

March 2020 Newsletter

Western Edge Parish (Peace Lutheran, Dickinson & St. John's Lutheran, Richardton)

Serving the community in partnership.



From the Pastor

March 2020

For the entire month of March, we will plod through Lent. Now the word plod might seem a bit heavy, laborious and dull, but the Lenten season is really meant for us to take a more serious look at our own life of faith. That includes our devotional life, our prayer life, our gifts of charity and a reflection on our sin and need for repentance.

Lent doesn't have to be dull, labor some, or even full of depravity. But Lent does invite us to look deeper, dig deeper, and grow spiritually. One pastor suggested one practice during Lent could be to read Psalm 51 every day. Another practice many of us have taken on is filling Mini M&M tubes with quarters. Others have taken on the commitment to worship more often, like attending the mid-week worship services at our churches. The point is, be more focused, connect with God more often and make your faith life that priority that it needs to be. The season of Lent allows us a chance to get back on track in our relationship with God. And we have the whole month of March to do it!

Now, I'm trying to think of another verb for this time other than plod, such as skip. During March we skip through Lent? Maybe that's too cheery. How about journey? That's too over-used. What about devote ourselves? That sounds too boring. How does this sound; for the entire month of March we are drawn closer to God during Lent? Yeah, I like that. God is at work drawing you closer, during this season of the church year, and always! Blessings to you as God draws you into to this wonderful and life-giving relationship.

With Peace,

Pastor Mike Pretzer



Caring Hands for March

March, July, & November

Marge & Duane Gulbrandson

Amanda & Allen Hecker

Jeff & Peggy Anderson

Ryan & Rena Zimmerman

Melody & Jerry Buresch

Jeff Merchant

Angela & Jason Ott

Brianna Hahne

Cassie Blotske

Candy Haagenson

Bob Thompson

Butch Wax

During your month, sign up (or email or call the church) to help with the following worship/fellowship needs. You can sign up in pairs to help each other out with worship and fellowship duties, if desired. Sign up sheets are located at the church along with a signup sheet for mowing.

-Worship hosts

-Greet people and hand them a bulletin

-Make sure the candles are lit

-Collect offering

-Fellowship hosts

-Make a pot of coffee/heat the water kettle for tea

-Provide some kind of snacks (bars, fruit, toast, meat/cheese, cookies, etc)

Frosting Cookies was a Success for Valentines Day!



Lenten 2020 Worship Has Begun

Join us for the midweek worship services and delicious meals on the Wednesdays during Lent. Worship will have a simple format. We will worship around tables and focus our devotion on “The Stories of Lent”, scripture stories from the Sundays in Lent. During our mid-week services we will have more time to dig into these stories in depth with more interaction and reflection.



Here is the complete Lenten Schedule. All services are combined services between Peace Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran of Richardton.

March 4 - First Wed. in Lent

Place: St. John's

Time: 6 pm meal, 7 pm worship

Theme: Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus temptation in the wilderness

March 11 - Second Wed. in Lent

Place: Peace Lutheran

Time: 6 pm meal, 7 pm worship. Eighth grade confirmation students and families are in charge of the meal.

Theme: John 3:1-17, Nicodemus

March 18 – Third Wed. in Lent

Place: St. John's

Time: 6 pm meal, 7 pm worship

Theme: John 4:5-42, the Samaritan women at the well

March 25 – Fourth Wed. in Lent

Place: Peace Lutheran

Time: 6 pm meal, 7 pm worship. Seventh grade confirmation students and families are in charge of this meal.

Theme: John 9:1-41, Jesus heals a blind man

April 1 – Fifth Wed. in Lent

Place: St. John's

Time: 6 pm meal, 7 pm worship

Theme: John 11:1-45, Jesus resurrects Lazarus



PRAYERS FOR HEALING,

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jacob Huber (relative of Kofflers)

Deidra Shannon (Terry H. cousin)

Megan Grabow (Shelby & Derek Sister-in-Law)

Julie Anderson (Friend of Holdahls)

Navah DenHerder

Ervin & Florence Heidecker

Family of Brad Ness (Cancer, cousin of Kim Jones)

Family and Friends of Roene Hulsing

Eric Sellers (Cancer)

Adam Karpyak and Family

Tammy McReynolds (Terry Halversons Sister)

Rev. Linda Wimmer (Loss of Father)

Rev. Muriel Lippert (Hospitalized)

COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

All those serving in the military & their families. Our partner congregation, St. John's Lutheran in Rich-

ardton, Lutheran Social Services, Badlands Ministries, the Ministries in the Central African Republic.

