

From the Pastor

by Pastor Gerald

Have you ever noticed that sometimes it is hard to see or feel God's presence? I don't know about you but so often I get pulled into the business of each day and fail to notice that God is beside us in all that we are about. God gives us the freedom of choice to include him or go forth without acknowledging his role, therein lies our challenge.

On our recent mystery bus trip to Canada we had a lot of miles to cover and we have been asked by many, "so what did you do?" It is hard for some to understand that the secret of our days was not to be focused on the destination, but rather to center ourselves on the joy of becoming aware of God's presence. Our bus ride, and the time spent with one another is so much more important than what we do!

The challenge as we traveled, was to celebrate together the joys in God's world. Where are you noticing God today? Sometimes it was the unique things we were learning about: rescue dogs, burrowing owls or the Rescue Mission, helping those less fortunate. We were able to do things together focused on seeing what God was up to! In the singing of hymns, the greeting from new friends traveling with us, and the prayers and devotions seeking God's guidance for a safe trip, he was near. From kind words from the border patrol, to a compassionate bus driver, we started to notice God's presence surrounded us, if we took time to notice. A stranger that steps up to take our group picture to the hotel manager that takes interest in what our group was up to. God seemed to be present all around us, why wouldn't we want to spend these days noticing? Might it be, that we needed to step out of our routine day to notice the usual ways God shows himself? Just, maybe this is what was behind seeing the day as a mystery and adventure, asking God to show his presence as we traveled together.

I'm convinced that our regular days are no different, but our focus is often so distracted and hijacked by the business of our normal days that God is left out. God is always near when we take time to notice. Being faithful people is about finding joy in celebrating God's presence in the simplest ways. Then not keeping those discoveries to ourselves, but making sure we acknowledge and appreciate them with others.

I hope you are excited about God's presence around you. I challenge you to see Christ's presence all around you, be it your drive to work, a bus ride to school, a walk in the park or taking the garbage out. God is beside you asking you to notice. His desire is to just want to bless your day!

A prayer: Thanks God for traveling with us in the mystery of our lives. Continue to surprise us in noting you in the simplest and most normal activities of our days. Thanks for being near always. Amen

1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are God's fellow workers, you are God's field, God is the one building!"



Plan for the BLCW Rummage Sale

Don't forget the Bethany Rummage Sale when you are doing your fall house cleaning! We accept everything except electronics. Last year we did quite well with our vintage things and plants, so keep those items in mind. Our rummage sale is May 2, 2020. "One person's trash is another person's treasure."



Quilting is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month! All are welcome, being a seamstress is not necessary. There are jobs for everyone!



Thank you seems so inadequate to express our thanks to all who collected items or gave me money to buy the items for the school kits. Your generosity is overwhelming! A special thank you to Betty Frantsvog who has sewn all the bags and to all who put cords in them. The Wednesday night church school kids and parents will pack them Oct 9. We will give you a total after that. Many children will be able to go to school because of your gifts. Please continue God's work by praying for the recipients of all these kits. Thanks again.
Sue Taft

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

As of Friday, Sept 20th Bethany has not repaid the \$10,000 borrowed earlier this year. We are currently behind in our income by over \$20,000 total to cover general operating expenses. Anticipated Hostfest income will still not be enough to make up this shortfall. If you can, please consider donating a little "extra" today for our "Catch-up" Fund. Thank you for continuing to support Bethany Lutheran Church and if you have any further questions, please contact Patti in the church office

September Ministerial

Acts

Funeral: Gwendolyn Skarstad; Robert Fix

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

Sept 2019 Memorials:

In Celebration of Stephen & Susan Davenport
From Larry & Gloria Sorenson, Nancy Stevenson,
Stephen & Susan Davenport.

September Offering

01	\$4,503	08	\$4,152
11	\$858	15	\$5,822
18	\$779	22.....	\$4,812
25	\$	29	\$
Online Giving	\$8,454		
Thrivent Choice	\$0		



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For more information - call church office
838-5196



3 Year Olds – 2nd Grade Sing

October 16, 2019

at the 6:45pm W.O.W. Service

Pastor Janet's Joke of the Month

A pastor was ill one Sunday morning, so a guest preacher was called to lead worship. In his opening remarks the preacher said, "You know, a substitute preacher is like a piece of carboard in a broken window. He fills the space, but after all, he's not the real glass." After the service, a woman approached the preacher, trying to pay him a compliment. "You weren't a replacement after all. You were a real pane!"



Domestic Violence Crisis Center October Cause of the Month

Our cause of the month is mission support for Domestic Violence Crisis Center. Use the global mission envelope in your offering box to support this cause. DVCC provides comprehensive services in a four-county area in north-central North Dakota. The counties DVCC serves are: Ward (including the Minot Air Force Base), Pierce, McHenry, and Renville. Their mission is to reduce Domestic Violence by educating the public about its effect and the company overview is to provide services to victims and their families of domestic violence and sexual assault. Phone: 701-852-2258 or email: www.courage4change.org



Bible Presentations

On October 9th the 5 year olds and the 3rd graders will be given their own personal Bibles. Please have your child at the 6:45pm WOW worship to receive their Bible.



