GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



May 2018 Newsletter

From the Desk of Pastor David Maxfield

Dear Friends in Christ (read Matthew 6:28)

Ah spring! The temperature is rising, the sun is shining. The birds have returned and the farmers are praying for rain. People emerge from the long winter hibernation and life is renewed. And the dandelions return!

The story is told about a young child who wanting to please her mother picked a beautiful bouquet of yellow headed flowers. She brought them into the house and with a hug and a smile helped her mom put them in a vase to be proudly displayed on the table. Later at supper her dad asked where the dandelions had come from. "I picked them in the backyard just for mommy." "Hmm," the father said between bites," Guess I better go to Menards and pick up weed killer. Pesky things, they come up earlier and earlier each year. One of these days they'll pop through the snow wearing long underwear."

Her teenage brother thought the image of dandelions wearing "woolies" was humorous, but mom noticed that her daughter sort of slumped her chair. Her beaming smile was gone, something was wrong, she summoned up courage, "Daddy, why are dandelions weeds?"

Funny isn't it (or is it) how something so beautiful in the eyes of a child becomes so noxious in the nose of an adult. Botanical responses and scientific explanations just won't do. What that little girl gave was a gift of love, what she experienced was sheer delight in giving, the wonder of the mystery of life, and the beauty of a creator who can paint the sunset and dab a little yellow head on a weed.

I'm not suggesting that we should not tend to our lawns. What I am suggesting is that with the first breath of spring, let's take it in. Open our ears to the dawn chorus (I heard them this morning), open our eyes to the wonder around us, breathe in the new life which God is providing and with child-like faith, maybe even marvel at a little yellow headed flower before you zap it with Scotts,

Shalom,

Pastor David

P.S. May is a time of celebration, of passages and promise. Join us for worship

May 6- Stephen Ministry Commissioning- we celebrate with our first class in the renewal of Stephen Ministry in our congregation. 5 adults are making a two year commitment to help provide confidential Christian care to our congregation,

Creation Sunday- we celebrate spring and the goodness of God's creation in song and Prayer, ending our worship outside (weather permitting) and a gift of a Garden Cross crafted by the confirmation students as we bless yards, gardens, farms and ranches,

May 13- Mother's Day- need I say more?

We'll be distributing bibles to our 2nd graders this weekend.

May 20- Cap and Gown Day- we honor the graduating class of 2018 and bless them on their journey.

May 27- Memorial Day Weekend- we honor those who are and have served our country and remember those gave their lives for our freedom.



Happy Spring from the Worship Committee!

Upon council approval, the summer worship schedule has officially been set! Our first unified services will be held on June 3 and continue thru the summer until we return to two-services on September 9. As in past years, music "style" will be determined by availability of our wonderful musicians.

Wear Red for Pentecost on Sunday, May 20th! Our "I Love My Church" shirts would be perfect!

Sunday May 6th will be the Installation of our Stephen Ministers! Please join us in welcoming them, and please prayerfully consider joining their mission as they would love to have you!

Where will Flat Jesus go this summer?! Keep an eye out, he will be making his appearance very soon!

Please join us on May 15th at 6pm for our next worship committee meeting!

Chelsey Vinger, Ashley Weisz, Linda Clemes, Kathy Molland, Clair Keene, Dave Rod, Peggy Hagen, and Steve Peters.

Hello from Stewardship Committee!

Does the word "stewardship" make you cringe? Does the word make you think of \$\$money\$\$? You're not alone if that's what first comes to your mind. But stewardship is about *more* than money, it's about all that God has entrusted to us to further His work in the world.

It's about our relationships, it's about our time, it's about caring for creation, it's about hospitality, and caring for our neighbor. We are all called to be good stewards of these gifts. Our response to the call can make a difference in the world. The next time you hear the word "stewardship", I encourage you to consider how you are using what God has entrusted to you. Do one thing, take one step- it will make a difference.

*Source: Here's Your Stewardship 'Toolkit' for April 2018! ~ Faith Simonieg, Serving as Assist. to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity, WND Synod, ELCA

Hello from Parish Ed Committee!

