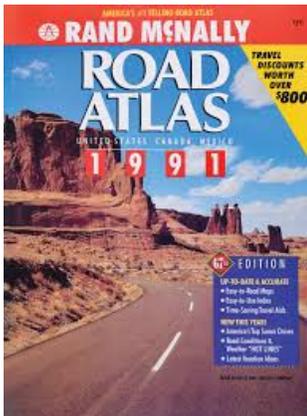


## No Rand McNally

By Pastor Intern Dave



What does your roadmap of faith look like? As I was preparing for this month's newsletter article, I looked at my bulletin board that is in my study. Tacked on it are three hand-drawn maps given to me by Kaelyn and Larae Hirzel (names used with permission).

They had given these maps to me back in 2019 during the week of Metigoshe Day Camp so that I would know where they were located within the church. As I was admiring their handy work, I reminisced the last time I was lost.

Now, if I am driving to a location that is unfamiliar, I, like everyone else, will pull out my phone and click on the Google Maps App. So, I might be dating myself a little bit when I speak of using a road map to travel by automobile. In 1997, I was traveling from Memphis, TN to Dover, DE which is about a 16-hour drive. GPS modules were available but were too expensive for me to buy. So, I used my trusted Road Atlas to get home. For whatever reason, I took my map into the hotel I was staying and ended up leaving it behind. I was not too worried since I knew the major highways...at least until I needed the map. I made a wrong turn about two hours from my house. Thinking I was going in the correct direction, I continued driving for about 30 minutes until I realized I was lost. I was in middle of what appeared to acres and acres of growing corn and no farmhouse in sight. I drove around trying to get my bearings but that was disastrous. Finally, after what seemed like hours, I was able to hail a pickup truck and I asked the driver for directions back to the highway.

Much too often, we take pathways that are contrary to God's purpose for our lives. Yet, God in his love for us, provided a roadmap for salvation. Therefore, as we come forward to receive the Sacrament of the Altar, we hear the intimate words **For You**. Martin Luther explains the benefits of the Eucharist: "given for you and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins shows us that forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us in the sacrament through these words, because where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation" (SC 362:5-6). It is here that we recognize that by going to the cross, Jesus paid the penalty that we are under because of our sin. The scriptures also testify that "that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day" (1 Cor. 15-4). It is in this resurrection that God reveals a "genuine humanity in fellowship with himself. Christ leads us by faith to a new life, free from the power of sin, hoping for resurrection and eternal life, trusting in God's grace. As we travel the many highways of faith, through its twists and turns, roadblocks and construction, may we recognize how God works mysteriously and sets us on the right highway, often through the intercession of others.



**Fall Church School Schedule  
begins on Wednesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>  
with a Welcome Back Rally at  
5:00pm  
Starting Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday Supper  
5:00pm-5:45pm  
Wednesday School at 5:45pm**



**Worship at 8:30 & 10:30am**  
**Fellowship 9:30am**  
**Wednesday Worship 6:45pm**



**June Ministerial Acts**

**Deaths:** Gary Hill, Sheila Schoenwald  
**Weddings:** Tate Delzer/Abigail Fisher

**June Offering Report**

6/6 .....	\$4,488
6/13 .....	\$6,841
6/20 .....	\$3,184
6/27 .....	\$9,069
Electron Giving.....	\$10,548
June Cause of Month Homeless Coalition	\$732

**July Ministerial Acts**

**Baptism:** Emersyn Bourquin  
**Deaths:** Bruce Walhood  
**Transfer Out:** Pastor Gerald and LuAnn Roise

**July Offering Report**

7/4 .....	\$2,933
7/11 .....	\$7,667
7/18 .....	\$3,481
7/25.....	\$
Electronic.....	\$10,500



Our annual summer worship Sunday in the park will be **August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.** (8:30am Worship at Bethany) We gather on the east side of the Stav Church and will enjoy the beautiful setting along with Holy Communion. Please bring a lawn chair and join us for a special time of worship in the great outdoors! Following worship, we will gather under the picnic shelter for a meal catered by the Ministry of Care,

**BLCW Coordinating Council will meet Thursday, Aug 26 @ 6:00pm in Oak Park**



Thanks to an efficient and speedy crew, 226 HealthCare Kits were packed last week. These, plus 35 already assembled, bring our total to 261! The kits will be sent to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul, to be distributed where needed- mostly refugee camps, I think. Just imagine what these kits will mean to our neighbors who have nothing! Please pray for all who receive them. A heartfelt "thank

you” to all who contributed to this cause.

