

# Prairie Lutheran Parish

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## *the Scroll*

July 2018

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## *Words from Intern Pastor Sarah*

Greetings from my backyard patio! It is a beautiful, sunny summer evening. I feel a nice breeze, I hear the song of the birds around me and everything is peaceful and the right in the world until I start spitting and coughing on the cotton seeds from the cottonwood tree. The cotton seeds are threatening to take over our entire backyard. It's making it's way into my garage, into my vehicle and into my garden! I hear my neighbors wonder out loud, "What good are these cottonwood trees?"

Somewhere in the midst of all the cotton flying around, I was reminded of the gospel that Pastor Carter preached on a few weeks ago. In Mark 4: 26-34, we hear the parable of the mustard seed. The part that came to my mind is, "It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in the shade." As I read this verse, I let my eyes take a really good look at the giant cottonwood tree down the alley and my eyes are open to a tree that is a shelter and home to wildlife, a source of food to many animals and insects and shade and protection in a young family's backyard. And I began to wonder, "What if we were more like a cottonwood tree?" Just imagine our tiny seeds of faith growing into something giant and beautiful. Next imagine that through our faith, our lives become a dwelling place for other people. People who are hurting, people in need, people who are different from you and me, people who are young, old and every age in between. My brothers and sisters in Christ, go out each day and give support to those around you. Go forth and share the

good news of Jesus Christ like the Cottonwood tree spreads its billowing cottony seeds. Today is the day to love and serve your neighbor and let your faith grow as big as the biggest cottonwood tree in western ND. The next time you see a cotton seed floating by, let it be a reminder of your faith and that it is meant to be shared.

- Intern Pastor Sarah

## Online Giving

### Things to know:

- \*This is completely safe and secure. We have chosen a company that takes the safety of your information very seriously.
- \*You will always be able to give via your offering envelopes. That choice will not be going away. This is just an opportunity to make giving to our churches easier for you!
- \*If you'd like to set this up and need assistance stop by the Parish Office and chat with Pastor Carter.

### ----Setting Up Automatic Giving Online----

To set up online automatic giving you may simply visit the parish website. [prairielutheranparish.org](http://prairielutheranparish.org) and click "Give Online"

Once there, fill in the information! Be sure to select the correct church where it says "Prairie Lutheran Parish" each of the four churches is listed in the drop down arrow. You can give a one time gift, or make it reoccurring each week or month.

This is a great way to be to never have to worry about giving when you are not able to be at church. Let the computer and your bank do all the work for you!

