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Words from Pastor Carter

The commandment “you shall have no other Gods” is something I find myself thinking about fairly often in life. I think we often think that this commandment is something simple to achieve. We stop and say, “well I’m a Christian and I worship the Christian God, three in one, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and I don’t worship the same God that Hindus, or Jews, or Muslims worship, so...I’m good.” However, I don’t think it is that simple. This commandment calls us into deep reflections about what and who we make our Gods.

On my seminary internship, the mother of a confirmation student came to me and explained that her son would never be able to attend worship because they have hockey games on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings, and he would miss some classes because of practices. Before I could even stop myself, I spoke, “so who is your God? God, the creator of you and this world, or hockey?” She was mad at me for sometime, but after some further conversations, she told me that she had thought hard about this and that she realized in their lives she was teaching her children and family to value not only sports, but almost everything over God.

We all have things that we place over our creator. That is simple truth. It is easy. We do it without even realizing it. Almost every day we most likely lose sight of how our priorities should be laid out. Even this morning I became incredibly frustrated because I could not get Adelaide to stop crying. Looking back a large part of that frustration was because in that moment I had other things I needed to get done. It was about priority, and my daughter needed to take priority over everything else in that moment. For that confirmation mom it

Synod Council To Meet...

The Western North Dakota Synod Council meets February 15 & 16 at Bethany, Lutheran in Minot. We will be discussing what is happening in congregations around the synod, our synod mission priorities and how those ministries are engaging their communities, wrapping up fiscal year 2018 (remember the synod’s fiscal year ends January 31, 2019), reviewing the 2019 budget, setting a budget for 2020 that the assembly will engage and a variety of other issues. If there is anything you feel should come before council let me know.

An Opportunity to Learn...and Maybe be Challenged...

There are racial divides in our country and in our own communities. Often it is not talked about, maybe because we are not sure how. A group of faith leaders in Bismarck is planning an event to help engage conversations. The Faith Alliance for Racial Justice is sponsoring the event at Trinity Lutheran, February 22-23. The title of the gathering is ***Bridging Cultures, Cultivating Healing: 525 years after the Doctrine of Discovery***. ELCA Global Musicians will be part of the gathering. There will be speakers, opportunities for hands on learning, conversation and good food. The cost will be about \$30 per person (details are still being worked out). If you would like to register contact Rev. Sylvia Bull, Faith Lutheran in Bismarck – sylvia.bisfaith@gmail.com

A few items...

- Pastor Roger Deiterle, Belfield, Daglum and Medora Lutheran has announced he will retire March 3, 2019 – blessings.
- I will be away February 26 through March 4 for the First Call Assignment Process (I pray we are blessed with at least one candidate) and the Conference of Bishop’s.
- Synod staff enjoy being present in congregations – invite us to preach or lead conversation. Call us for conversation.

Blessings All!

Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod

Synod News

Sabbath... I have been reading Wayne Muller's *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives*. I commend the book to you - to nourish your soul, to ask yourself deep questions about how you are living. Muller, a Christian, draws on a variety of faith traditions to raise questions about how we spend our lives. His writing challenges cultural assumptions about the use of time and money. At the same time, he offers practical experiments to find Sabbath in your life.

This not a sit down and read from cover to cover kind of book. Instead it is best read slowly, over time, pondering his words and your own life. It may be a fine book to read with others, those who you would like to pray with.

GIFTS...

For over 30 years the Western North Dakota Synod has been blessed by a lay ministry program called GIFTS (Growing In Faith To Serve). This program is first a way for people to deepen their walk with Christ. For some that means building a richer spiritual life, for others it is about growing to be a better Sunday School teacher, youth leader or council member and for some it has led to lay preaching.

Part of GIFTS is to establish a local group who meets at least monthly to study scripture and other topics as they choose. Three times a year a seminary professor visits Western North Dakota for a GIFTS gathering.