Another year of Church School, 412 Youth and Confirmation is complete! Thank you to the teachers, helpers, families that made meals for Wednesday night, worked on projects and helped our Youth Grow to the Glory of God. We had roughly 100 kids this year!

<u>Teachers:</u> Karen Weisz **Bobbie Gathman** Wendy Slotsve Pastor Dave Steve Peters Heidi Clemes Kami Dornfeld DeeAnn Grundstad Tara Christoffersen Jessica Vestal Kristi Hildebrandt Deb Kemp

Ann Nelson Helpers: Katie Hanson Kathy Trogstad Kazumi Reeb Wendy Telehey Judy Hogue Joanne Colebank Larissa Theige Bill Reeb Superintendents: Liz Shupe Sherry Weyrauch

Georgette Huravitch Provided food/treats: Danielle Watterud Karen Krenz Marg McKennett Sarah Opsal Shari Nass Kami Dornfeld Karen Weisz Chandell Nordloef Ashley Nordloef-Burke Brittnéy Robb Falon Justice

Jordan Hastings Tanya Mathers Lola Christensen Bill Christensen Rae Olson Jan Stoner Kellie Llewelllyn Codi Austrum Wendy Carnes



Up coming Events!

Bible Distribution Class on Sunday, May 6th

Bible Distribution on Sunday, May 13th

Vacation Bible School (VBS), Sunday, June 3rd-June 7th



We are excited about a new opportunity to help children learn about God at an early age before they start church school. Babies that are baptized at Gloria Dei will receive éither a book about how to pray or bible stores for young children. We will start that this month.

!Thank you to everyone that helped with the Campership Brunch and Thank you to everyone that donated money to the fund. We haven't gotten the total yet from loose change offering and the Butterfly giving tree but we raised \$353.00 from the brunch. This year we will be able to pay out 35% of the campership fee for one camp at Camp UMM to each camper that submitted a request!



Working together to be a community where all people are valued.

Mike, a three-time combat war veteran came to Community Connections requesting assistance for a gas voucher and employment services. Steve provided him with resume development, interview preparation and a job search consultation. We also provided him with a gas voucher, to aid in his job search. Mike's tenacious follow through and great attitude landed him a CDL instructor position at a local training company. Mike even called us back, excited about his new position; grateful for the assistance and support, throughout the partnership. Community Connections: Working together to be a community where all people are valued.

Ann came to Community Connections to obtain gainful employment. She came in with a few barriers to employment; she had not been in the workforce for a few years and was attending required weekly dialysis appointments. She received resume development, interview preparation, career exploration and job search consultation, as she came in for weekly appointments. Ann and her daughter also attended our first annual Career Readiness Employment Event, where they received additional resume assistance, free hair cut/hairstyle, business clothing, and lunch. Ann has since secured employment, which allows her to not only attend required dialysis treatments, but also time to visit and take care of her grandkids. Ann's quality of life has greatly improved, and for that we are grateful.

Sue and Jim arrived in Williston in search of employment and a better life. They brought enough money to live on for a while but, not realizing how expensive living here can be, began to run out of funds. They came to us to find out what help was available. In our conversation Jim revealed he was a veteran. We connected them with the Veteran's Services at Community Action Partnership (CAP). Within a few days Nancy at CAP was able to help them secure an apartment. Meanwhile they both worked hard to find a job and were able secure employment. Sue stopped in to see us to give us the good news that within a week they would both be working full-time.

Blessings, Deacon Lynea Geinert Executive Director

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UNIFIED SUMMER WORSHIP

Once again we will be unifying our worship services for the summer months! Starting June 3, we will have one worship service on Sundays, beginning at 9:30 am. The experience of joining our first and

second service worshippers in the summer has been so warmly received and thoroughly enjoyed, and we look forward to this blessing again this year! We will return to our two-service schedule on Sunday, September 9.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 3rd - 7th 6:00 - 8:30 PM



