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Words from Intern Pastor Sarah

At one of the last Wednesday Night Alive Services, I shared a message about my son and the gift of grace. Cal, recently received detention for the third time this year. Up until this year, Cal had never been sent to the principal's office or given detention. He and I were discussing why this was happening now during his 7th grade year and I asked questions like, "what was he doing or not doing," "What changes does he need to make," and most importantly, "What are his consequences at home." I thought we were close to wrapping up our conversation when Cal said, "Well, Mom, its really not that big of deal, I mean, God gives us grace and forgiveness when we mess up, so I guess it's all good." Ahh, my dear son has been listening in worship, he's listening when I talk, he's listening to Pastor Carter in confirmation and he's been hearing what being a Lutheran is all about. However, he was missing the part about free will and the fact that the Holy Spirit is given through faith and then the heart is moved to do good works. And so our conversation continued and we will sit patiently and see what Cal took away from our conversation.

Since this conversation, I have spent time reflecting on how we confess our sins during Wednesday and Sunday worship services. We believe in the gospel and absolution that sin is forgiven and grace is obtained through Christ. And then we leave worship and do what? Do we go through the week with the belief that Cal had? That belief that we are forgiven and so we can do as we please. Or do we go forward with a clean and peaceful heart that leads us to improve where we need to improve; a heart that leads us to love

now and to consider where God might be calling us into the future. On Thursday morning Bishop Eaton will be the featured presenter. Following lunch there will be a series of workshops offered to help those present build their skills. Lord of Life Lutheran will once again host the Mission Gala on Thursday evening, May 31st. On the menu will be grilled steak or chicken. The congregation's chefs are planning the meal now. You will be treated to a live auction and a silent auction as well. All proceeds of this night benefit the Western North Dakota Mission Endowment Fund. Assembly begins with worship on Friday morning, June 1 at 8:30AM in the Ramkota Ballroom. Remember each congregation can bring at least two voting members (based on size some congregations are allowed more, check the assembly webpage for more information). Your congregation may also bring as many visitors as you like but make sure that you pre-register them so that there is food available.

A Good Read... I was gifted with a copy of "The Scattering" by Dwight L. DuBois. On a never-ending plane trip to Chicago (boy let me tell you do I have stories to tell) I was able to read almost all of the book.

DuBois main premise is that the church does a good job of gathering people together, but we have work to do in recognizing that as the people in the pews scatter to the world they have incredible opportunities to be the body of Christ for the sake of others.

This very Lutheran-centric read draws us back to an understanding that in baptism all followers of Christ are joined to the body of Christ and gifted with abilities to serve others. However, we have not done a good job of helping people understand and live into this way of living. DuBois has a sense that engaging in such work could change the world. I commend this book to you.

Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod

Synod News

A Word of Welcome... If you stop by the synod office at the right time you will see a new face. We are glad to welcome Matthew Nygard as our new Financial Specialist. Matthew began training in mid-April. He will be responsible for working with Accounting Solutions in Minot to track Mission Support shared with the synod, pay expenses and work to share Mission Support with the partner ministries we support.

Matthew is husband to Dina, dad to three kids, member of Faith Lutheran, Bismarck. He is also a former ELCA Missionary to Cameron, a graduate of Concordia College and has an MBA from the University of Mary.

Matthew will work part-time. We continue to work on what that schedule looks like. This staff move continues our re-organization of our office functions so that we can best use the financial gifts which are shared with us.

LYO Leadership Shifting... About six months ago we began dreaming about providing support for those who work with Faith Formation in congregations within our synod. We had begun to notice that more congregations are hiring lay staff to engage this ministry. We began to brainstorm ways synod staff could mentor and provide connections to these leaders.

Beth Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy, Faith Formation and Communication will be developing a network to provide support to these congregational staffers. She plans to use both face to face gatherings and technology like "Zoom" to meet virtually.

To make room for this work Beth will step down as coordinator of the synod's LYO program – she will continue to relate to the group. We are glad to announce that Ashley Tangen Greenwood has agreed to take on the coordination of LYO. Welcome Ashley!