# American Lutheran

## Blue Group

## Gold Group

**July 2018**

Blue Group

**August 2018**

Gold Group

**September 2018**

Green Group

**October 2018**

Purple Group

**November 2018**

Red Group

**December 2018**

White Group

**January 2019**

Blue Group

**Power Point Asst.**

Katie 1st

Kelly/Dawn 2nd

Gary/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

Susan Arneson

Jason & Stacey Barstad \*

Jason & Danielle DuPay

Matthew & Kim DuPay

Neil & Laurie Faber

Carrie Giese

Don Giese

Renee Grinolds

Deanna Haugen

Grace Johnson

Dave Johnson

Lacey Johnson

McKenzie Johnson

Ronnie LaFromboise

Jerome & Pat Lautenschlager

Jessica LeRohl

George & Amy Littlecreek

Jennifer & Brian Manson

Curt & Summer Meyer

Gary & Kathy Mork

Elmer & Carol Nelson

Steve & Jennifer Nelson

Landon & Kara Nichols

Dennis & Brenda Nielsen

Chris & Whitney Nordloef

Gary & Kay Nordloef

Rand & Diane Olson

Andrew & Randi Petras

Michael & Abby Reep

Brad & Barb Reese

Eric & Donna Simpson

Duc & Renae Thiel

Ira & Amy Walter

Gary & Cheryl Weisenberger\*

Bill & Anna Marie Whitmore

Ryan & Beth Wilhelmi

Ron & Shelly Aadnes

Shane Aadnes

Dave & Paula Brown

Jacob & Ashley Carpenter

Brandon & Beth Dean

Jared Enget

Scott & Jordan Evans

Rocky & Adriana Fladeland

Larry & Nancy Hagen

Nancy Hemstad

Gerry & Chancey Henin

Jason & Christy Iverson\*

Duane & Janice Lindberg

Evan & Erin Meiers

Eric & Shannon Mell

Norman & Julie Mell

Jackie Nelson

Earl Rogstad

Layne & Tyra Rolfe

Elaine Sandry

Pam & Kelly Shunke

Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard

Troy & Jenny Smith

BreeAnn Sorenson

Clay & Sarah Sorenson

Steve & Cathy Springan

Bill & June Stevens

### Old Sanctuary Lights

If you are interested in the old lights, please call the church. If there is no interest, they will be thrown out on July 18.

# Parish News

## SUMMER WORSHIP:

Join us Tuesday nights throughout the summer for outdoor parish worship services. A barbecue supper will be served from 5:00—5:30pm. Worship will be from 5:30-6:00pm. We will gather outside American Lutheran Church, weather permitting. Please join us on **Tuesday, July 10** and **Tuesday, August 7th** for time of fellowship and worshipping together.

## JOINT SERVICE:

Please join us **Sunday, July 29th at 10:30am** for a joint parish worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ross. We will worship together and the Synod Staff will be here to bless and officially install Sarah as our Intern Pastor and to give thanks for her ministry with us.



Our parish youth as they prepare for their first leg of travel to Houston.

# Knife River

**JANITORS** for July are Bill and Lillian Meiers. Thank you!

**WELCA** will meet at the lake home of Betty Harstad in July. The date has not been decided due to conflicts of schedules so it will be decided the early part of July.

**110<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF KNIFE RIVER** – will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**, with a worship service at 9:00 a.m. including special music and brunch following.

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## **Vacation Bible School— July 30th—August 2nd**

The time is finally here to start registering for vacation bible school! Camp of the Cross will be leading our VBS again this year. Last year was a blast and the kids had tons of fun!



VBS will be July 30-Aug 2nd from 10am-2pm, with a program the 2nd at 2pm. All kids entering kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to attend. Please register with me (Nikki, 629-5101) ASAP as we can only accommodate a certain number of kids. There is no fee to attend, but we will have a free will offering plate available during the program if you would like to help cover costs.

I am still looking for volunteers to help provide either a lunch for the counselors one afternoon or to host them for supper one night. Please let me know if you would be willing to help me out with this.

Cant wait to see everyone there!!

- Nikki

# Bethlehem

## JUNE GREETERS

1 - Dustin & Barb Roise | 8 - Shane & Steph Pappa & Debbie Pappa  
15 - Scott & Nancy Meiers | 22 - Monte & Breann Lund Family

**THANK YOU** to Allen and Debbie Lund for donating their time, energy, and horses and wagons as a live auction item for our Synod's annual mission gala and fundraiser! The sale of their wagon ride raised \$600 for our synod's mission and ministry endowment funds!

Interested in hearing more about Synod Assembly? You are welcome to visit with Dustin Roise or Diana Evans, who served as your voting members or Barb Roise who serves on synod council.

**SYMPATHIES** to the family of Sande Baade on the passing of her beloved mother, Irene Quammen and to the family of Addy Evans on the passing of her brother Ken Erickson.

**REMINDER** to families that our council has once again approved covering the costs of sending your youth to Bible camp! Please turn your receipts into our treasurer, Jamie Germundson.

Please join us July 29<sup>th</sup> for a **joint worship** at Bethlehem! Pastor Sarah will be installed and Knute Roise will be baptized.

## WELCA NEWS:

- Send in your donation for the Bakeless Bake Sale fund raiser to Addy at 9080 63rd St. NW, Ross, ND 58776.
- Bing your bath size soap bars to the church and drop them in the bath tub in the entry. This mission will go to LWR in the fall.
- Our on going mission continues for the Trinity Cancer Center.
- *Thank you* for your support to our Welca mission projects. Also, please be thinking and praying about the future of our Welca and please consider taking a leadership role.