05/01 KASETON DORNFELD SOREN JUSTICE

05/02 CAMERON ANDERSON LOIS REDKA JACOB TELEHEY

> 05/03 JILL HAAGENSON ARLINE LARSON

05/04
RICHARD BAIRD
RYKER BRAITLIEN
JORDAN HAHN
TAYLOR KELLER
BRYAN LARSON
ABRIANNA RATZAK
THOMAS SANDERS
SCOTT SHEETS
JOSHUA VEDAA

05/05 DARCY ABERLE KEELEY SNELLINGS

05/06 TROY MEIERS CHRISTI OSBORN ALISON PETERSON

05/07
LINDA ALTON
BRENER BRATLIEN
MAX LONGTIN
KAY REEB
VICTORIA TESKEY

05/08
HALEY JEANNOTTE
KAREN KRENZ
BILL LACROSSE
GAYLEN OAS
KATRINA TESKEY
STEPH WESTLIE

05/09
MARLENE LARSON
TREY LYNCH
BRUCE VIG
HADELINE WOLD

05/10 CAMI JO COLLINGS RANDY WESTLIE

05/11 DEANN FAGERLAND WANDA HANSON TYLER SNELLINGS KRIS WILKIE

> 05/12 TYLER LIFFRIG

05/13 DREW HAAGENSON DARLA RUNION ROBYN SOISETH

05/14
ZOE KEENE
JANA MISCHKE
CHERYL NELSON
GRACE VANNATTA

05/15 BROOKLYN GRUNDSTAD ROXANNE KEENE JOHN MONSON ASHLEY NORDLOEF-BURKE

> 05/16 ASHLY HELLEN

05/17 KADON BORGIALLI KINDEE OVERBO

> 05/18 EVA MCKEIL RON MURPHY CHASE OLSON

05/19
KASEY ANDERSON
CHANTEL NEUBAUER
DAVID ROD

05/20 SCOTT ANDERSON CAMBREE JEANOTTE KAREN KAMP ELLI MEYER CORA MAY THEIGE 05/21 JORY MEYER DENVER SHEETS

05/22 MAYCEE JEANOTTE GRACE SOLOMONSON SUE ZAVALNEY

05/23 CECE BAKKEN BRENDA BRUINS SAMANTHA KLEVEN SHELBY TREIDER

05/24
WENDY CARNS
CHERYL FLECK
DENNIS HOFFER
CALIE MEYER

05/25 GUNNAR ALLISON COLTER LITTLEFIELD

> 05/26 MONTY LONG

05/27 LINDA CLEMES JONAH HASTINGS

05/28
JOSIE HILDEBRANDT
TRACY LLEWELLYN
LUCA THOMPSON

05/29 CRAIG WILKIE

05/30 COVE ZUBKE

05/31 SHARON RABON ANDREW STALOCH





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WHO? You! Any member, family or group of GDLC interested in growing in faith, Fellowship

around life topics

WHAT? GDLC has access to Grace Ministry's Digital Library with over

18 topics of faith plus an 11 volume "heroes of faith" collection.

WHEN? GDLC has a one-year subscription to this on-line library. You can access it anytime,

anywhere.

WHERE? At home, at the coffee shop, at church, with an access code

(available from church office) you can open up a topic, continue the discussion and

grow in your faith walk.

HOW: View a simple "welcome" video at

https://vimeo.com/199924464

Obtain the username and password from the church office

Gather with family and friends

Enjoy!















April Memorials

In Memory of Terry Kuester

Glory Band
Dick & Marg McKennett
John & Lois Kuester
Ruby Nelson

In Memory of Delores Cain

Glory Band
Ron & Deb Bingeman

In Memory of Duane Gronfur

Mortgage Reduction Fund
Jerry & Mary Etta Erickson
Floyd & Donna Peterson
Mabel Thompson
Bill & Tammy LaCrosse
John & Zoanni Liffrig
Etta Miller

In Memory of Duane Gronfur

412 Youth Group
Ron & Deb Bingeman

In Memory of Delores Skaare

UMM Campership
Lynden Skaare

In Memory of Darwin Krenz

Mortgage Reduction
Dick & Marg McKennett

Message From The Council President:

"Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."