Registration Open! Synod Assembly Registration is now open. Plan to join us for a faith building event. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be with us beginning with the Pre-Assembly Workshop which is scheduled for Thursday, May 31st. The Pre-Assembly Workshop will be an opportunity to engage in conversation around where our church is

and serve our neighbor. Do we go forth and work on the sins that we lifted up in worship? Do we go forth to serve and love our God and our neighbors?

As I asked myself these questions and reflected on my own answers, I thought of Paul's words in Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." This verse reminds me of the gift we receive with Baptism. An amazing, beautiful gift from God called grace; A gift that we receive with each new day as we return to our baptism and claim the promise of God. And as we spend time reading scripture or in worship or in Bible studies, we hear the gospel and in these moments the Holy Spirit is given to each of us through faith and our hearts are moved to do good works. And that, my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, is our mission and this is how Cal and I ended our talk. Knowing that we must go out each day and try our hardest to do good things, make good choices, and to spread love and joy to others. We do this not to earn God's grace, but instead we do it for God's sake and God's promise. We do it because we are called as Christians to serve and share the gospel with our neighbors.

In the midst of joys, in the midst of grief, in the midst of the chaos and busyness of life, In the midst of differences with others, I pray that we all accept the grace that God offers us daily and then go forth and be the hands and feet of Jesus in a world that desperately needs that love and grace.

— Intern Pastor Sarah



Parish News



Congratulations Confirmands

American: Taylor Dean, Mackenna Hanson, Maura Mills, Coy Smith, Noah Swegarden, Cody Rudolph, Lacey Bell.

Knife River: Dyllon Craft, Shayna Dazell. **Faith:** Lakyn Bruhn.

Bethlehem: Tyson Pappa.

Happy Anniversary

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| 2 - Dan & Becky Anderson | 12 - George & Amy Littlecreek |
| 3 - Ryan & Beth Gjellstad | 18 - David & Barbara Nesheim |
| Larry & Grace Lystad | 25 - Howard & Kathy Rolfe |
| 5 - Shane & Stephanie Pappa | 26 - Gary & Kaylen Nordloef |
| 5 - Grady & Lisa Uran | 27 - Scott & Nancy Meiers |
| 8 - Monte & Breann Lund | 28 - Jason & Andie Roise |
| 9 - Jacob & Jessica Niemitalo | Jennifer & Brian Manson |
| 9 - Philip & Cassandra Petz | 29 - Charles & Claranne Baddeley |
| 11 - Jim & Tara Swegarden | 31 - Pastors Carter & Kayla Hill |

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May Birthdays

- 1 - Dave Brown, Mabel Howell
- 2 - Calum Sorenson, Syd Craft, Hayley Trulson Jundt
- 3 - Jessa Longmuir
- 4 - Eric Ostdahl, Craig Wienbar, Sadee Uran
- 5 - Kelly Wittmayer, Megan Mills, Shadov Sveen, Andie Roise
- 7 - Alex Johnson, Grady Uran, Lisa Uran, Waylon Dazell, Deanna Haugen
- 8 - Halle Larson, Alexis Koester
- 9 - Nixie Anderson, Misy Zuchara
- 10 - Kris Halvorson, Gunnar Simpson, Jason Barstad, Reynold Vesey
- 11 - Robert (Hod) Hysjulien, Jerome Lautenschlager, Mark Longmuir, Sara Aadnes, Dawn Evenson, Bill Rudolph
- 12 - Stacy Craft
- 13 - Sherry Laib, Shelly Rogstad, Carmen Wing
- 14 - Judy Johnson, Mark Western
- 15 - Jack Porter Wilhelmi, Cooper Rismon, Parker Manson, Arlan Ostdahl, Nicole Johnson, Jim Enge, Curt Trulson
- 16 - Rachel Mehus, Kevin Craft, Joe Farhart
- 17 - Wayne Evans
- 18 - Gary Nelson, Jamie Gandrud, Chancey Henin
- 20 - Geraldine Smola, Anna Ross, Lillian Johnson, Wes Peck, LeRoy Andersen
- 21 - David Colbenson, Benjamin Barnhart, Ashton Lee Peterson, Sawyer Thor Skarsgard, Ryan Faber
- 22 - Jenna Locken, Kelly Evenson, Linda Wienbar, Abby Wing
- 23 - Judy Vedaa, Tanya Skaar, Brett Ellvanger
- 24 - Nicholas Lee, Jacob Anderson
- 25 - Steven Sundean, Sophie Vachal, Evan Meiers, Sienna Weigel, Fancy Reynolds
- 26 - Joanne Wirtz, Lane Michael Gandrud, Lexi Ann Neset, Sadie Carkuff
- 27 - David Minton, Beth Wilhelmi, Santana Lidstrom, Anya Hudson, Traci Hysjulien
- 28 - Jordan Larson, George Littlecreek, Waylon Bruhn, Debbie Lund
- 29 - Carol Mehus, Jordan Evans, Jana Enger
- 30 - Robert Western, Tara Swegarden, Howard Rolfe, Darla Craft, Dustin Meiers, Bev Fretheim
- 31 - Gladys Meyer, Donna Simpson, Leonard Stettner



