

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
215 3rd Ave SE, MINOT, ND, 58701

Pastors: Janet Hernes Mathistad & Gerald Roise
Organist: Deacon Kari Files, Pastor Intern David Myers

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

* Standing, for those who are able

PRELUDE

ANTHEM: Sanctuary Choir (10:30)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **C: Amen**

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **C: Amen**

GATHERING

* **HYMN:** "In the Cross of Christ..." Hymn 324

*** GREETING**

* **KYRIE** p. 175

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** "Turn back to the Lord" p. 179

* **GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING MESSAGE: Pastor Gerald

HYMN: "God Loved the World" Hymn 323
(10:30 vs 1,4,5)

* **APOSTLES' CREED** p. 105

HOLY BAPTISM (10:30) P 22927

* **THE PRAYERS**

* **PEACE**

MEAL

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Offering

Anthem

* Offertory: "That Priceless Grace" Hymn 591

* **PRAYER**

P: Holy and generous God, **C: you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen**

* **GREAT THANKSGIVING** p. 180

* **HOLY** p. 181

* **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

* **LORD'S PRAYER** p. 182

Distribution, "Lamb of God" (p. 182)

Anthem, Hymn 592

* **BLESSING**

* **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen**

SENDING

* **BENEDICTION**

P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

* **HYMN:** "Lift High the Cross" Hymn 660
(10:30 vs 1,3,4)

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers. Please sign a worship/communion card. (Take one from the pew rack.)

COLORED ENVELOPES are for kids offering in our kid's church.

COMMUNION PRACTICE at Bethany: We offer bread or gluten-free wafers and either wine or white grape juice. All the baptized are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and commune in your home church, we invite you to share in the Lord's Supper with us. If you do not yet commune, please come forward to receive a blessing.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Lenhart Mindt, Betty Niemann, Terry Price, Jeff Price, Arnie Semchenko, Harold & Shirley Harmon, Vicki Amon, Jean Rollman, Leon Turner, Peggy Schumaier, Val Swenson, Jody Selberg, Alma Lee, Donna Erickson, Marlene Pankow, Rhonda Willenbring, Jo Vannett, Muriel Lippert, Ike Syverson, Harris Olafson, Richard Gleason.
TRINITY Amy Towrey
Police Officers, Fire Fighters, First Responders, Investigators, Police Administration

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available in the narthex for January, February & March.

ACTIVITY BAGS (paper, toys, etc.) are to enjoy and return.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be done the 3rd Sunday of the month.

PRAYER CONCERN POLICY: Names will be carried for up to two months. After two months, you may call to re-enroll a name for another two months

CAUSE OF THE MONTH: Our cause of the month is mission support for **The Sanctuary**. Please use the global mission envelope in your offering box to support this cause.

BETHANY'S WEBSITE: bethanylutheranminot.org

BETHANY'S STREAMING: bethanylutheran.tv

BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER DEADLINES: The deadline for input and articles in the *Messenger* newsletter is the **20th of each month**, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for **bulletin** items is **2:00pm on Wednesdays** for that following weekend. Thank you!

PLEASE SAVE UPC BAR CODE labels from your purchases of Our Family Brand Products. The Lord's Cupboard food pantry gets five cents per label. There is a container for collection in the narthex.

Bethany Lutheran Foundation
To benefit the ministry of
Bethany Lutheran Church
now and to sustain it for
future generations
A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Save the Date!!

Thursday, March 26th 2020! 2:00 pm!
Celebrating Bold Women in the ELCA! An afternoon for ALL the women in the church!

Today, March 8th between services, there will be a slide show presentation from the El-Salvador trip!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 8th:

TODAY	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Fellowship/BLCW
	9:30am	El-Salvador Slide Show
	9:45am	Bible Study for Dummies
	10:30am	Worship/Baptism
TUE	2:00pm	Ruth Circle Bible Study
WED	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	11:30pm	Soup/Lent Worship
	4:45pm	Carol Choir
	5:00pm	Supper-LYO
	5:15pm	Chapel Choir
	5:45pm	Church School
	5:45pm	Group Fellowship
	6:00pm	Adult Forum
	6:45 pm	Worship/Lent
	7:15pm	LYO Bethany Bake Off
	7:30pm	Sanctuary Choir
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
THUR	9:00am	Coffee with the Boys
	10:00am	Soup Kitchen
	2:00pm	Miriam Bible Study
SAT	7:15am	Breakfast Boys
	9:00pm	Panera Prep
SUN	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Fellowship
	9:30am	Sunday Morning Circle
	9:30am	Friends Thru Faith
	10:30am	Worship/Baptism
	4:00-6:00pm	Spaghetti Dinner for the people from the Halls Apartments



Please put magazines for train station in the new baskets under the pew by the elevator. No magazines over 6 months old and no catalogs!