— John Wesley



As the school year wraps ups, the ground starts heating up, and summer plans get finalized.....take a moment to just breathe! Often the days zip by and at the end of the week or month or even year, you often wonder, "where did the time go?" Remember though.....one thing does NOT change.....the love that God has for you and for me. Go in Peace to love and serve Him.

Wendy McGinley



Worship Committee is excited to announce the return of Flat Jesus! Gloria Dei loved seeing where Flat Jesus popped up with our members, visitors, and friends last summer, and we can't wait to see where He goes this year. Printouts of Flat Jesus are available in the Gathering Area, and we encourage you to pick one up and take Him with on your travels this summer as a reminder that no matter where we may be, He is always with us! Visiting family? Going overseas? Taking a cruise? Attending worship elsewhere while out of town? Going camping? Heading off to college? We would love to see where you and Flat Jesus will go this summer! Pick up a printout and include Him in your summer photos – just be sure to email the pictures to office@gloriadeiwill.org so we can all enjoy the reminder that Jesus goes with us wherever we may be!



WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY ON MAY 20TH.



Current Openings on Council: Curr

- ♦ Property
- ♦ Youth
- ♦ Youth under 18 years of age
 - Stewardship
 - ♦ Worship

We have some council positions open. If you would like to learn more about being a member of a committee or being a member & serving on council, please contact the church office or one of the council members. Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month for about an hour.

Current Council Members:

President: Wendy McGinley Vice President: Rick Clemes Past President: Ashley Weisz Treasurer: Jeramy Hansen

Secretary: Kathy Molland

Evangelism: Judy Hogue & Cheryl Nelson

Property: Mark Telehey Stewardship: Terry Olson Worship: David Rod

Parish Education: Heidi Clemes & Sheri Weyrauch



Gospel Seeds.... May 2018

A Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff

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 – we are sharing your gifts with the synod.

A huge word of thanks for the Mission Support you are sharing with the synod – together we are lifting-up new leaders, growing faith, sending missionaries and helping congregations define and engage in ministry. Your generosity is a blessing!

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 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 preregister 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



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March 2018 Financials

General Checking Account:	
March 1 2018 General Checking Account Balance	197,803.69
March Offering	+29,072.41
March Expenses	(26,304.19)
March 31 2018 General Checking Account Balance	\$200,571.91
Special Checking Account:	
March 1 2018 Special Checking Account Balance	276,042.23
March Specials Offering	+10,390.46
March Expenses	(<u>10,004.48)</u>
March 31 2018 Special Checking Account Balance	\$276,428.21
Benevolences:	
WND Synod—ELCA Benevolence	1677.27
WND Synod- WND Benevolence	191.69
UMM Bible Camp Benevolence	239.61
Bethel Lutheran Home Benevolence	167.73
Lutheran Social Services Benevolence	119.80
Community Connections	<u>119.80</u>
Total Benevolences for January	\$2515.90
Thrivent Mortgage Payment	\$6552.00
Building Loan Balance as of March 21, 2018	\$165,675.16

April Council Meeting Highlights

Committee Reports –

Evangelism committee is looking for members who are willing to sponsor new members and to assist with homebound communion. The food pantry is having increased usage.

Property committee working on getting a washer and dryer. Various projects are being worked on at the church and parsonage.

Worship committee working on a unified summer worship service starting June 3 to September 2nd.

Parish Ed is gearing up for vacation Bible School. The Church school children will be singing in church on Sunday April 15th. Second grade Bible distribution will be May 2nd.



The quilting truck will be here May 8th-9th. First Lutheran Church has asked us to help with loading the boxes on to the truck on Wednesday, May 9th from 9:00 to 4:00PM. Please call the church office if you have an hour or two that you can help out. Treats will be served!





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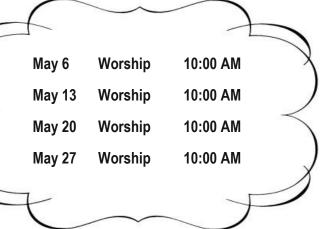
The Western North Dakota Synod Assembly is June 1st & 2nd this year **Evangelical Lutheran** in Bismarck. We have 3 delegate spots for Gloria Dei at the Assembly.

> If you are interested in attending or have questions about the Assembly, please contact the church office or speak to one of the council members.