ST. JOHN'S IN RICHARDTON

Harrison Job Magstadt & his parents Haley & Nathan Magstadt

Kristin Johnson

Shawn Hauck

James Hauter (Lynn Johnson's Father)

Wellde Heinle- Recurrence of cancer

Arlyne Magstad

Shirley Kitzan

Dee Homelvig -Chemotherapy

Emmalou Lavine (Armin's Sister)

Trisha Macks and Son, Callen

Sharon Messer

Family of Bill Dohrmann

Connie Treiber(Cancer)

Family of Roene Hulsing

Clayton Nehl (grandson to Kim and Kelly Dressler)

Faith Formation Activities for March

Please take note of the March schedule for Wednesday Night Worship and Faith Formation.

Here is the complete Lenten Schedule (all services are joint with St. John's Lutheran of Richardton)

Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday -7 pm at Peace Lutheran

Mar. 4 - First Wed. in Lent - 6 pm meal, 7 pm worship at St. John's

Mar. 11 - Second Wed. in Lent - 6 pm meal, 7 pm worship at Peace

Mar. 18 - Third Wed. in Lent - 6 pm meal, 7 pm worship at St. John's

Mar. 25 - Fourth Wed. in Lent - 6 pm meal, 7 pm worship at Peace

April 1 - Fifth Wed. in Lent - 6 pm meal, 7 pm worship at St. John's

Other Events In March

March 17- Council Meeting 7pm

March 26- AMEN Food Pantry 2-4pm



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM BISHOP

Dear People of the Western North Dakota Synod,

As I begin my time in this role of interim bishop, let me start with “Thank You” to the Synod Staff for their warm and helpful welcome, thank you to Synod Council for getting the Ts crossed and I’s dotted. I am called to serve until September when your Bishop Elect will formally start serving the synod. A final “Thank You” to the Rev. Mark Narum. We became close friends and colleagues serving the people of the Dakotas for eleven years. Because of his work with you, I am comfortable coming to serve the Western North Dakota Synod. I continue to pray that the Holy Spirit works through your process of selecting your next bishop.

I count Minot as the place I grew up, completing my sophomore year of high school in 1970. My father, the Rev. Bruce Zellmer served as Chaplain/CPE Supervisor at Trinity Lutheran Hospital from 1962-70. I was confirmed at Christ Lutheran, Minot in 1969. Confirmation was delayed because of a teacher’s strike and the 40 days of flooding that began Easter Sunday. I believe our group from Christ Lutheran were the first to attend camp at the brand-new Camp Metigoshe as the T-shaped building was being finished on the original site. I have wonderful memories of five years of work weekends, summer camping and retreats. North Dakota was a great place to grow up; it is heartwarming to return now.

LaDonna and I have been married for almost 44 years. She continues to be an educator and counselor. We have been blessed with four children, Christina, Josh, Sarah and Mike. All are married. We have been further blessed with eleven grandchildren. Six girls and five boys. The best part is they all live in South Dakota and we spend significant amounts of time with them. I enjoy bike riding (we have an annual family bike ride in the Black Hills), hunting, and shooting trap & sporting clays competitively. I have a multi-engine single engine commercial pilots license and used planes in my work as bishop. I had a flying ministry while I served in Pierre, South Dakota.

I served the South Dakota District/Synod for 39 years. In 1981, LaDonna and I served a three-point ALC parish in rural Aberdeen. In 1985, we moved to Mitchell where I served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. During my years there, we lived through the merger as we became the ELCA. In 1993, I was called to serve as senior pastor of Lutheran Memorial Church in Pierre and Grace Lutheran in Hayes, SD. Lutheran Memorial was the largest protestant church in central South Dakota and Grace was the smallest. In 2007, I was elected as the third bishop of the South Dakota Synod. I followed Bishop Emeritus Andrea Degroot-Nesdahl who was called from serving the Bishop’s staff in the Western North Dakota Synod.

I look forward to serving as your interim bishop. I plan on visiting the Synod’s outdoor ministry sites and will attend as many gatherings of rostered ministers as I can. I will be with you at Synod Assembly as part of the leadership team. I will work with the person who is chosen by you to be your next bishop, to pass on what I have learned about serving in this office of bishop.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev David B. Zellmer

Interim Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod

Council Meeting Minutes - Peace Lutheran Church –February 18, 2020 7:00 PM

Present: Jeff Anderson, Jessica Bertelsen, Eric Halvorson, Bev Holdahl, Derek Jilek, Travis Kupper, Pastor Mike Pretzer, and Kim Jones. Absent: Heather Fagerberg, Marilyn Huschka, Tammy Sadowsky.