Celebrate with each congregation! May 20th—Faith and Knife River and May 27th — American Lutheran.

American Lutheran Church: Travis Dean, Jasmyn Giese, Kaedyn Hanson, Abby Iverson, Quayde Lee, Kaitlynn Lindberg, and Keri Skaar.

Faith Lutheran Church: Tanner Wilson. **Knife River Lutheran Church:** Jared Anderson.

Oppeboen Scholarship: High School Senior and College Students please see Intern Pastor Sarah to receive a scholarship application. There will be 9 scholarship available this year. 4-\$1,000 and 5-\$500.

Community News

Fine Arts Night: Katie Harwood and Pastor Carter invite you to attend Stanley High School Fine Arts Night to see their speech team members perform state qualifying events. Monday, May 7th. Supper served. 7PM.

Listening Opportunity: The Western Plains Choirs will be performing in the High School Gym on Friday, May 4th at 10:00 AM. The public is welcome. Admission is free. The concert will last approximately one hour.

Youth News

The next few weeks are filled with several youth events for fundraising, preparation for the National Youth Gathering, and wrapping up the school year! Here we go!

Recently our LYO group and the confirmation students joined together for a pizza party at the Putt District in downtown Minot. We had an awesome, large group that attended for glow-in-the-dark



mini golf, pizza, games, and lots of crazy fun! It was a great evening of relaxed fellowship for everyone.



Our big event from April was Youth Sunday. It was a parish-wide event filled with worship, a meal, and activities that were offered for everyone in our parish and community. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out that day for worship, the meal, Butcher Shop Bingo, the youth auction, and raffle opportunities!

Bethlehem

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday School crew has been busy building their faith in many ways. We learned a little more about Easter and the Lenten season. We have had some great discussions the past few weeks about “building your house upon the rock”. In other words, whether we have a good day or a bad day, we can always turn to God. The kids are great about sharing the best things and the not so fun things that happen in their week. Then spend time building each other up with encouragement and celebrating their friends excitement for the good things. We will not meet on Mother’s Day, May 13th. Our year will wrap up on May 20th with a fun event. “And so encourage one another and help one another just as you are doing now.” Thessalonians 5:11.

-Breann and Pam

WELCA NEWS

Congratulations to Tyson Pappa on his Affirmation of Baptism! We were blessed to hear his awesome statement of faith! WELCA will meet after worship on May 6th.

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday May 3rd at 7:00PM.



Faith Lutheran

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Altar and Greeter: Darlene V. and Lori H.

Work: Darlene B. and Janice K.

Coffee: 6 – Phyllis, 12 — Darlene B, 20 — Debbie, 27 — ?