**Lutheran Youth
Organization**

LYO in October

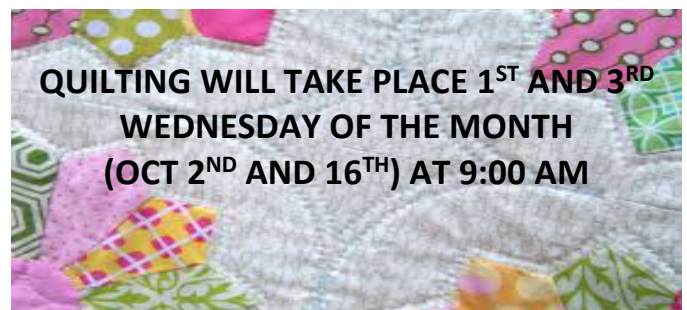
- 10/27:15pm Harvest Olympics
- 10/69:30am Coffee Hour
- 10/97:15pm God's Work, Our Hands
- 10/139:30am Coffee Hour
- 10/167:15pm Bible Study-Synod Focus
- 10/17-19..... WND Synod LYO Gathering-
..... Minot 9-12th Grade
- 10/209:30am Coffee Hour
- 10/237:15pm Gourd Creations
- 10/279:30am Coffee Hour
- 10/307:15pm Turkey Dinner Prep

The LYO is looking for donations to support our upcoming Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 3rd. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and not possible without you. Your support will help students to attend the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Metigoshe Ministries Summer Camp, or WND Synod Youth Gatherings. We are looking for donations of canned cranberries, boxed stuffing, canned corn, butter, milk, potatoes, apple pie, pumpkin pie, cool whip, lemonade, buns, cooked turkeys, and uncooked turkeys (Donna can cook 10 at the church). Cooked turkeys should be brought to the church on the morning of Nov. 3rd, and other donations should be at the church by Nov. 2nd. If you are bringing a turkey that needs to be cooked please make sure it is thawed. Sign-ups will be passed around at services or contact the church office. We will be serving from 9:30-12:30 on the 3rd. Thank you for your continued support!

A huge thank you to everyone that supported Donna's campaign for Walk to End Alzheimer's and Team Snookie! It was a beautiful day for a walk around Oak Park. Our team raised over \$500 thanks to your generous donations! If you would still like to make a contribution there is time, visit <https://tinyurl.com/alzteamsnookie>. Together we can end Alzheimer's!



**Thank you to everyone who helped with
the Hostfest!**



Miriam Bible Study

Oct 10th @ 2:00pm

SUNDAY MORNING
CIRCLE
WILL TAKE PLACE 2ND SUNDAY (OCT 13TH)
@ 9:30 AM

Ruth

Mary Circle

October 15th at 9:30am



Pastor Appreciation Sunday!

The BLCW is inviting everyone to attend Pastor Appreciation coffee hour at 9:30am Sunday October 20, 2019. You are welcome to bring cards!

The Turtle Mountain Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering

will be held at First Lutheran Church, Minot, ND on
October 12, 2019.

The theme for the day is,
"Music of all ages".

Registration and coffee hour will be at 9:00 am.
We hope that all Bethany ladies will mark their
calendars to attend this interesting and uplifting
meeting.

Judy Anderson
BLCW Coordination Council



Ministry of Care Notes

Grocery Gift cards will be given out at
Thanksgiving and Christmas to those in need. If
you know of someone to be considered please let
the office know. Thank you!

Bethany Education News

We have started our 2019-2020 Wednesday
Church School on a high note, and we are
looking forward to another exciting year. There
are many fun lessons and activities planned
which our teachers are anxious to share.
October 9th at 5:45 p.m. is our first Family
Church School and we will again participate in
the "School Back-Pack Project" with Sue Taft.
Additionally, the BLCW is providing Bibles for
the 5-year-olds and 3rd graders during WOW
at 6:45 p.m. Also, it is not too late to register
your child for church school. Stop by the
church office for more details. If you have any
questions about the church school program,
please contact Pastor-Intern Dave at
bethanylutheraneducationteam@gmail.com or
by phone at (701) 240-4225.

The Men's Winter Refuge will hold a
Quilt Auction & Dinner fundraiser on Saturday,
October 5th @ Bread of Life Lutheran Church.
Doors open at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm, and a
live auction at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 for a
single and \$40 for a couple. For information,
please call Mike Zimmer @ 701-822-2585



Bethany Birthdays!