- 1) Bev called the meeting to order.
- 2) Pastor Mike shared devotion and prayer, based on Matthew 5:38-48, "Love your enemies".
- 3) January Minutes reviewed. MSC Eric/Jessica with corrections.
- 4) Agenda reviewed, additions made. MSC Travis/Eric
- 5) Pastor's Reports – Pastor Mike had received email from St John Episcopal regarding keys for that building. Lenten services theme "By His Wounds, We are Healed." Services will alternate between Peace and St John's, Richardton. Confirmation students/parents will be responsible for serving Soup Suppers at Peace on 3/11/20 and 3/25/20. Naomi Thorson has agreed to be delegate in June for Church Assembly; Alecia Pretzer could also be delegate if needed. If anyone else interested in being a delegate, please contact Pastor or council. National Youth Gathering 2021 scheduled for 6/29/21-7/3/21 in Minneapolis. Early bird registration is in September 2020. Pastor to spread the word about the gathering. Pastor will be gone 3/27 – 3/29/20 for a Farmers Market Board conference in Mandan. There is a wedding planned 2/29/20 that will be held at Richardton church. Pastor has had comments that Sunday Faith Formation is needed.

Election of Council Officers - MSC Derek-Jeff/Travis – President Bev Holdahl, Vice President Derek Jilek, Treasurer Heather Fagerberg, Secretary Kim Jones. Another council member is needed.

6) Stewardship

Financial report – no report. MSC Jeff/Travis to continue with RJH & Associates. Cost is \$280/quarter.

7) Worship

Partnership- Ash Wednesday service at Peace at 7pm, no communion nor meal. Rotate Lenten services between St John's Richardton and Peace with 6 PM meal and 7 PM worship. Both councils agree to discontinue the 5th Sunday Joint Services expect for Joint picnic supper in Richardton, (date to be determined). Peace will have AM service on that Sunday. Pastor's mileage and how to calculate between churches was discussed due to where Pastor is living; Sunday mileage – Peace responsible for 40 miles, St John responsible for 10 miles; Synod meetings/events will be 50/50 %.

B. Worship helpers-

Music – Pastor Mike, Sandy and Kim working together to coordinate. Option of getting taped music to use when no pianist discussed; Pastor to research.

Council Sign up – signup sheet to council members

Altar Guild – Paraments need to be changed for Transfiguration Sunday and Lenten season. Bev and Tim to help with cloth that drapes the Cross.

Caring Hands List – There has been more participation.

- 8) Faith Formation has a break during Lent. Youth and families encouraged to attend Lenten services.

9) Community Partnerships

Community Garden- Pastor had contact from a possible volunteer new to Dickinson.

Amen Food Pantry – Carolyn Blake has the dates

Our preschools – Meeting and meal with Kids Academy held on February 5. Pastor Mike, Bev, and Eric met with teachers.

10) Building and Property

Parking Lot – no report

Exterior Painting – no report

Church Cleanup & Potluck tentatively set for April 19 after church. Lawnmowing training also this date.

Carpet cleaning – Action Cleaners can do any Friday.

Church Insurance discussed.

- 11) Communication - Newsletter – March issue coming out soon.

- 12) Next Meeting Date – March 17, 2020, at 7 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Jones

SJR— St. John's in Richardton KA— Kid Academy Preschool (Monday-Thursday)
R2B— Room to Bloom Preschool (Tuesday/Thursday) AA-Alcoholics Anonymous

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Peace Worship— 10am SJR-8AM	2	3	4 Lent Service @ St Johns Soup— 6:00 Service-7:00	5	6	7 AA— 8-11:30 am Live
8 Peace Worship-10AM SJR— 8AM	9	10	11 Lent Service @ Peace Soup— 6:00 Service— 7:00	12 AA— 5:30-8:30PM New Freedom	13	14 AA— 8-11:30 am Live
15 Peace Worship-10AM SJR— 8AM	16	17 Council Meeting 7pm	18 Lent Service @ St Johns Soup-6:00 Service— 7:00	19 AA— 5:30-8:30PM New Freedom	20	21 AA-8-11:30am Live
22 Peace Worship-10AM SJR— 8AM	23	24	25 Lent Service @ Peace Soup— 6:00 Service— 7:00	26 AA— 5:30-8:30PM New Freedom AMEN Food Pantry 2-4	27	28 AA 8-11:30am Live
29 Peace Worship 10am SJR 8AM	30	31				

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