Visit www.gloriadeiwill.org and sign up for online giving. Click on the 'Give' tab and create an account. If you have any questions, please call the office at 701-572-2667.

Faith Lutheran Church





Faith News May 2018

Hello, my name is Chelsea Berg. I am a sophomore at UND, Grand Forks, but grew up north of Williston and attended Faith Church. I am going on a mission trip this summer and Bill Christensen asked me to write an article a little bit about it and send it to you to put in your May newsletter. I want to also thank everyone that is a part of the Faith Church community for all of the prayers, it has meant a lot. I am praying for you all too! God bless.

Peace be with you,

Chelsea Berg

Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This year, God has spoken to me so much with this Bible verse. The Holy Spirit has led me to share my testimony with my coworkers and classmates in Grand Forks (my Jerusalem), His will with my family and friends back home (my Judea), and now He's guiding me to share Jesus with those in South Asia this summer (my Samaria). When I was a little girl, a missionary had come to visit Faith Church from Africa. She shared some CD's of African children praising God. I listened to those songs and told my mother that someday I wanted to tell others about how Jesus loves all His children.

Throughout time, I had wrestled with giving the Lord complete control of my life by searching for other occupations, so my vision of mission work had become blurred in the process of growing up. However, since coming to college I have grown in a relationship with Jesus and understand that without Him this life is impossible. My softened heart was again debating the thought of doing mission work this summer, but my brain was worried about college internships instead. Over CRU winter conference, I realized in my heart that Jesus is the most important part of our lives. Being filled with peace and letting God take control of my life, I realized what I needed and wanted to do.

I will be traveling to South Asia with a team of twelve other young adults from midwestern America through CRU-Campus Crusade for Christ. We will be sharing on college campuses in a country where most God's children believe in Hinduism. Spending a month there (from July to August) will give us some time to build relationships with others and share the good news with them. We are also getting vaccinations, passports, and visas ready. Our team, just being filled, has been bonding over group chats on the internet until we are able to meet over phone call in May and in person in July. Please continue to pray for us as we walk this journey together with Christ. Thank you for all your prayers so far, peace be with you in these days.



- Faith Women of the ELCA will meet May 5th at 10 AM. Hostess Nina Grev. Bible study leader - Phyllis Sylte.
- Fellowship dinner following worship on May 20th. Hostesses: Joanne Njos & Darlene Benth.
- Cleaning for May Myron & Judy Sylte

MAY 2018

Sat	5 Bible Breakfast - 8AM VES - 8AM	12 BAND DAY! Bible Breakfast - 8 AM	19 Bible Breakfast - 8 AM	26 Bible Breakfast - 8 AM	
Fri	4	11	18	25	K.S. W.S. W.
Thu	e.	10 Council - 6:00 PM	17	24	31 Property Meeting - NOON
Wed	2 Supper 5:30 PM Education Hour 6 PM Extended Youth Group 7 PM Glory Band 8 PM	9 Quilt Loading @ First Lutheran 9 AM - 4 PM Glory Band 8 PM	16 Glory Band 8 PM	23 Glory Band 8 PM	30 Glory Band 8 PM
Tue	1 Quilting - 9 AM Exec. Committee - 5:30 PM	8 Quilting - 9 AM	15 Quilting - 9 AM Worship Meeting - 6 PM Parish Ed Meeting - 8 PM	22 Quilting - 9 AM	29 Quilting - 9 AM
Mon		7 Financial Peace Class - 7 PM	14 GDLC Work Night - 5:30 PM Tri County Childcare - 7 PM SOS - 7 PM Financial Peace Class - 7 PM	21 Financial Peace Class - 7 PM	28 Church office closed *** MEMORIAL DAV
Sun	Hello *	6 Relay For Life Sale - 8:30 AM 2nd Grade Bible Class - 3 PM Sr High Youth - 7 PM	2nd Grade Bible Distribution Znd Grade Bible Distribution Mappy Mother's Day Sr High Youth - 7 PM	Cap & Gown Sunday WEAR RED FOR	27 WHS GRADUATION Girls Night Out - 6 PM

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