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News and Views

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9/8 and 9/11

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR THE ANNUAL
RICE PUDDING SALE
at the Downtowner's Street Fair

*See page seven for
complete details.*



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

Pastor Jon Splichal Larson
(on Sabbatical)

Pastor Sylvia Bull
(Mondays off)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer Schedule
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

*Sunday worship rides are
available by calling the
church office on or before
Friday morning.*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon

*Answering machine is
available evenings and
weekends when office is
not staffed. Office is
generally open during
the lunch hour.*

MISSION STATEMENT

We are building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel.

Pastoral Ministries

Baptisms

Ceejay Shirley Erickson

Funerals

Verna Kauk

FLC Executive Team

Jennifer Prince, Chair

Doug Johnson, Vice-Chair

Tina Anderson, Vice-Chair

Steve Sundvor, Secretary

Hope Schreiner, Treasurer

The deadline to submit information to the News & Views newsletter is the 10th of each month prior to the next newsletter.

The Church bulletin deadline each week is at noon on Tuesday for the upcoming Sunday bulletin.

Articles, schedule, etc., can be sent by email to donna.bisfaith@gmail.com For additional information, call the church office at 701-223-2236.

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Pastor Sylvia's Parables

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." *1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

What are you good at? What do you love? What stirs up passion and excitement in you? What brings you joy? When do you feel most like yourself, like the you-est version of you?

In *Psalms 139*, we hear that God created each of us and knew us even before we were born. The writer invites us to thank God because we are wonderfully, marvelously made. Each of us is unique, the result of a mysterious and ineffable elixir of genetics, time, experience, and the Holy Spirit's gifts, given in astonishing variety to each of us for the common good.

What are the gifts, activities, and services that God has given you? How has God already been at work in your life, using these gifts for the good of others? Are there new ways in which God might be inviting you to use these gifts?

Over the next few weeks, I invite you to prayerfully identify, reflect on, and give thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit at work in your life. Maybe you're good at working with your hands and making things. Maybe you're especially passionate about teaching and learning or getting things organized. Maybe you can easily relate to and communicate with other people, or have a heart for serving the neighbor. Maybe you've got a creative mind and express yourself through music or art.

The Spirit's gifts come in so many different forms! And if you're having trouble identifying yours (because sometimes we struggle to recognize God's gifts within ourselves), ask a friend, family member, coworker, or neighbor to help you out! And maybe take a moment to affirm the gifts you see in someone else.

I want to hear about how God's gifts are alive and at work in your life, and so do a lot of people! So we'll be asking about this in a more formal way soon. Until then, I'll be praying for y'all as you reflect on the gifts the Holy Spirit has given you, and I'll be thanking God for wonderfully making each and every one of you.

In Christ,
Pastor Sylvia





Gospel Seeds - August 2019 **Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff**

Rostered Ministers Gathering, September 8-10 in Medora

Each year, the Rostered Ministers (Pastors, Deacons) and Synodically Authorized Ministers gather for the annual Fall Rostered Ministers Gathering in Medora, ND. Registration is now open and must be completed by August 31, 2019. The registration fee covers all meals, but lodging is not included. Please make your own lodging arrangements.

This year we welcome Pastor Brad Roth, author of *God's Country: Faith, Hope and the Future of the Rural Church* as our guest presenter.

The Church-wide Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the church and is a process of communal spiritual discernment. We will meet at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 5-10, 2019.

The theme this year is "We are church". In addition to worshipping together, hearing reports, conducting business and adopting a budget there is the election of the Presiding Bishop and Secretary.

Please hold the church in prayer as well as the fifteen voting members from our synod who are attending. Consider inviting one of the voting members to speak about the assembly in your congregation upon their return. (Call the synod office to make a connection close to you)

The worship services and plenary sessions will be live streamed via elca.org.

Bismarck Lutheran Social Service Building and Office Renovation

The Bismarck Lutheran Social Service Offices are getting a makeover August 12-23, including our synod offices. This will include new carpet and painting the interior walls. While the remodeling happens, the synod offices will offer limited hours and staffing. You have our cell numbers; feel free to call us.

Away on Sabbatical

As you receive this newsletter, Bishop Mark is away on Sabbatical. He will be away from the office, not answering his cell phone or responding to emails. What is he doing? Much of his sabbatical will be a time of preparing for transition and preparing documents which need to be in place for the next Bishop. Bishop Mark will also be spending time in discernment, contemplating where God's calling may take him next. He is visiting a pastoral counseling center in the Twin Cities and plans to complete his Rostered Minister Profile. He and Jan will rest and connect with friends. He will return September 1.

Who's in Charge

While Bishop Mark is away on sabbatical, the synod staff are available to help you with any questions or concerns.

What are we reading?

