. My wife, LuAnn and I are on the horizon of a totally new experience and it comes with its excitement and apprehensions. Effective July 1, full retirement is on the horizon.

With excitement we look forward to growing in our relationship with our grandkids, attending band concerts, soccer meets, basketball games and piano recitals. There are preschool programs, bicycle rides, rides in the pasture and on our knees in the raspberries. We also expect to spend wonderful times in worship and the church related activities with our three growing and busy families. LuAnn and I look forward to these opportunities to grow in relationship with each other, our eight grandchildren, our three sons and their supportive and imaginative wives. We also see on the horizon wonderful times volunteering in those areas we both are passionate about in our community and world. Serving God will be a primary factor of how we spend our time, and what we will be doing together.

But we also have apprehensions as we focus on the closing chapter of the work we have thoroughly enjoyed and are most thankful for as one of your pastors. The last fourteen years have been an extraordinary experience of growing in faith together. We desire that the faith experiences and memories we have shared will be a part of our faith lives, forever.

If I have a concern, as I close out my active employment at Bethany, is how alive and well the devil is at work, seeking to divide, distract and preoccupy us all. Through the pandemic of the last year, we have gotten use to virtually jumping in once in a while to church activities. It is so much faster and easier than taking the time to be there in person. We have let safety measures control why or if we show up in person. We have used all kinds of biases and opinions as the gospel rather than hearing God's call to worship and witness about his love through our actions and words. The devil desires to preoccupy our days with so many distractions and other good activities that we fall short of our focus on God's call to worship and witness.

There is a sign at a neighboring church in our city stated, "spring has sprung, will our faith blossom"? In a year of extreme drought, we have asked this many times about our plants and crops, wondering will they be able to survive. The worst drought that we have in our community and world is our spiritual drought. My

prayer is that God will provide nourishing ways for our faith to grow. You might say, "oh pastor that will not happen to me!" You are maybe right in your own regards, but how about a generation or two from now? Has worship and witnessing become a habit and priority for others that we care about? What do those we love, see as our worship practices?

A quote liked on Facebook recently stated that sitting in church doesn't make us a saint. I couldn't agree more. However, God has called us to gather together to support each other, growing in faith through our witness of God's love. He has asked the church to be the instrument for guiding and teaching about His love. Not going to church activities may not impact the seeds planted in us years ago. However, I'm deeply concerned about two generations from now. How will our actions in regards to church and witnessing bear healthy or unhealthy habits? Will God be less important in our lives? If we don't have an *intentional plan*, we to, can get into a passive and unimaginative phase of our life. My prayer is that God will guide us all, drawing us all close to Him.

What an honor to have been witnessed to by so many faithful members of Bethany and the Minot Community. Our faith is stronger today than when we arrived. Minot will continue to be our home and where we live out our faithful life. Our lives will look different but it is exciting to know we will continue to mentor one another in how these next year's take shape on the horizon.

My most memorable time at Bethany was the deep discussion, that has gone on for years, about faith being "a noun or a verb". That question is really at the heart of this last newsletter article. As your retiring pastor, may God show us all the ways in which we can continue to express our faithfulness and love to Him through our actions to one another. My goal is to stop getting a pay check but never stop witnessing about God's love in how we care and lift up one another.

In my favorite devotional, Jesus Calling by Sarah Young, the May 4th devotion was talking about how in the morning dew, God's presence is near. May we be open to that presence and let it swell within us to flood us with God's love. Like a seed needing to swell from moisture to break open and grow, may we be open to God's spirit swelling within us so that we and all those around us, will know and feel that He is near. Keep being a verb, planting and watering, God will provide the growth.

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.

Helping Those in Need

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the "Help Bag" project. Whether you provided supplies, money, or help bags, your contributions have not gone unnoticed. This year, more than 20 help bags have been built and two bags have been delivered. Thank you once again!
Kat Myers

Cause of the Month July

Broadway Circle –

Upon completion, this venture on South Broadway will become the location of the Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry, a Family Homeless Shelter, and a Soup Kitchen. In addition, several local agencies will be able to use shared office space to schedule appointments with clients. Having everything in one centralized location will greatly assist serving those in need, and this will be the first time that Minot has a homeless shelter that can accommodate families with older children.