I would love to tell you more about GIFTS. If you would like, give me a call or Sherie Heine who serves as the GIFTS Coordinator. If you are currently a GIFTS participant this is a reminder – please pay your annual fee of \$75 now. Your annual fee makes this program possible.

Synod Assembly: June 6,7,8 at the Grand Hotel, Minot

Resolution Deadline... The deadline for submitting a resolution for consideration at this year's synod assembly is March 31. Please visit the Synod Website for information on submission requirements. If you have questions, please be in contact with Faith Simonieg who leads the Assembly Reference and Counsel Committee.

was needing to see that for her family to actively be involved in their faith and faith community she needed to prioritize those wants over hockey.

So who is your God? What is your God? I invite you to think about this for the coming days. Don't let it bring guilt or shame to you, but let it serve as a way to see what it is that is taking priority in your life. Perhaps a small change could bring some small sense of peace to your life. Perhaps a small change could make you feel closer to God. Although, I always remind myself that the greatest news is this, no matter how off our priorities become or how many things we make Gods in our lives, our God, the savior of God's people, will never draw away from you.

I will end with a poem that I love. It draws its readers into seeing what our true calling as children of God is in this life: to love and to serve.

May you find peace in this new year to come.

- Pastor Carter

"The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

Faith Lutheran

"Happy Sweatheart Day"

WELCA will meet on Sunday, March 3 with a potluck dinner and meeting to follow.

Faith serves for Lent on March 20th with services held at ALC. We also serve with Knife River and Bethlehem on April 10th.

On February 24, **Lutheran Social Services celebrates their 100 years**, so we will have a special offering along with the regular on that day. There will be a basket set up in the back of the church for the offering.

Here's a run down on our Annual Meeting that took place on Jan 20th.

- Two Council Members: Walt Dunham and Len Jones
- Synod Delegates: Debbie Haugen, Barb Jones, Iva Fox, alternate.
- Auditing: Jennifer Jones, Eileen Jones, and Sarah Brewer.
- Bethel Home Delegates: Mike Brewer and Monica Sem
- Nominating Committee: Warren Walhaug
- Youth Council Delegate: Hunter Meckle
- News Reporter: Debbie Haugen
- Parsonage Board: Mike Brewer
- Parish Board: Walt Dunham, Wayne Enger, Carol Johnson.
- Faith Council: Walt Dunham, President; Len Jones, Vice President; Debbie Haugen, Secretary; Carol Johnson, Treasurer.
- Altar and Greeter: Kathy Rolfe

Happy Anniversary

11 - David and Tammi Colbenson

14 - Randal & Diane Osdahl

28 - Tom & Betty Simmers

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- 1 – Blaine Hamers, Gail Raasakka, Bentley Sigloh
- 2 - Lori Hanson, Mari Jarmin
- 3 - Scott Rudolph
- 4 - Jessica Lerohl, Brian Hamers
- 6 - Adam Jarmin, Clarence Kvamme
- 8 - Dan Harwood, Nicole Longmuir, Zeke Wienbar
- 9 - Betty Harstad, Bill Sem
- 11 - Rita Locken
- 12 - Kenny Bykonen, John Mogren, Amelia Koester
- 14 - Dennis Nielsen, Lowell Vedaa
- 15 - Tammi Colbenson, Pat Jensen, Bev Neset,
Emery Meiers, Lynnea Harwood, Caiden Hill,
Gavin Vigness
- 16 - Jake Germundson, Walt Dunham
- 17 - Jennifer Manson, Stan Wright, Audrey Dazell
- 18 - Easton Manson, Cooper Sem
- 19 - Renee Grinolds, Iva Fox, Kianna Bruhn
- 21 - Brad Borud
- 22 - Renae Gjellstad, Jim Trana, Brent Rodenhizer,
Asher Nichols
- 23 - Chance Bieri
- 24 - Mazi Koester, Caylie Dunham
- 25 - Ardyce Alvstad
- 27 - Mark Morgan, Macy Nesheim, Marlys Juma
- 28 – Axel Sandeen, Susan Vachal, Knute Roise,
Stevie Halvorson, Kayla Hill
- 29 - Kaitlynn Fettig

- Work: Nikki Bruh, Chair, Monica Sem and Joann Ostdahl

Afternoon Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, February 12th at 2:00PM at Phyllis Vesey's along with a group Bible Study. January was cancelled.