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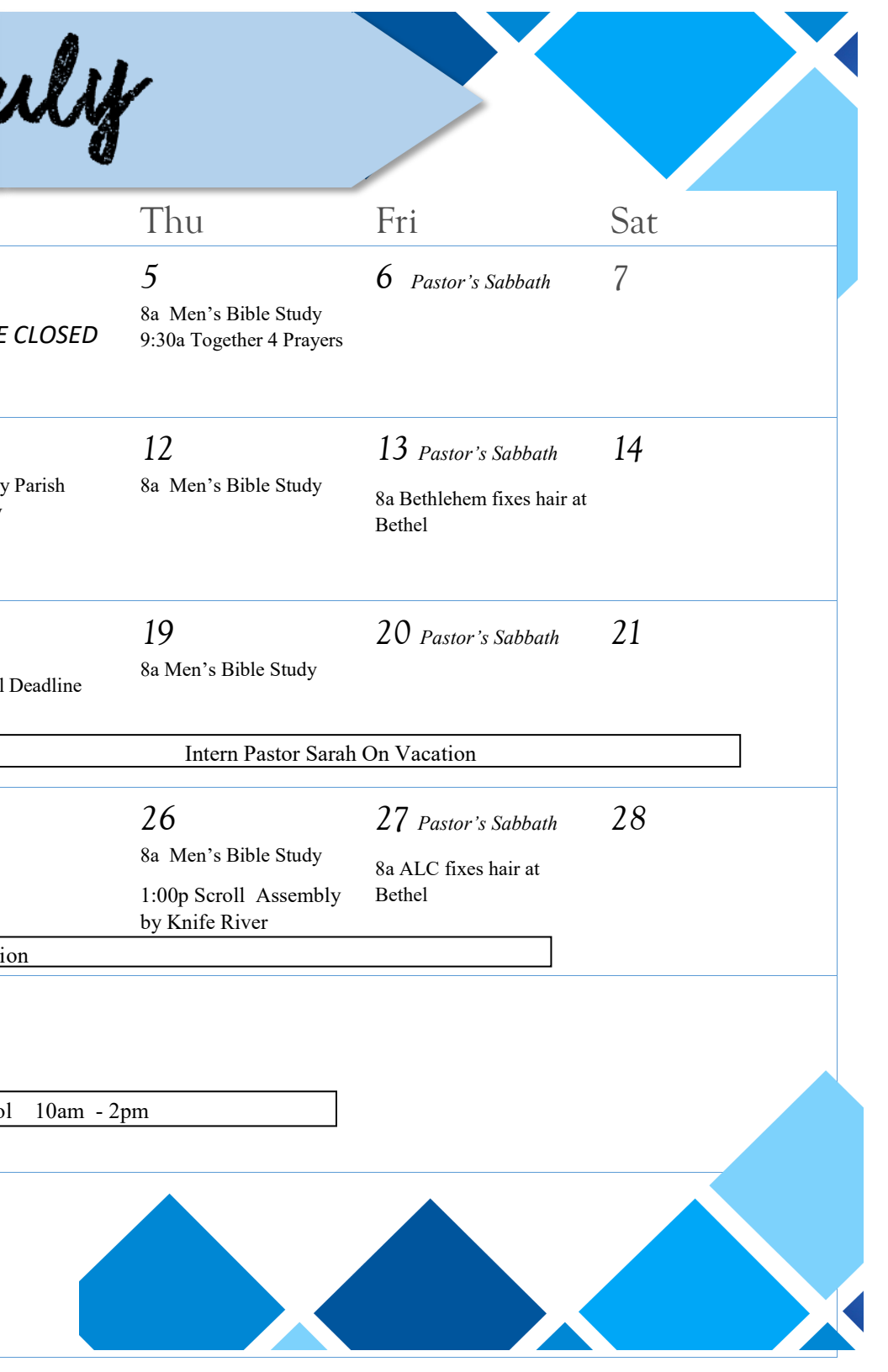
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<b>1</b> Sunday Worship! <div>Pastors at Youth Gathering</div>	<b>2</b> 10a ALC Quilting	<b>3</b> 10a Centennial Court Bible Study	<b>4</b> <i>OFFICE</i>
<b>8</b> Sunday Worship! 9a Knife River 110th Anniversary Celebration 11:30a ALC Potluck Meal	<b>9</b> 10a ALC Quilting	<b>10</b> 10a Ross Bible Study 2p Afternoon Bible Study 3p Evening Bible Study 5-6p Outdoor Worship 6p Parish Council	<b>11</b> 10a Monthl Bible Study
<b>15</b> Sunday Worship!	<b>16</b> 10a ALC Quilting	<b>17</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10a Ross Bible Study 8p ALC Council Mtg	<b>18</b> Noon Scrol <div></div>
<b>22</b> Sunday Worship! 11:30a Gold Serving Group <div></div>	<b>23</b> 10a ALC Quilting	<b>24</b> 10a Pastor's Text Study 10a Ross Bible Study	<b>25</b>
Intern Pastor Sarah On Vacation			
<b>29</b> 10:30am Joint Parish Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church	<b>30</b> 10a ALC Quilting	<b>31</b>	<div>Knife River Vacation Bible School</div>