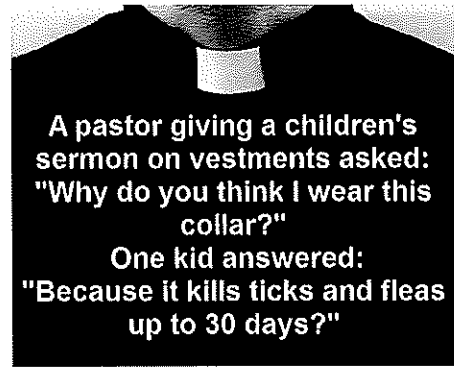
Pledges May 2021

5/2 \$5,278
5/9 \$4,696
5/16 \$7,990
5/23 \$3,733
5/30 \$
Online giving \$10,600

Bus Trip!

June 16th, 2021 to Metigoshe.
Please call the office (838-5196) to put your name on the list!

Pastor Janet's Joke!



May 2021 Memorials:

In Memory of **Arnie Semchenko**

Music from Greg & Sue Johnson,
Bryan & Nadine Holmly.

Paving Project from Lyle & Shirley Frost,
Elloide & JoAnn Marshall, Vicky Flagstad,
Erna Pederson, Sharon Grondahl, Rita
Semchenko, Duane Olson, Pat Walz.

Altar from Mary Jordahl.

Ministry of Care from Mary Carlson,
Boyd & Phyllis Hanson, Roger & Roberta
Larson.

In Memory of **Sid Coffin**

General from ProHealth Home Care.

In Memory of **Bruce Larson**

Undesignated from Pat Walz.



BOOK SALE

The BLCW is planning an upcoming book sale to be held this fall. We will be looking for donations of books, so start collecting all those books you have read and no longer want to keep on your shelves.

We will gladly take them off your hands. More information to come!

May Ministerial Acts

Baptism: Freya Christianson, Amari Zietz,
Bryce Anderson

What happens when a Pastor leaves their call?

This is the last newsletter before my call to Bethany is terminated effective June 30th. It is important to inform the members what that means and looks like going forward. As my call ends, our synod and national church guidelines state that I will not be available or have authority to officiate in any Bethany church activities going forward, including worship, Bible studies, life celebrations of baptisms, weddings or funerals. We will be transferring our membership and our giving to another church in town during this next year. Please do not interpret this action as us not caring and disinterested in your lives. We deeply care about and appreciate all the friendships and relationships of the past 14 years. Change is always hard and this will be difficult but important. If we were to be the pastoral presence for one individual, we would have to be for all. We will remain in Minot and hope to see you in the community. We can visit as friends but cannot and will not visit about Bethany items. We have experienced this once before, having left our home community at Stanley. It was clear then how important these guidelines are for our own health and that of the Bethany family moving forward.

Pastor Gerald Roise

Congratulations Graduates!

These are the senior graduates from Bethany:
Olivia Hindley, Parker Wold, Savannah Field,
Preslie Everson



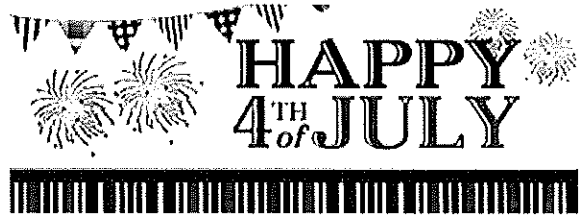
EDUCATION NEWS

We are doing a modified version of Vacation Bible Camp this year. The dates are June 7 – 11th from 5:00 - 7:15pm.

- 2-Day Camp (June 7 & 8) for ages 3-years thru 2nd grade
- 3-Day Camp (June 9 -11) for 3rd thru 5th grade

Each evening session will include a meal, lessons/activities, and music. If you are interested in signing your child up or you would like to volunteer to help, please contact the church office.

Pastor Intern Dave



Bethany Foundation May 2021:

Memory of Arnie Semchenko

By Alma Lee.

Memory of Darlene Sanders

By Wally & Cookie Berning.

Memory of Jamie Stuarde

By Lolly Rostad.

In Honor of Jacob Thraillkill & Dr. Sophia Rammell marriage

Duane & Sharlene Tollefson,
Greg Simonson.



by heart

Bible Study: By Heart, Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism

We will dust off Luther's Small Catechism and wrestle with his ever-relevant question "What does this mean?" What does it mean that God is for us? What do the ten commandments

mean, or the sacraments, the creed, or the Lord's Prayer? Join Pastor-Intern Dave Myers on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. beginning July 13th for "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism". This is for anyone—and I mean anyone—who wants to experience some of the most powerful aspects of Christian faith: exploring the biblical and historical context of the Small Catechism and its link to the church's faith.