Evening Bible Study will meet on Wednesday February 20th at 3:00PM at Darlene Vesey's along with a group Bible Study.

Serving Us This Month

Readers:

Coffee:

3-Monica Sem	3-Phyllis Vesey
10-Eli Brewer	10-Surprise
17-Mike Brewer	17 – Darlene Bruhn
24-Debbie Haugen	24-Debbie Haugen

“I Care” Prayers are ongoing! Keep them up in our busy world.

Insect of the Month

Flower Longhorn Beetle

Sunday School

Our attendance has been very good. We are learning a lot and now it's already another year and another month. Our next Sunday School dates will be the 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 9:30AM. Thanks to our teacher Kathryn for doing such a good job.

Bethlehem

CHURCH COUNCIL meeting February 12th, at 7:00 pm

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our outgoing council members, Wayne Evans, Debbie Lund, and Breann Lund. We are very grateful and thankful for the time and energy you have shared with our church over the past several years!

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES IS TURNING 100!

Bethlehem will be celebrating this milestone February 10th with a potluck following our 9:00 am worship service. Jean and Bryan Quigley will be present for the worship service to share news of where LSS has been and where it is going! There will be a freewill offering taken at the potluck to share with LSS in honor of their anniversary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We started our book club up again after Christmas. The older students will finish the book, "Case for Christ", soon. We plan on watching the movie when the book is complete. The younger students will continue their lessons from the Spark curriculum. A reminder that our youth will be participating in worship February 10. Check out what your student has been assigned!

Serving Us This Month

February 3 - Uran Family

February 10 - Sorenson Family

Reading - Jessy Music - Owen

Bell - Jack Greeter - Jake & Briggs

Communion - Levi & Sadee

Acolyte - Katy & Kaley

Offering - Annie & Omni

Coffee - Henry & Jozey

February 17 - J & A Roise Family

February 24 - S & N Meiers

Another heads-up for all 7th-12th LYO: Youth Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, March 31st.

Thank you to all the churches for all of the love and continued support that you show our youth!

Eden Cuypers, Youth Leader

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Wee Care

The preschoolers were excited to get back to school after Christmas vacation. It amazes me how much these students have learned and grown half ways through our school year! Ours days are filled with learning the basics like their letters and numbers, but we add in many hands on opportunities as well. In January, we got to make fizzing volcanoes and play with instant snow.



We welcomed a new face to Wee Care this month. Tori Anderson is our new teaching assistant! She is a natural with the kids and will be a wonderful addition to our program.

Youth News

We are just getting started with our 2019 calendar year, and I'm excited for some of the things we're going to do and plan for!

On this last Wednesday of January, the 30th, we are planning for a night at the Maysa in Minot for all of our 7th-12th graders. We're planning to take about 16 youth with us for the evening to go out to eat and ice skate the night away! (Skate, or fall.)

Pastor Carter, Pastor Sarah, and Eden will be planning some other larger events for all the 7th-12th graders coming in the spring such as a day in Minot and a lock-in at the church. Be on the lookout for dates and details in the coming weeks/months.

Parents/Guardians: If you haven't had the chance to add yourself or your child/children, feel free to join our Remind group for any announcements or reminders for youth activities or quick questions.

Enter this number: 81010

Text this message: @plply

Here's what our month of February will look like
for any youth in grades 7-12:

January 30th -- ALL 7TH-12TH GRADE!

February 6th -- 9th-12th grade

Feb 13th -- 7th/8th grade | Feb 20th -- 9th-12th grade

Feb 27th -- 7th/8th grade

Knife River

JANITORS for February are Roger & Michelle Harstad. Thanks!

WELCA - No meeting is planned for February.