### Sunday Worship Schedule

**9a Bethlehem**  
**9a Knife River**  
**10:30a American**  
**10:30a Faith**

### Regular Weekly Activities:

8p A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC  
 10a AlAnon on Saturdays at ALC



July

Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8a Men's Bible Study 9:30a Together 4 Prayers	6 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	7
12 8a Men's Bible Study	13 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 8a Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel	14
19 8a Men's Bible Study	20 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	21
Intern Pastor Sarah On Vacation		
26 8a Men's Bible Study 1:00p Scroll Assembly by Knife River	27 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i> 8a ALC fixes hair at Bethel	28
10am - 2pm		



# *Faith Lutheran*

## **MISSIONARY VISITS:**

*Willie and Anne Langdji* and their son will be in ND in August. They have been serving in Cameroon, Africa. They are scheduled to be in either Powers Lake or Bottineau on August 10. If interested, call Iva (628-2269) for more information.

*Katie Narum*, another of the missionaries we sponsor, will be at ALC on July 8. She has been serving in Japan.

**QUILTING:** Our quilting day was June 11. Seven of us gathered and we completed six quilts. A very successful day!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Landon and Julie on the birth of their baby boy. Conor Leonard was born on June 14. His grandparents are Len and Eileen Jones.

**BRIDAL SHOWER:** There will be a bridal shower at Faith Lutheran for Julia Larson (soon to be Mrs. Jones) on August 12 at 2:00pm.

## **BIBLE STUDIES:**

**Evening Bible Study** will meet July 10 at 3:00pm. Hostess is Geraine.

**Afternoon Bible Study** will meet July 10 at 2:00pm. Hostess is Velma.

## **SERVING US THIS MONTH:**

**Altar & Greeters:** Joyce and Velma

**Work:** Carol J. and Eileen

**Readers:** 1—Debbie, 8—Barb, 15—Iva, 22—Jennifer,  
29—Joint Service at Bethlehem

**Coffee:** 1—Surprise!, 8—Barb, 15—Surprise!, 22—Jennifer

# Food Pantry

## March and May News

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry served 52 families in March, 41 in May, for a total of 308 people, of which 120 were children and 30 were seniors. 10,324 pounds of food were provided for those families. We received a lovely donation from Faith Lutheran Church in Palermo, as well as from the Parshall Hi League, Shell Creek Church, and Women of Today. We were the recipients of the Veteran's Gaming Funds, twice!! The St. Joseph's Community Foundation awarded us funds, as well as approved a grant for our Special Needs Fund. A local rancher, who prefers to remain anonymous, gave us 75 pounds of delicious hamburger. We receive eggs from a grower on a regular basis. So, with all of that happy news in mind, I would like to close by saying that I am very thankful that we live in a community full of kind hearted people who want the best for everyone around them... and, as John says every time I ask him how he is doing, we are *truly blessed*. Here's to sunshine, healthy calves kicking up their heels as they race around the pasture, crops growing, kids riding their bikes, and maybe a whirlawhip!!