You are, indeed, God’s hands!

Sue Taft

### **August Cause of the Month**

#### **Men’s Winter Refuge**

The Men’s Winter Refuge provides emergency shelter and some food during the coldest months of the year. The Refuge shelters men who have no other place to stay overnight. Typically, the Refuge is open from Nov 1<sup>st</sup> to Apr 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 7 am (overnight only) for those that have met the certain qualifications required. They provide a hot supper for the residents each evening, along with a shower, and a bed. Bethany has contributed to these suppers a handful of times and it has always been appreciated. The Men’s Winter Refuge also assists with emergency motel vouchers, emergency transportation (bus & train), and also utilizes their bus to take individuals in the community to the Lord’s Cupboard on Wednesdays year-round. They are continually looking for donations of paper towels, men’s shower supplies such as body wash, liquid laundry soap and dryer sheets. Please help us continue to support the Men’s Winter Refuge by using the global mission envelope in your offering box or using a pink envelope in your pew. If you have any questions or are interested in more information, please call Mike @ 701-822-2585.

#### **Bethany Foundation Summer 2021:**

##### **Memory of Sheila Schoenwald**

By Don & Joyce Anderson, Bryan & Nadine Holmly, Duane & Sharlene Tollefson.

##### **Memory of Bruce Larson**

By Alma Lee.

##### **Memory of Gary Hill**

By Mel & Margaret Schmidt, Vickie Phippkins.

##### **Memory of Darlene Sanders**

By Duane & Sharlene Tollefson.

##### **Memory of Arnie Semchenko**

By Duane & Sharlene Tollefson.

##### **In Honor of Pastor Gerald & LuAnn Retirement**

Wallace & Mary Berning.

##### **In Honor of George & Linda Walker Anniversary**

Duane & Sharlene Tollefson.

## **SUNDAY MORNING CIRCLE**

**WILL MEET SUNDAY AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**AT 9:30**

## **Miriam Bible Study**

**August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm**

## **Ruth Circle**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm**

### **Thank You!**

LuAnn and I wish to share how appreciative we are for all the cards, gifts, and kind words you shared as we moved into retirement. We have really enjoyed our years at Bethany and Deering and will treasure all the times we have shared! Serving God with you has been a huge blessing!

Our intention is to write each of you a personal thank you, but know it will take months, thus this notice of gratefulness seems appropriate. Your friendships mean the world to us. As we continue to stay in Minot, it would be our hope that we can all serve God in new and meaningful ways. May our paths of friendship cross as we live out each day in thankfulness for the days God has given us.

Pastor Gerald and LuAnn



## HELP!

Lutheran World relief urgently needs school kits! I really hate to tell you this--- the stores are already putting out school supplies! That means we will again be asking for your help in assembling and packing school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Betty Frantsvog has been very busy and has over 200 backpacks ready for us to put supplies in. So, let's do the Bethany thing and fill them all! Following is a list of the items needed. Please follow the instruction carefully. All the backpacks should have the same items. And please remove all packaging; there are no garbage collection facilities in most countries and most of the packaging is not burnable. If you want to complete kits by yourself or with kids/grandkids, get a backpack from me and have fun! For those who would rather donate money, there will be a basket in the Narthex as you leave church during the month of August, and I'll buy what is needed. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Sue Taft

### Items needed:

1. Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper (280-300).
2. One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
3. One pencil sharpener
4. One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
5. Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
6. Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
7. One box of 16 or 24 crayons
8. One 2½" eraser