Save the Date!!
Saturday, April 18, 2020 – 9:00 am
The Turtle Mountain Women of the ELCA
Spring Gathering at First Lutheran Church – Minot!

FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS – EXPRESSING THANKS

Coordinator (8:30) Ken Stroklund (10:30) Allen Hirzel
Altar (8:30) (9:30) (11:30)
Ushers (8:30) (10:30) Phyllis Hanson
Greeters (8:30) June Stroklund (10:30) Leslie Page
Lector (8:30) (10:30) Sue Taft
Communion Assistants (8:30) (10:30) Ardis Johnson
Coffee Hour Treats BLCW
Altar Guild Rosie Tollefson, Carol Lucier



Sunday March 15th
4:00-6:00pm

Free will donation.

Please come and support the people from the Halls Apartment building.

Saturday, March 21st is

Lutheran World Relief National Quilting Day!

Home quilt top stitchers – we need your help!

The quilters are digging into the stash of quilt tops, so we need more sewed. There are a variety of styles of tops to stitch many of which do not require matching corners. We're trying to make it as easy as possible! We also need several more cut ups – umm, people to cut blocks. We provide on-the-job training, great pay (what's better than knowing you are helping people in need?) coffee breaks with good goodies and a fun working atmosphere. Please come any first and third Wed from 9am to noon. No experience necessary.



April 15 Silent Auction Begins

April 19 Carnival Sunday 10:30 AM

All Ages (3-yr Old - 5th Grade) Sing at Worship,
Carnival Games, Silent Auction Ends, LYO
Serving Lunch.

**Please bring donations to the office for the
silent auction!**



Nora Jean Westmeyer is being baptized today!
She is the Daughter of Justin & Kali Westmeyer.
Nora was born on October 24, 2018.

Her sponsors are Josh & Mindi Grudzinski.

Pictorial Directory for 2020

A brand-new venture for our next pictorial directory. Rather than a paid company (with their hard-sell and expensive portrait packages), we will be creating our own online directory for Bethany members. Look for opportunities to have your picture taken on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. We will have a professional-looking studio set up and be able to quickly take pictures. These will be posted online in a private webpage, accessible to Bethany members only. For those who don't have access to a computer, we will print hard-copies to take home, with a fee to cover printing costs. Photography will be offered at various times throughout the year so it will be easy to add new members in, or to re-take your picture. You may also submit your own family picture, as long as it is not a copyrighted portrait. Pictures by Tony Meiers. For those who have submitted pictures and emails you will be receiving your link to go to the directory in the next couple weeks.



The Bethany Altar Guild is searching for new members who are interested in "Doing God's Work with Our Hands." Our mission is to keep and maintain our worship appointments (linens, paraments, etc.) and worship areas neat and orderly. The time commitment is small and flexible. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve or would like more information, please contact



Mary Jordahl at 701-729-1764.

Thank you!

Lights --- Camera --- Action!

You're invited to join the Ministry of Care (MOC) Committee for an afternoon matinee featuring "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood", a movie about the life of Fred Rogers, the creator and host of the popular television series Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, which ran from 1968 to 2001. The movie celebrates the virtues of patient listening, gentleness and the honest expression of feelings. Allow approximately 2 hours for the movie, which will be shown in the Bethany Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 19th at 2:00 pm. Join us for popcorn, a drink, and short discussion period after the show!



If you would like to participate in a MOC outreach project, you may bring a pair of adult-sized, white socks, any length to be shared with inmates at the Ward County Jail.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS can be directed
until March 31, 2020. Thank you for your
contribution if you have already completed.