Readers: 6 – Barb, 13 — Darlene B, 20 — Debbie, 27 — Debbie

Table Decorations for May-August: Charity Circle

Synod Assembly: Synod Assembly is being held June 1-2 at the Ramkota in Bismarck. Our congregation's delegates for this year are *Debbie H. and Geraine J.*

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS to all the faithful men who served and cleaned up the Easter breakfast. Everyone who made fabric kits. Those who cleaned the parking lot and sidewalks this past winter. Special thanks to Kathryn for her great work with the Sunday school kids. Congrats to Lakyn Bruhn who was confirmed on April 15. Connor Wilson who celebrated his first communion on April 1, and to Tanner Wilson and all the Blue Jay graduates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Sunday school will finish their year with two more meetings on May 6 and 13. There will be an outing for the Sunday School kids and the helpers this summer...more information to come. We had a great year of Sunday school learning and crafts. We look forward to seeing you all back next fall. Have a great summer!

BIBLE STUDY Afternoon Bible study at 2:00pm on May 7 at the church. Darlene B. is the hostess along with a group study. Evening Bible Study is undecided at this time..

For anyone still feeling called to donate towards our National Youth Gathering trip can purchase raffle tickets through June 3rd, 2018. The raffle items include a hunting gun, quilt, lilypad, fire pit/table, and an Apple watch. You can find the raffle tickets from any LYO student who is going to the gathering as well as in the church office at American.

We are going to continue having regular LYO at 5:30-7:00 PM on Wednesdays through May 16th. Through the past couple of summers, we've had LYO once a month with slightly bigger events or fun activities in our community, at the lake, or in Minot. Please be on the lookout for announcements about our summer plans in the next newsletter.

Reminders:

- LYO goes from 5:30-7:00 PM on Wednesdays.
- LYO is open to all 7th-12th graders.
- If you would like updates for upcoming LYO events, you can sign up on the Remind app.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Eden Cuypers, Parish Youth Leader
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Wee Care

In April, we wrapped up the month learning about our last letter of the alphabet! We will continue reviewing all of the letters, practice lower case letters, and even work on a few sight words in May. The kids have been working so hard on their songs for the spring program. Please join us for our spring program on *Thursday, May 3rd* at 10:00am & 2:30pm. The kids will be sure to brighten your day!

— Mrs. Lund & Mrs. Laparra



American Lutheran

Vacation Bible School: We are partnering with Camp Metigoshe for Day Camp! Join us in an Adventure Anchored in Christ June 25-29, 2018 at American Lutheran Church. Times are 9:00-3:00 Monday–Thursday, Friday 9:00-11:30. A program will be held Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. Youth entering grades 1-6 are invited to enjoy some great arts and crafts, Bible studies, Camp songs, and great games! Their energetic counselors are highly trained to work with youth. The cost is \$45 and there are scholarships available.

Parish Wednesday School: Another year of PLP Wednesday School is under our belts. Preschool through third grade students learned about the story of Noah's Ark. 5th grade lessons in April centered around faith. The sixth grade learned about God as a friend. A great big thank you to all of our volunteers this year. We couldn't have done it without you. Students gathered offering money throughout the year to purchase items through the ELCA Good Gifts program. \$310 was raised. The students chose to purchase piglets, chicks, roosters, a goat, honeybees, a water filter, a blanket, vaccinations for a child, and pay for school fees and a uniform for a girl. They were super excited to see all the items they could purchase to help those in need.

ALC Lost & Found: Remember that the first of June we clean out the ALC lost and found boxes. May is the time to look at the items that have accumulated at the church and claim them if they are yours. If these items are not picked up in May we either will take them to the thrift shop or put them on the Granny's Closet rummage sale box. Kitchen items are located in the box in the kitchen entry. Items left in the coatrack area are in baskets located there.



Congratulations!

To our confirmands: On Sunday, April 22nd, **Shayna Dazell and Dyllon Craft** were confirmed and also guest confirmands **Cody Rudolph** and **Lacey Bell** from ALC. We wish God's blessings on these young people and ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen their faith and love as they go on their journey of life.

To our graduate, Jared Anderson: On Sunday, May 20th, we will honor Jared Anderson as he graduates from high school. There will be coffee and cake following the worship service in his honor. Congratulations and best wishes to Jared and we ask God's blessings on him as he starts a new chapter of his life.