## Bethany Birthdays!

### August:

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- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kolby Begg, Stacy Nelson
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Judy Anderson
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Agnes Olson
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – Joyce Anderson, Alexander Angell, Nola Grover, Kyle Simonson, Dorothy Swenson
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – Kara Currie
  - 7<sup>th</sup> – Valerie Gartner, Miles Harvey, Jordan Johnson
  - 8<sup>th</sup> – Wyatt Cook, Donna Erickson, Parker Everson
  - 10<sup>th</sup> – Joshua Grotte, Bruce Grover, Kelsey Scharmer
  - 11<sup>th</sup> – Carlie Kuhnhenh, Darin Opperrude
  - 12<sup>th</sup> – Bernard Mattern, Alison Otto, Callie Walker
  - 13<sup>th</sup> – Hailee Field, Hanna Fisher, Lisa Johnson, Spencer Polsfut
  - 16<sup>th</sup> – Bryson Aucker, Cody Duchsherer, Shelby Holmly, Donna Lee
  - 17<sup>th</sup> – Bridger Field
  - 18<sup>th</sup> – Jordyn Gantzer
  - 19<sup>th</sup> – Sherry Hummel, George Walker
  - 20<sup>th</sup> – Owen Casey, Colleen Hodenfield
  - 21<sup>st</sup> – LeRoy Beyl, Rebecca Heilman, Zoey Heinze, Betty Lindsey, Judah Reinholdt, Carolyn Seehafer
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> – Eileen Meyers, Taylor Post
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> – Susan Abel, Matthew Enget, Mary Hasse, Russell Kress, Ryker Pederson
  - 25<sup>th</sup> – George Franklin, Casey Mehl
  - 27<sup>th</sup> – Timothy Love, Haddie Lucy, Jason Sult, Jonathon Walker
  - 28<sup>th</sup> – Sierra Cook, Taya Morlang, Peggy Schumaier, Carol Stolt
  - 29<sup>th</sup> – Kristofer Hochsprung, Cambrie Kuhnhenh, Evelyn Vogel
  - 30<sup>th</sup> – Pat Duchscherer, Braden Egeberg, Vayda Ullrich
  - 31<sup>st</sup> – Jeanette Marshall
- 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!

### Bethany Education News

Back in June, we offered an evening Vacation Bible School, and it was a great success! Thanks to Ariel Hirzel and Nadine Holmly for taking charge and guiding 14 kids throughout the faith-filled week. Also,

thanks to Kat Myers and Dalyce Leslie for the tasty meals.

I am continually amazed at how fast time seems to be moving. The days are getting shorter, the summertime heat will soon be gone, and the kids will be heading back to school. This is also a time for exciting news...**WEDNESDAY CHURCH SCHOOL IS BACK!** Mark your calendars for our "Welcome Back" rally on September 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5pm. There will be lots of food, games for the children (and young at heart 😊), followed by a worship service. Classes and the Adult Forum will resume on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. To register your child, please use the form provided or contact the church office. Once again, Kat Myers will be offering delicious meals from 5:00 – 5:45pm. To help defray costs, a free-will offering basket is available. Also, I am searching for volunteers to act as Faith Leaders for the coming church-school year. I am also in search of a few confirmed youth to help in the classrooms. If God is calling you to help, whether with the school-age program or the adult-forum, please contact the church office. We are excited for the coming Wednesday evenings we will share together.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Pastor-Intern Dave

### **To Date 2021 Memorials:**

In Honor of **George & Linda Walker**  
**Anniversary**

**Altar** from Mary Jordahl.

In Memory of **Sheila Schoenwald**  
**Undesignated** from Erna Pederson.  
**Altar** from Mary Jordahl.

**Ministry of Care** from Greg & Sue Johnson.  
**Paving** from Sharyl Roth.

In Memory of **Gary Hill**

**Min of Care** from Bill & Bev Jensen, Greg & Sue Johnson, Lolly Rostad, Charles & Sue Taft, Alma Lee, Mary Carlson, Becky Hill & Family.

**Undesignated** from Tessa Nesheim, First Western Bank, Les & Shelly Randash, Steve & Kari Files, Boyd & Phyllis Hanson, Claire Larson, Erna Pederson, Larry & Diane Walter.  
**Paving** from Sharyl Roth.