FAMILY NIGHT is scheduled for **Sunday, February 17th, at 5:00 p.m.** Supper will be served by our cooks, Jana and Camie. Hope you can join us for a relaxed evening of worship and fun. No worship at 9am.

COUNCIL FOR 2019 ARE:

President – Mark Longmuir

Vice-president – Brooks Goodall

Secretary – Camie Anderson

Treasurer – Lillian Meiers

Council member – Jodi Bohmbach

Council member – Jessica Niemitalo (newly elected)

Parish Council– Mark Longmuir, Camie Anderson & Jana Enger

THANKS to Brooks Goodall for assisting with the installation of the security system in our church building. His expertise in this was greatly appreciated!!

MANY THANKS TO:

- Jana Enger for serving on the council the past three years
- Warren Craft for serving his term on the Parish Board
- Camie Anderson & Jana Enger for being our cooks for Family Night
- Nicole Longmuir for being a wonderful Sunday School leader
- Janitors, those who served on different committees, ushers, candlelighters,
- readers for worship, organists, coffee servers, snow removal or whatever you've done to meet the needs of our congregation.

You are all appreciated!!

American Lutheran

Green Group

Purple Group

February 2019

Green Group

March 2019

Purple Group

April 2019

Red Group

May 2019

White Group

June 2019

Blue Group

July 2019

Gold 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

Gordon & Sharon Aas *

Bryan & Karen Davies

Robin Enget

Sue Evenson

Elsie Ganskop

Jacob Hellman

Brian & Traci Hysjulien

Chad & Cammie Hysjulien

Hod & Ruth Hysjulien

Marjorie Jaha

Gary & Judy Johnson

Lynette Johnson

Kevin & Michelle Kinnoin

Meyer & Diane Kinnoin

Chase Lindberg

Dan & Karen Lindberg

Larry & Grace Lystad

John & Devra Mogren

Greg & Stacey Mortensen

Bev Neset *

Jerry & Jennifer Neset

Lance & Teri Ostdahl

Evonne Piepkorn

Stacy Neset

Ken & Donna Ranum

Bill & LaRae Rudolph

Amy Strasser

Robert Western

Bernard & Joanne Wirtz

Corey & Melissa Bristol

Jeremy & Sarah Carkuff

Mercy Carkuff

Pat & Christine Dittbrenner

Brad & Kim Ellis

Mark Erickson

Kelly & Dawn Evenson

Kevin & Melissa Evenson

Marilyn Evenson*

Roger & Renae Gjellstad

Ryan & Beth Gjellstad

Doug & Susan Halden

Ron & Linda Hamers

Traci & Jaci Jarmin

Keith & Taina Karow

Darin Larson

Doug & Jen Larson

Nellie Larson

Dale & Gwen Mortensen

Doreen Moser

Ron & Laura Paetz

Andrew Raasakka

Heather Raasakka

Mike & Gail Raasakka

Jerry & Nancy Rudolph

Denise Sundean

Jim & Susie Trana

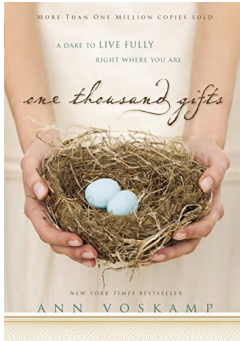
Food Pantry

The Mountrail Community Food Pantry provided 7091 pounds of food in December to 60 families, for a total of 183 people, of which 77 were children, and 19 were seniors. We were blessed to receive a notable amount of donations in December!!! We are very thankful for this!! Area churches as well as individuals sent in donations, as well as some kind words. ☺ Those little notes just make our day! I post them on our bulletin board. ☺ As you may have seen in the Promoter, Dennis at Secure Energy presented a check to our food pantry, as well!! ☺ Mary (at the Promoter) has been kind enough to post the dates we are open, (and closed, if there is a holiday) as well as our hours of operation, which has been very helpful to clients.

