

HOUSE OF PRAYER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1470 S. Washington St., Bismarck, ND 58504

# CONNECTIONS

*Networking People in Prayer, Planning, and Praise*

FALL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER –2019

## *“Changing Seasons”*

I don't know about you, but I am not ready to let go of the warm months of summer and enter into the cool and then cold months. As I sit here and write this, it is cool and dreary out. Not the kind of weather that fills me with energy and enthusiasm. At the same time it is not a surprise, living in North Dakota we know that as the calendar changes so do the seasons. We also know that in time those warm summer months will return. And so it goes with life as well. We experience a myriad of different seasons in our lives. The only difference is we are all in different seasons of life depending on our particular circumstances. As I look back upon my life, and think about all the different situations that have been a part of my life, it is a reminder to me of how quickly the seasons can change. Times of triumph, times of failure, times of joy, times of sadness, events that made me who I am today. It is true what is written:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

*A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

*A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance;”* *Ecclesiastes 3*

I suppose as the seasons change, it is a natural time to reflect upon the different times that have been a part of our lives. Maybe there were times you never thought you would make it through, and now you have; or maybe there were times that you never thought would arrive, and now they have and you feel blessed. It reminds us of the truth to that old saying, “the only

constant in life is change.” Yes, for everything there is a season and a time, which means a year from now our lives may look very different.

So I find solace knowing there is one constant in my life, there is something that stands with me from the beginning to the end. It brings stability in the midst of every season. That constant of course is God. God who resides with me always, even into eternity. To know God is to know comfort in our fears, humility in our triumphs, and a solid footing throughout our seasons.

I need to keep reminding myself that life isn't simply about making it to the next season of my life; instead it is about living to the best of my ability in each season. As we look back on seasons gone by we are shocked at how fast they have gone. So if we are simply living for the next season, and not fully living for the current season we may get to the end of our lives and regret all the time we wasted waiting for the next season.

As I spoke with the confirmation group this week, I talked about being able to live our best lives when God is a part of it. We can live good lives without God, but our lives will always be so much better when God is a part of our seasons.

Whatever love you have experienced, know that in God there is greater love. Whatever beauty you have beheld, know in God there is greater beauty. Continue to make every season its best by including God. That is my hope for you and me, regardless of what season we find ourselves.

*God's Peace, Pastor Joel*



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## **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT HOUSE OF PRAYER?**

**Join us at 9 AM in the Church Library  
on the following Sundays:**

**Oct 13, Oct 20, & Oct 27**

If you are interested in becoming a part of our House of Prayer family, you are invited to attend a series of three one-hour sessions in our Church Library, located on the East end of our building. Topics featured in these gatherings include:

- (1.) What Lutherans believe.
- (2.) Survey of Biblical themes in the Church Year.
- (3.) Getting familiar with House of Prayer's mission and how you can become involved!

***Please call the Church Office (223-2202) to indicate your interest.***  
We look forward to getting better acquainted with you!



### **CROP WALK 2019** **Sunday, October 13 – 12:30 PM**

**CROP** (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk for Hunger. The 1st CROP Walk started 50 years ago in Bismarck. Walk or sponsor a walker in the 2019 Bismarck/Mandan CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 13, at 1:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

To celebrate 50 years, the event will kick off at 12:30pm with the walk's registration, an education fair, and a visit from "Clark the Lark" and "Merifeather Lewis".

Let's keep the ecumenical tradition of CROP Walk strong. Church World Service, our sponsoring organization, is made up of 35 different denominations of churches all working cooperatively to help people here and around the world. You can even designate the money you raise to go to a specific supporting entity. (ex. Heifer Project, Lutheran World Relief, etc.)

Sign up today to walk or sponsor a CROP Walker! To take part, contact the CROP Walk recruiter from your church, sign up online at [crophungerwalk.org/bismarcknd](http://crophungerwalk.org/bismarcknd) or contact Allison Germolus at 400-0053. Or, just show up at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on October 13 at 12:30pm to learn, serve, and have fun.