**Music and Choir** from Becky Hill & family, Bryan & Nadine Holmly.

In Memory of **Bruce Larson**

**Music and Choir** from Rhonda Larson, Janet Langseth.

**Min of Care** from Mary Carlson.

In Memory of **Roger Lafontaine**

**Music** from Mary Ann Lafontaine & family.

In Memory of **Arnie Semchenko**

**Paving** from Sharyl Roth.

In Memory of **Val Swenson**

**Music and Choir** from Ernes & Helen Medalen.

In Memory of **Darlene Sanders**

**Music** from Nadine & Bryan Holmly.  
**Undesignated** from Chris & LoreeJane Heetland, John & Betty Solway, Wayne & Fay Jensen, Randy & Holly Bartsch, Alma Zamzow, David & Ronda Suelzle, Beverly Roen, Linda Mickley, Roger & Roberta Larson, Greg & Carol Mathwich, Dion & Brenda JoMiller, Paul & Donna Mae Horn, Lorraine Thomas, Wayne & Lucy Tuttle, Kathy Jensen, Mark & Rhonda Grindy, Mark & Julie Fimreite, Anthony & Tanya Watterud, Denise Johnson, Todd & Laura Nelson.

### **Update on the Call Process**

Here is a quick update of where we are in the call process: Bethany is working on its Site Profile, a self-study that helps us assess where we are as a congregation and what our vision for the future might look like. As part of this, an electronic survey was emailed to all of you on our email list. We hope you will take a few minutes to fill it out and submit it. Your responses are anonymous. Sherie Heine and Faith Simoneig from the Synod Staff have been meeting with the Bethany Council members as part of this self-study process.

The Nominating Committee (Brian Berg, Cleo Berven, Brenda Cook, Jean Meiers, and Shane Morlang) has also met to begin selecting names for a Call Committee. There will be six persons on this committee, with the goal being to represent the various aspects of congregational life. The Nominating Committee will bring this slate of names to the church council for approval. Per the TEEM agreement with Pastor Intern Dave Myers, Dave will be the candidate interviewed by the Call Committee. The Call Committee then makes a recommendation for call to the council. Once the council has received the recommendation, they will set up another special meeting for a vote.

### Pastor Janet's Joke of the Month

The minister's little six-year-old girl had been so naughty during the week, that her mother decided to give her the worst kind of punishment: She told her she couldn't go to the Sunday School Picnic on Saturday. When the day came, her mother felt she had been too harsh and changed her mind. When she told the little girl she could go to the picnic, the child's reaction was one of gloom and unhappiness. "What's the matter? I thought you'd be glad to go to the picnic." Her mother said. "It's too late!" the little girl said. "I've already prayed for rain!"

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Noted on church letterhead: First Congregational UCC in Tucson, AZ, where the winters are so nice that no one longs for heaven, and the summers are so hot that no one's scared of hell.



**The Minot Area Homeless Coalition is collecting backpack and supplies if you would like to help.  
Please call them at 701-852-6300**

### Items needed

### BACKPACKS—BOYS, GIRLS & YOUNG ADULT

- Supply Box & Zipper Bags
- Colored Pencils
- Water Color Paints
- Crayons
- Scissors (Blunt, Pointed, Adult)
- Ear Buds
- Calculator (standard & scientific)
- Head Phones
- Composition Books
- Pencils (#2)
- Sharpie (Black, fine tip)
- 2 Pocket folders
- Expanding accordion folders
- 3 Ring Binder (1-3in)
- 3-5 subject Notebooks
- Erasers (lg pink & pencil)
- Spiral Notebooks wide/college
- Index Cards
- Loose notebook paper wide/college
- Flash Drive
- Glue-Bottle & Sticks (lg, jumbo & sm)
- Markers (washable, both jumbo & fine tip)
- Highlighters
- Dry Erase Markers
- Protractor & Compass
- Ruler plastic/wood
- Graphing paper
- Pens-Black, Blue & Red
- Red Pencils for correcting
- Binder-dividers/page protectors
- Additional items: Post it notes, Tape, Clipboards, Kleenex, Ziplock bags, Hand sanitizer, Disinfecting wipes, Travel size snacks.**