- Tuesdays from July 13 – August 24
 - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Cost \$15.00 for materials
- Register with the church office by June 25th

The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry Garden 2021 You can help the garden grow!

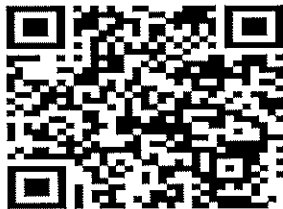
After two very successful years of gardening for The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry, we are ready to begin the 2021 season. With planting completed in May, volunteers will begin weeding and caring for the plants right after Memorial Day. Volunteers will garden both Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-11:30. Volunteers will meet at Schatz Truck Stop, 1712 20th Ave. SE in Minot in the East parking lot, and will car-pool and/or caravan to the gardens located North of Velva. If you wish to wear a mask, please bring one with you.

There are three ways you can volunteer/sign up for gardening:

Type in the web address, scan the QR code, or text/call.

- Type this web address into your computer
<http://bit.ly/pantrygardenminot>

- Use your smart phone to read this QR Code



- Text/call 701-721-0839 and leave a message.
Thank you for your willing spirits as we enjoy the gardens, the wideopen prairie, and fellowship while providing for those in our community who need our help.

Now is the time for all gardeners to sign up for gardening!!

Mother the Camp

Ministry of Care is offering an opportunity to support the 2021 Metigoshe Ministries Mission. By donating items below you will be assisting Metigoshe Ministries' Pelican Lake summer camps. Needed items are the following:

Breakfast Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Oatmeal
Butterscotch Chips, Chocolate Chips, Hershey
Kisses, Pancake Syrup, Honey, Brown Sugar
White Sugar, Powdered Sugar, Flour, Pickles
Mayonnaise, Pasta, Drink Mix, Tomato Sauce (#10
Can), Canned Vegetables (#10 Can), Canned Fruit
(#10 Can), Gluten Free Flour, Gluten Free Mixes,
Paper Towels, Paper Cups, Toilet Paper, Dish Soap,
Band-aids, Napkins, Sunscreen, Mosquito Spray,
Hand Sanitizer.

Please bring items to Bethany by Sunday, June 13. There are labeled boxes by the entry Doors 1 and 3 to place items. Ministry of Care will coordinate the delivery of the items to the camp.

To learn more about Metigoshe Ministries, visit metigosheministries.com



As our time comes to say "farewell" to Pastor Gerald on June 30th, Bethany will begin the call process in July to find a new Pastor. Bethany has been receiving guidance from the Synod office for the procedures to complete this process. This process cannot begin until after July 1st as we continue to celebrate Pastor Gerald's accomplishments over the last 14 years. There are many steps of the call process such as creating a survey to distinguish what the Congregation is looking at for our future. The Nominating Committee must form a Call Committee to put a call out for our new Pastor. This is a defined process and may take several months to complete. The Congregation will be asked to vote on many things in the upcoming months as we proceed with this process. Pastor Intern David Myers will still be assisting until a call process is complete. Thank you for all your continued patience and understanding during this transition.

Please plan on joining Bethany for a retirement party for Pastor Gerald on Sunday, June 27th from 11:30-2 @ Bethany Lutheran Church Parking Lot. We are planning on a barbeque so please bring your lawn chair and well wishes!! More information to follow in the church bulletin and email.



Bethany 2021 Bus Trip

Greetings Friends of Bethany Bus Trips,

You are invited to consider traveling with us on a day trip in North Central North Dakota, seeing the sites and enjoying the fellowship we have grown fond of over the last twelve years of traveling. This year's trip will be a one-day event, **on Wednesday, June 16th**. Hartley Bus Services of Rugby will once again supply the bus, with our friend John Axtmann at the wheel.

The day's journey will have the destination of the Peace Gardens and Metigoshe Ministries along with other stops. The cost will be \$75, payable to Bethany Lutheran, which covers the bus, two meals plus other associated charges. **You will need either a Passport, Birth Certificate, ID card or Driver's License.**

We are opening the bus up to fifty people and assume that those traveling have been vaccinated. It is not a requirement to be vaccinated and anyone desiring to wear masks on the bus will be respected. N95 masks would be recommended if this is a concern. We will ask that you have masks along in case any of our stopping places require them.