I think this is a good time to take a moment and thank our main core of volunteers; Barb Jones, Mary Domaskin and Nancy Meiers. None of these ladies will be tickled with me for writing this, for they are not giving of their time to draw attention to themselves. ☺ They are giving of their time, their labor and their ideas, because they have hearts of gold, and are determined to see that good food gets to those in need. ☺ Without these faithful volunteers, the food pantry would not operate nearly as smoothly. So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you, ladies!! You are more appreciated than words can ever say!! ☺ And thank you to this community and the surrounding area, for being our partners in getting food to those in need!!

God bless you,
- Mary

Parish News



Women's Bible Study

One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp

We will meet Wednesdays in February, following worship. Please purchase the book and study guide before our first meeting. All are welcome!

Birthday List

Every month we receive the list of birthdays and anniversaries from each congregation's reporter to print in the Scroll. We have now created a master list so it will not be necessary for the reporters to send these dates each month. If you have corrections please let us know. We have removed many names of past members and individuals who are not members and not in our database. We ask that you submit only the names of our members and associate members. Thank you.

LSS 100th Anniversary

Every congregation in the Western North Dakota Synod is a part owner of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. Our Social Ministry organization is turning 100 years old in February. You can be proud that over the past 100 years your social ministry has helped with adoptions, cared for senior citizens, provided in-patient mental healthcare for youth, done in-home coaching for young parents, resettled refugees and much more.

Lutheran Social Services Potluck

American Lutheran will have their monthly potluck on February 3rd following worship service. There will be baskets for a free-will offering for the Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota in commemoration of their 100th Anniversary.

New officers at ALC

President: Summer Meyer

Vice President: Jacob Carpenter

Secretary Karen Colbenson

Treasurer: Marichel Mariscal

ALC Council

In-coming

Chris Nordloef

Kelly Evenson

Pat Dittbrenner

Lucas Colbenson

Doug Larson

Out-going

Kay Nordloef

Dawn Evenson

Marlene Grabow

Kyle Hanson

Thank you for serving!

Confirmation

7th Grade Confirmation

March 6 - 7th Grade Confirmation begins from 4:00-5:00 at American Lutheran Church.

All Confirmation Students

ALL Confirmation students must attend Lent Services beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 6.

Confirmation Camp

ALL Confirmation students must attend Confirmation Camp at least once during confirmation. This year we will be attending camp at Metigoshe Ministries from June 9th—14th. Please speak to Pastor Carter or Intern Pastor Sarah about signing up.

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Schedule 9a Bethlehem 9a Knife River 10:30a American 10:30a Faith	Regular Wednesday 4 - 5:15p Wednesday School and Confirmation 5:15p Family Meal 6p The Bridge Worship				1	2 GIFTS Event—Bismarck
3 Regular Worship LSS Potluck at ALC	4 10a ALC Quilting 6p Parish Council	5 10a Pastor's Text Study 10a Cnt Court Bible Study	6 Regular Wednesday	7 8am Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court	8 Bethlehem fixes hair at Bethel Home	9
10 Regular Worship ALC Council	11 10a ALC Quilting	12 10a Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study 2p Faith Bible Study	13 10 Parish Bible Study Regular Wednesday	14 8am Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court	15	16
17 Regular Worship ALC Purple Group 5p Knife Family Night	18 10a ALC Quilting Church Office Closed	19 10a Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	20 Scroll deadline Regular Wednesday 3p Faith Bible Study FCCLA in Fellowship Hall at ALC 8:00-2:00	21 8am Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court Scroll Deadline	22 American fixes hair at Bethel Home	23
24 11:30 ALC Purple Serving Group meets	25 10a ALC Quilting	26 10a Pastor's Text Study 10 Bethlehem Bible Study	27 Regular Wednesday	28 8am Men's Bible Study at Centennial Court Scroll Assembly by Faith		

Regular Weekly Activities:

8p A.A. on Mondays & Fridays at ALC
10a AIAnon on Saturdays at ALC
Mondays: Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall ALC

Pastor Carter is on parental leave throughout the month of January. Please contact Pastor Sarah or John for any thing you may need.