To Kayla Hill: on her upcoming graduation from Wartburg Seminary this May. Our best wishes to her as she continues to serve the Lord in ministry. We ask God's blessings upon her and have enjoyed having her among us in the Parish when she is available.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The school year is almost over and I can't get over how fast it went! Our last day of Sunday School will be May 6th. Hopefully, it will be nice out so we can have a fun day playing outside to end our year. I want to thank Marie Harstad and Jodi Haas for the donations this year! Have a great summer and hopefully see you all at vacation Bible school led by Camp of the Cross ! -Nikki

Knife River

JANITORS for May are Mark and Nikki Longmuir.

WELCA will meet at the home of Jean Nelson on Tuesday, **May 8th**, at 2:00 p.m.

FAMILY NIGHT - We are returning to our summer schedule and **will not** be having Family Night until October. **Special Thanks** to Camie Anderson, Jana Enger and Darla Craft as well as Pastor Sarah for planning the monthly event and for all the good food Camie, Jana and Darla prepared for us!! Will look forward to fall when we return to the monthly "Family Night".

THANK YOU – to Nikki Longmuir for leading the Sunday School this past year. You did a great job and are very much appreciated!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers! *You are loved and much appreciated.*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 30- August 2 at Knife River
 with Camp of the Cross counselors

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Anyone interested in hosting a supper one night that week or providing lunch for the counselors at the church, please let Nikki Longmuir know.

May 2018
 Red Serving Group

June 2018
 White Serving Group

July 2018
 Blue Serving Group

August 2018
 Gold Serving Group

September 2018
 Green Serving Group

October 2018
 Purple Serving Group

November 2018
 Red Serving Group

Power Point Asst.
 Katie 1st
 Kelly/Dawn 2nd
 Mary/Kay 3rd
 Jeff/Karen 4th
 Jake Hellman 5th

Sound System
 Jake Hellman 1st
 Don Longmuir 2nd
 Gary Nordloef 3rd
 Jeff Colbenson 4th
 Jake Hellman 5th

Red Group
 Serves in May

Rudy & Ardyce Alvstad
 Annie Baumann
 Wayne & Konni Bohrer
 Arlo & Faye Borud *
 Brad Borud
 David & Tammi Colbenson
 Jeff & Karen Colbenson
 Brett & Lindsey Ellvanger
 Jerome Erie
 Julie Erie
 Aaron Gandrud
 Lynn & Marlene Grabow *
 Dan & Katie Harwood
 Pat Jensen
 Lynn & Carol Mehus
 Gary & Jenette Nelson
 Scott & Dawn Nelson
 Phil & Cassandra Petz
 Cory & Jamie Rice
 Scott & Jackie Rudolph
 Austin & Abi Vachal
 Beau & Kim Vachal
 Lowell & Judy Vedaa

White Group
 Serves in June

Nancy Brown
 Ken & Cleo Bykone
 Yanci Crider
 Rod & Connie Essler *
 Zach & Erin Essler
 Brad & Amy Farhart
 Maren Feiring
 Heather Greenlee
 Gene & Carol Hanson *
 K & M Hanson
 Nichole Janz Hoffert
 Dale & Mary Kilen
 Don & Verlee Kjoson
 Quintin & Heather Lee
 Wally Lee
 Don & Connie Longmuir
 Marichel Mariscal
 Mark & Sheila Morgan
 Dave & Barb Nesheim
 Deloris Oja
 Gordon & Connie Patten
 Chad & Sarah Rismon
 Jane Rismon
 Brent/Bruce Rodenhizer
 Alex & Katie Sandeen
 Tom & Betty Simmers
 Cliff & Judy Skaar
 Tanya Skaar
 Korey & Valerie Stammen
 Jim & Tara Swegarden
 Arden & Janis Thompson
 Cristi Trulson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Regular Weekly Activities:
 4p Cub Scouts on Mondays at ALC
 6p Boy Scouts on Mondays at ALC
 8p A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC
 10a AlAnon on Saturdays at ALC
 Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court