Our bus seats will be a first come, first serve. Your payment of \$75 will reserve your seat. We will be leaving at 8:00 AM from Bread of Life Lutheran Church on 16th St SW and return by 8:00 PM.

Please fill out the following form and submit to the Bethany Church Office with registration fee before June 9th, 2021. We look forward to enjoying another trip together.

Pastor Gerald Roise and Bev Jensen
Trip Coordinators

Registration Form:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Information on Minot Community

Outreach Programs:

**SOUP KITCHEN ARE AVAILABLE
AT THESE LOCATIONS:**

MONDAY: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

FAITH UNITED METHODIST
5900 Highway 83 North
838-1540

TUESDAY: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

CHRIST LUTHERAN
502 17TH ST NW
838-0746

WEDNESDAY: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

IMMANUAL BAPTIST
1615 2ND ST SE
839-3694

SUPPER: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN
1000 3RD ST NE
852-0315

THURSDAY: 5:30-6:30 PM

ST. LEO'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
218 1ST ST SE
838-1026

FRIDAY: 11:30AM-12:30PM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 5TH AVE NW
852-4853

SATURDAY: 9:30AM-10:30AM

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH
430 N BROADWAY
839-1064

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
10 17TH AVE SW
839-6478

FOOD PANTRIES:

Our Lady of Grace

707 16th Ave SW
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry

1525 West Burdick Expy
(building located west of 16th St)
Monday-11am-2pm
Wednesday-11:00 am -2:00 pm
Friday-11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Salvation Army

315 Western Ave
Monday – Friday
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Other Community Resources:

Community Action Partnership

2020 8th Ave SE
701-839-7221

Domestic Violence Crisis Center

3900 11th Ave SE
701-852-2258

Men's Winter Refuge

Men's Homeless Shelter
701-839-1064

Minot Area Homeless Coalition

105 1st St SE
701-852-6300

Minot Housing Authority

108 East Burdick Expressway
701-852-0485

YWCA

1020 North Broadway
701-838-1812



Bethany Birthdays!

June:

- 1st – Don Boger, Kenzie Campos, Sylvia Iverson,
Keith Rademacher, Lolly Rostad
- 2nd – Mary Ann Lafontaine
- 3rd – Shaun Walker
- 4th – Kaylee Armstrong, Chance Thompson
- 5th – Barb Sanden
- 6th – 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, Angela Gehring
- 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
- 20th – Harold Harmon, Elwood Sandvol, Jonelle Watson
- 21st – Dalton Walker, Laura Westmeyer
- 22nd – Tony Meiers
- 23rd – Phyllis Hodnefield
- 24th – Rene'e Arnold, Jace Hoaglund,
Robert Pederson, Bruce Walker
- 25th – Holly Johnson, Miles Nilsen, Emily Seier,
Emily Vilandre
- 26th – Jayd Boster, Katie Coffin, Al Dietz, Deanna Ennis
- 27th – Eric Knutson, Briley Walker
- 28th – Michele Dopp
- 29th – Mary Duchsherer, Bryce Murphy, Lucille Ofsthun
- 30th – Mark Grunenwald

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 Kuhnhenh,
Merle Lee, Beckett Zietz
- 11th – Lenhart Mindt, Trevor Ofsthun,
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 – Miles Barnes, Cashtin Brentrup, Brian Everson,
Timothy Herzig, Michael Thompson
- 15th – Teri Aufforth, Heather Paul
- 16th – Sue Stewart, Michael Wold
- 17th – Tallis Dillman, Joshua Hummel, Eric Johnson,
Patricia Kuhnhenh
- 18th – Tammy Wolf
- 19th – Lola Eide, Ronald Everson, Becky Jones,
Alexis Schonberger
- 20th – Joanne Neperud
- 21st – Noran Olson, David Overvold
- 22nd – Zachary Peterson
- 23rd – Vincent Horner, Betty Solwey
- 24th – Josceline Fix, Lucas Gotvaslee,
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 Thraikill
- 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

Children's Corner



Memory Verse: "...Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." (Matthew 19:14)

JUNE 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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