While it's not your typical "summer beach" read (unless you're a healthy systems nerd), the synod staff are currently reading "Uproar: Calm Leadership in Anxious Times" by Peter Steinke.

Being anxious causes you to lose perspective, and leaders do their best thinking when they are not overly stressed and can think about options, doing their best work when they work on themselves. So, no matter where you are on your leadership journey - beginning, middle or end- this book will be one of the most significant leadership books you'll read.

Peter L. Steinke is an internationally recognized leadership consultant who has served as a parish pastor, therapist, director of a counseling center, educator, and executive director of Healthy Congregations.

Thank you... for the Mission Support you share with the synod. Your generosity is a blessing to many! Together, we are partners in ministry - lifting up new leaders, growing faith, feeding the hungry and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. The 2019 Annual Appeal **"There's Room at the Table"**, with a goal of \$25,000, will offer another way for you to help with the everyday expenses of synod ministry. The appeal will be starting soon.

Blessings all,
Your Synod Staff



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Library Link

LeAnn Severson



In the July edition of this newsletter, Pastor Sylvia extended an invitation to all of us to meet with her to discuss end-of-life planning. We know that our pastors are available to visit with us when we need support during our grieving, as well. In addition to their assistance, we have many fine books in our church library that can offer additional resources of support.

In her book "Gift of Life", Bismarck author and television journalist, Monica Hannan, offers her readers comfort and hope when confronting their fears and questions about the mystery of death.

Lauraine Snelling's book, "A Hand to Hold", is based on her own journey of grief in 1985, the year her 20 year old daughter Marie, lost her battle with cancer.

Books to help children understand and cope with loss and grief in a positive learning experience following the death of a family member, friend or pet are available in the Children's section. My favorite, "The Next Place" by Warren Hanson, is a beautiful book of light, hope, awe and wonder. This book can provide an uplifting sense of comfort and serenity for adults as well as children.

You will find these books, along with others, grouped together by topic on a shelf in the adult section and in the children's section of the library.

Faith Lutheran Church - Memorials

For **ENDOWMENT FUND**, in memory of:

Macee Williams

Leo Docker

For **GENERAL FUND**, in memory of:

Leo Docker

For **CHAIRS**, in memory of:

Robert Lessen, father of Mercy Carkuff

Verna Kauk

For **CHAIRS**, in honor of:

Barb Holwegner's birthday

For **MUSIC**, in memory of:

Macee Williams

For **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**, in memory of:

Frances Schwartzbauer

Leo Docker

Sylvia Golke

Verna Kauk

For **ALTAR GUILD**, in memory of:

Verna Kauk

For **CHAIRS**, in honor of:

Barb Holwegner's birthday



Details can be found in the Memorial Book in the Gathering Place.



Financial Update

General Fund Revenues:

June - \$43,708; to date \$273,832

General Fund Expenditures:

June - \$55,179; to date \$283,718

It's Almost Time!

On August 11th and 14th, be sure to bring your calendar to the worship service. It is our annual bribe of free rice pudding to entice you to volunteer for working a shift or two during the 46th annual Downtowner's Street Fair.



September 13th and 14th are the dates of the Downtowner's event. As you may have heard every year for over 20 years, we need at least 100 volunteers to make our booth a success! Nearly all are needed on the 13th and 14th, some are needed before and after. We need stirrers/cooks/dishwashers, sellers, delivery people, booth set up (12th) and/or take down people, pre (11th) and post inventory (15th) transportation, plus a few more duties.

All kitchen volunteers must be 16 or older; families and/or friends can sign up to work the booth together; we have two positions on each kitchen shift which are sit down jobs;

This year we are also looking for volunteers to be kitchen supervisors for seven-hour shifts on Friday and/or Saturday.

We would also like to identify people who could work with the overall chair with the purpose of training for a future year (or not!)

If you have questions, please contact one of the following experts:

Set up/take down: Dennis/Jan Klipfel 2587541, Larry Larson 255-1287,
Mert Johnsrud 255-0893
Booth: Phyllis and Larry Larson 255-1287
Kitchen: Diane Laub 222-0160
Church office: Cheryl Johnson 223-2236
Overall Chair: Diane Laub 222-0160

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center's annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2019 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the East and West Dining Rooms.

You and your family and friends will be able to build your own ice cream sundae from a wide array of toppings available at the sundae bar.

Free will donations during this annual fund-raiser will be used by the MSLCC Activity Department to provide entertainment programs and art and crafts materials for their residents.

Mark your calendars to join in on the yummy treat.



With school starting in just a few weeks, The Community Action Back-Pack Food Program has started collecting peanut butter to help feed hungry school age children who may otherwise go hungry on the weekend. Starting August 1st, a table is set up in the Gathering Space at FLC and is ready to accept one pound jars of peanut butter for this very worthwhile cause.