- Mary

## July Birthdays

- 1 - Sarah Elizabeth Alvstad, Ray Anderson
- 2 –LuAnn Roise, Tara Haj
- 3 - Shirley Bird, Konnie Bohrer, Wally Lee, Faith Fladeland, Jacob Looney
- 4 - Evonne Piepkorn, Jan Narum
- 6 - Brad Ellis, Holly Mills
- 7 - Ryan Paetz, Andrew Gandrud, Heather Greenlee
- 8 - Ashley Taylor, Matthew Nelson, Michelle Guthmiller
- 9 - Seth Gandrud, Tim Lystad, Tristen Barstad, Kaisa Mortensen, Pam Fladeland, Jean Nelson
- 10 - Brady Aadnes, Stacey Barstad, Summer Meyer, Ryan Wilhelmi
- 11 - Eli Pappa
- 12 - Sheila Nelson, Aubrey Locken, Pat Grinolds, Trenton Bruhn
- 13 - Kirk Johnson, Benjamin Wing
- 14 - Roger Gjellstad, Jacob Hellman, Jonathon Evan Germundson, Joyce Hollerim
- 15 - Reed Mehus, Sue Evenson, Debra Alvstad, Debbie Alvstad
- 16 - Lee Halvorson, Jessica Reep, Kari Cook, Duane Fretheim, Kerry Fretheim, Kris (Noble) Johnson
- 17 - Coy William Smith, Noah Rolfe, Jim Hamann
- 18 – Mark Erickson Sr., Halle Sorenson, Kyann Sorenson
- 19 - Janis Thompson, Lori Johnson
- 20 - Brittany Uran, Trinadi Bruhn
- 21 - Susie Trana, June Abdallah, Michelle Gamble
- 22 - Mary Lou Dennis
- 23 - Ashley Nichols, Wyatt Hanson, Bayley Rolfe, Gene Wilson
- 24 – Camden Reep, Troy Fladeland
- 25 - Grady Nichols
- 26 - Doug Larson
- 27 - Maren Feiring, Hanna Warta, Bill Meiers, Luke Uran
- 28 - Bailey Evenson, Warren Walhaug
- 29 - Nancy Hemstad, Sheila Morgan, Cody Anderson, Shannon Mell, Marie Roise
- 30 – Mya Mortensen, Len Jones
- 31 - Eryn Faber, Elle Sorenson, Monte Lund, Candace (Juma) Brown

# Happy Anniversary

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 - Don & Verlee Kjoson          | 16 - Kenny & Kathryn Meckle          |
| 1 - Dan & Karen Lindberg         | 17 - Kelly & Pam Schunke             |
| 1 - Mike & Abby Reep             | 17 - Aaron & Ashley Skarsgard        |
| 2 - Dale & Mary Kilen            | 19 - Mark & Holly Halvorson          |
| 3 - Jason & Stacy Barstad        | 19 - Patrick & Christine Dittbrenner |
| 6 - Dusty & Christy Nelson       | 19 - Roger & Michelle Harstad        |
| 6 - Eric & Shannon Mell          | 21 - Wesley & Kim Reynolds           |
| 7 - Elmer & Carol Nelson         | 22 - Mark & Nicole Longmuir          |
| 7 - Tim & Jan Johnson            | 23 - Kyle & Ashley Nichols           |
| 9 - Carrie & Anthony Sigloh      | 23 - Amy & Josh Stordahl             |
| 10 - Landon & Kara Nichols       | 26 - Chad & Emily Peterson           |
| 10 - Don & Marlene Hoirup        | 28 - Lynn & Marlene Grabow           |
| 11 - Evan & Erin Meiers          | 28 - Jim & Marion Dorau              |
| 12 - Jerome & Pat Lautenschlager | 29 - Bryan & Karrie Halvorson        |
| 13 - Troy & Amy Fladeland        | 29 - John and Candace Brown          |
| 14 - Arden & Janis Thompson      | 30 - Greg & Stacey Mortensen         |
| 15 - Kevin & Michele Kinnoin     | 30 - Kevin & Sandra Harstad          |
| 15 - Tanner & Cheyenne Johnson   | 31 - Brooks & Stacey Goodall         |
| 16 - Megan & Shane Ryals         |                                      |