October:

- 2nd –Zoe Hodenfield
3rd –Viona Mindt, Samuel Richter
4th –David Anderson, Sharlene Tollefson
5th –Barbara Anderson, Christine Thompson
6th –Michelle Bower
7th –Ariah Evanoff, Patrick Farrell,
C Stuart Larson, London Opperude,
Julie Thraikill
8th –Ben Berg, Max Howard
9th –Faith Miltenberger
10th –Margaret Fix, Betty Frey, Cheri Knorr,
Payton Schell, Samantha Walter
11th –Kinley Brentrup, Thomas Flanagan,
Grace Walker
12th –Jace Olander, Shanon Polsfut,
Lesley Walker, Jasmine Wallin
13th –Jessica Grunenwald,
Jennifer Malachowski, Tyler Wold,
Breanna Zietz
14th –Shelley Duchscherer, Grace Flanagan,
Barbara Gehring, Tanner Mehl,
Steven Pederson
15th –Lauren Ballantyne, Melissa Field,
Parker Hummel
16th –Adeline Bergeron, Kyla Fisher,
Theodore Marsh
18th –Elias Flanagan, Kathryn Swanson
19th –Audrey Stevick
20th –Gary Brown
21st –Charlotte Hill
22nd –Cameron Abel, Dawsyn Williams
23rd – Emma Fassbender
24th –Brinley Filipek, Brody Nelson
25th –Duane Aase, Dakota Larson,
Robbie Opperude, Cody Randash,
Donna Schonberger
26th –Jordan Thompson
27th –Eloise Burckhard
28th –Laura Berg, Jay Grosz, Edward Steier
29th –Dalyce Leslie, David Myers,
InDee Thunshelle
30th –Kendra Klimpel, Jerry Sanden
31st –Ariel Preskey, Kalli Schell, Harold Stolt

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!

Just a reminder that with Sunday services, please use Doors 2 or 3 at 8:30 and 10:30 services.



Thank you for your support of “Ketchup” Sunday that was held on Sunday, Sept 22nd. Bethany raised just short of \$3,000 for our general fund. Please feel free to still donate if you missed on Sunday.

PRAYER CONCERNS Lenhart Mindt, Janice Klimpel, Joanne Markle, Rhonda Willenbring, Ruth Hovland, Scott Vigestad, Conrad Davidson, Vicki Amon, Donna Erickson, Marlene Pankow, Dallas Johnson, Sue Stewart, Betty Nieman, Boyd Hanson, Terry Price, Jeff Price, Lone Coday, Don Funke, Terry Stevick, Family of Robert Fix. Maintenance, Sanitation Workers, Public Work Employees, Mail Carriers.

Scripture of the Month

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
- ³ Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;^[a]
we are his people, and the sheep of his
pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- ⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100 (NRSV)

Urgent: Gift Card Scam Alert

Dear Synod Council, Committee Members and Rostered Ministers,

We were alerted this morning of an e-mail scam using Bishop Mark's name and photo.

The e-mail asks the recipient to purchase gift cards on behalf of Bishop Mark. Please disregard this e-mail; it is not a legitimate request. If you look closer at the From address you will see that it comes from an address other than bishopnarum@wandsynod.org.

Similar scams have been used to target other congregations in our synod as well claiming to come from the pastor of the respective congregation. Please carefully evaluate such e-mails and texts.

God Bless,

Deacon Beth Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop for Communications
Rev. Mark Narum, Bishop

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Council News from August:

(There was no September meeting due to opening day of Back to Wed School Party on the Grass & Wed Worship.)

Committee discussions held at the meeting included the following:

Worship Committee: Scandanavian Park Service was another successful time and attendance was higher than last year.

Education: Wed School teachers have been found. Could still use some substitutions.

Confirmation: Letters went out for this year's starting classes. First night for students is Sept 18th.

Ministry of Care: Doing Donation Station again in Sept. This year is another grant of \$500 if 1,000 pounds are raised.

Property Management: The landscaping has never looked better around the church.

Hostfest: Looking for volunteers yet. Scheduling will be done thru the office this year to hopefully save on people receiving phone calls. Volunteers should be trained in food handling per First District Health Unit. Bethany will schedule a class here.

BLCW: Rally Wed is Sept 11th and they will be helping supply food and drinks for the evening. Friends thru Faith will pick corn again. Should be a fun evening.

Old Business: Metigoshe Capital Campaign headed up by Ariel Hirzel. There will be 5 weeks of information handed out. Carpet fund is still raising money with a goal of \$10,000 and they are at \$8,600 currently. CHIF will cover any additional funding needed. Preschool starts on Sept 3rd. Enrollment is at 15.

New Business: Western ND Synod Survey needs to be completed tonight and emailed to the Synod. This involves questions of Electing a new Synod Bishop in 2020. Council members gave good discussions on the questions that the Synod is asking.

Council will again meet on the scheduled day of Wednesday, October 9th at 7:30 pm.