Thanks for your generosity!

"I was hungry and you fed me..." Mathew 25:35

Movie Night - Monday, August 19th

This month's movie feature will be is "Megan Leavey."

Megan Leavey is a US Marine corporal who served as a Military Police K9 handler. She was paired with military working dog Rex (E168). The pair served two deployments in Iraq together. They were first deployed to Fallujah in 2005, and then to Ramadi in 2006, where they were both wounded by an improvised explosive device. Leavey was awarded the Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a "V" device denoting heroism in combat.

In 2012, Rex developed facial palsy, which ended his bomb-sniffing duties. Leavey was able to adopt him through the intervention of Senator Chuck Schumer, around April 2012. Rex died on December 22, 2012.



Faith Lutheran Church Circle Schedule

All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to attend these circle meetings to enjoy bible study and companionship with fellow women.

- Esther Circle:** First Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the East Room at FLC.
Contacts: Margene Granfor (734-6370) or Marge Loritz (323-7643)
- Mary Martha Circle:** First Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the East Room at FLC.
Contacts: Marlys Kramer (223-9302) or Barb Holwegner (255-1390)
- Ruth Circle:** Second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the East Room at FLC.
Contacts: Connie Isaak (258-2025) or Mercy Carkuff (258-6262)
- Demaris Circle:** First Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.
Contact: Judy Kocis (255-3969)

AUGUST 2019 WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULE

DATE	ACOLYTES	READERS	COMM. ASST.	USHERS
Sunday August 4, 2019	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m. Ron Schneider	9:30 a.m. Joyce Hellman	9:30 a.m. Diane Laub Ron Espeland Rose Espeland
Wednesday August 7, 2019	7:00 p.m. Ashlynn Kautzman Sara Schmidt	7:00 p.m. Jim Sheldon	7:00 p.m. Breydyn Schlabsz Sativa Stewart	7:00 p.m.
Sunday August 11, 2019	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m. Janine Siverson	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday August 14, 2019	7:00 p.m. Ashlynn Kautzman Sara Schmidt	7:00 p.m. Jennifer Romsaas	7:00 p.m. Breydyn Schlabsz Sativa Stewart	7:00 p.m.
Sunday August 18, 2019	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m. Kevin Kosse	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday August 21, 2019	7:00 p.m. Ashlynn Kautzman Sara Schmidt	7:00 p.m. Jennifer Romsaas	7:00 p.m. Breydyn Schlabsz Sativa Stewart	7:00 p.m.
Sunday August 25, 2019	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m. Allen Dockter	9:30 a.m. Allen Dockter Diane Dockter	9:30 a.m. Joyce Hellman
Wednesday August 28, 2019	7:00 p.m. Ashlynn Kautzman Sara Schmidt	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Breydyn Schlabsz Sativa Stewart	7:00 p.m.

August 2019

*** Call the Church office by NOON Friday for a ride to Church on Sunday (225-2256).



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
0 Worship/Communion 30 Coffee Fellowship	<u>5</u> 1:00 Quilting LER 8:00 AA L10-11	<u>6</u> 1:00 Crafts 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK	<u>7</u> 10:00 Bible Study ER 7:00 Worship/Communion	<u>1</u> 9:00 Esther Circle 10:00 Demaris Circle 1:30 Mary Martha Circle	<u>2</u> 8:00 NA L10-11	<u>3</u>
0 Worship/Communion 30 Coffee Fellowship 30 Rice Pudding Sign-up	<u>12</u> 1:00 Quilting 8:00 AA L10-11	<u>13</u> 1:00 Crafts 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK	<u>14</u> 10:00 Bible Study ER 7:00 Worship/Communion 8:00 Rice Pudding Sign-up	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 8:00 NA L10-11	<u>17</u> 9:00-11AM Gathering
0 Worship/Communion 30 Coffee Fellowship	<u>19</u> 1:00 Quilting LER 7:00 Movie Night 8:00 AA L10-11	<u>20</u> 1:00 Crafts 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK 7:00 Mentor Training	<u>21</u> 10:00 Bible Study ER 5:30 Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Worship/Communion	<u>22</u> 7:00 Mentor Training	<u>23</u> 8:00 NA L10-11	<u>24</u>
0 Worship/Communion 30 Coffee Fellowship	<u>26</u> 1:00 Quilting 8:00 AA L10-11	<u>27</u> 1:00 Crafts 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK 7:00 Teacher Training	<u>28</u> 10:00 Bible Study ER 5:30 Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Worship/Communion	<u>29</u> 7:00 Teacher Training	<u>30</u> 8:00 NA L10-11	<u>31</u> 9:30 Altar Guild

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