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# Synod News

## **Honest Talk...**

We have just come off an amazing Synod Assembly. Our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, was engaging, witty and extremely honest. She talked openly about her 2016 statement on the Dakota Access Pipeline. Not backing away from what she wrote but at the same time saying she has come to an understanding that this is an extremely complex issue which will take her (and many others) a long time to truly understand.

Her openness to speak into this difficult subject, knowing how polarizing the topic can be was a blessing. It was a model for us to replicate – have open honest conversation about issues. One we need to address in this synod is racism, especially as it relates to how we interact with our Native American brothers and sisters. Pray that we can find ways to engage openly and honestly in these issues.

## **More Honest Talk...**

We also talked openly about the finances of the synod. At the end of the past two fiscal years I have been forced to down-size staff. It meant saying good-bye to people who were valuable members of our team. However, as I look to 2020 and the election of the next bishop we need to have our financial house in order. The synod has been balancing our budget on the possibility of taking funds from reserves. We have not had to do that each year – because Mission Support from congregations has exceeded what we had budgeted. For that I say a huge thank-you.

At the same time, we need some honest talk. In cleaning our old paperwork, I ran across a report from 1993 listing the Mission Support from each congregation. Many congregations on the list are giving close to the same Mission Support today as they did 25 years ago, meanwhile inflation has increased 65%.

We have important work to do together as the Western North Dakota Synod. There are candidates for ministry to walk with; there are congregations who need conversation partners to dream new dreams and put action plans together; there are new ministry to start, like campus ministry in Bismarck; there are faith formation gatherings

to create. Mission Support makes all of this and much more possible. Bottom line, without Mission Support our ministry is restricted.

**Synod Assembly 2019: June 7&8, 2019 – Pre-Assembly June 6**

**A Time for Leadership...** During our assembly I called for bold leadership. It is time for congregational members to stand up and clearly state that congregations exist for the sake of engaging God's Mission. Congregations exist so the Good News of Jesus is proclaimed, so the sacraments can be celebrated, so the Word can be heard and studied.

It is time for each congregation to engage conversation around mission and ministry in God's name. It is also time to stand up against petty arguing, gossip and any other actions which tear down the body of Christ. We are called to important work. We need leaders who are willing to share a vision beyond our own desires for the sake of those who do not yet know the love, grace & mercy available through Jesus.

**Videos Available for Study and Conversation...**

Would you like to listen in on parts of Synod Assembly? We have now uploaded the 4 Bible Engagement Sessions, the "Dream Church" visions from 3 young adults, the "State of the Synod" address and a brief portion of the Question and Answers with Presiding Bishop Eaton. To find the videos go to [Vimeo.com](https://www.vimeo.com) and search Western North Dakota Synod. An outline for using the Bible Engagement can be found on the Synod Website under the Resources Tab.

**Time away...** We are glad to announce that Deacon Beth Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy, Faith Formation and Communication is on sabbatical. She will be back in the office Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>

**Welcome...** A new voice will greet you at the Synod Office front desk or on the phone – Laurie Jesz is our new Office Assistant. Laurie is originally from Bismarck, is a military veteran, has a background in nursing and has operated an event planning business.

**Rev. Mark Narum**

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod





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Joint Service on July 29th will take place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 10:30am