## House of Prayer Sunday School

### 2019-2020

September 8.....	Rally Sunday
September 15.....	Sunday School
September 22.....	Sunday School
September 29.....	Sunday School/3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation
October 6.....	Sunday School/4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Small Catechism/Kids Sing at 10am
October 13.....	Sunday School/CROP Walk
October 20.....	Special Activity Sunday
October 27.....	Sunday School/4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Service Duties
November 3.....	Sunday School
November 10.....	Special Activity Sunday
November 17.....	Sunday School/Kids Sing at 10am
November 24.....	Sunday School/2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Service Duties
December 1.....	Special Activity Sunday
December 8.....	Sunday School/3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Service Duties
December 14.....	Christmas Program Practice
December 15.....	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 10am
December 22.....	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 29.....	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
January 5.....	Sunday School
January 12.....	Sunday School/Kindergarten Service Duties
January 19.....	Special Activity Sunday
January 26.....	Sunday School/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Service Duties
February 2.....	BIBLE BOWL/Bring a Friend Day/Kids Sing at 10am service
February 9.....	Sunday School/PRE-K Greets
February 16.....	Special Activity Sunday
February 23.....	Sunday School/4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Service Duties
March 1.....	Sunday School/3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Service Duties
March 8.....	Sunday School/2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Service Duties/Kids Sing at 10am
March 15.....	Special Activity Sunday
March 22.....	Sunday School/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Service Duties
March 29.....	Sunday School/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Lunch
April 5.....	Sunday School/Kids Sing at 10am
April 9.....	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion
April 12.....	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 19.....	Sunday School/Kindergarten Service Duties
April 26.....	Sunday School
May 3.....	Sunday School/PRE-K Greets
May 10.....	Sunday School/Kids Sing at 10am

SPECIAL EVENTS

KIDS SING

SERVICE DUTIES

## Service Duties for House of Prayer Sunday School 2019-2020

PRE-K Greets.....	FEBRUARY 9, MAY 3
Kindergarten Greets and Ushers.....	JANUARY 12, APRIL 19
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Greets and Ushers.....	JANUARY 26, MARCH 22
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Greets, Ushers and Reads.....	NOVEMBER 24, MARCH 8
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Greets, Ushers and Reads.....	DECEMBER 8, MARCH 1
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Greets, Ushers and Reads.....	OCTOBER 27, FEBRUARY 23

### Singing Dates

October 6  
November 17  
December 15  
February 2  
March 8  
April 5  
May 10



Rally Day proved to be exciting as always! We welcomed 76 kids to Sunday School on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, with over 80 kids registered for the year! We played games, did crafts, colored, and had a snack.

We offer this Sunday School program at no charge to you as we believe it's a gift to be able to teach about Jesus and His love for us. There are costs to every program, however. Art and classroom supplies, occasional snacks, prizes for memorization, etc. If you are in a position to donate funds, gift cards, supplies they're always appreciated and nothing will go to waste. Thanks to some incredibly generous donations, we were able to purchase small tables for our PRE-K class and a room divider that will allow the PRE-K kids a "new" classroom that will be ready to use next week!

We will have a Fruit of the Spirit theme this year, focusing on Kindness in September. The kids will continue to do service duties, sing at church, do Bible verse memorization, and we'll have various Family Fun activities. We will be collecting offering this semester for United Way's BACKPACK program. Contact me if you have any questions or would like to support the Sunday School program or the Backpack program!

*Michelle Hintz, Children's Ministry Coordinator*



## **ADVENTURES IN GOD'S WORD!**

### **BIBLE PRESENTATION & WORKSHOP**

for

### **THIRD GRADERS AND PARENTS**

**Sunday, SEP 29 @ 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM**

Fellowship Hall

***(Lunch will be provided)***

Along with receiving a new Bible as a gift from House of Prayer, Third Graders will spend time together with their parents learning how to use their Bible as a spiritual tool for daily living. Reserve this special date on your calendars...today!

***(Note: Please call the Church Office @ 223-2202 before NOON on Friday, September 27 to let us know how many from your family will be coming, so we can plan for your lunch. ☺)***

## **FOURTH GRADE CATECHISM WORKSHOP**



**Sunday, October 6**

**11:15 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Fellowship Hall**

***(Lunch will be provided)***

Fourth Grade Students and their parents are invited to join Pastor Joel for this important Faith Milestone Event! All participants will be introduced to the contents of LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM, along with some instruction on the TEN COMMANDMENTS.

***(Note: Please call the Church Office @ 223-2202 before NOON on Friday, October 4 to let us know how many from your family will be coming, so we can plan for your lunch. ☺)***



*"Many hands make the load lighter for everyone!"*

## **VOLUNTEER WORKDAY SCHEDULED**

*Sunday, September 29,  
after the 10:00am service*

Your Church Council is planning this event to complete some lawn and lingering maintenance projects before "nasty ol' winter" comes.

*Can you offer a few hours of your time and energy to help?*

**VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

*(Call the Church Office @223-2202 or SIGN-UP in  
worship!)*

Be sure to bring along a pair of work gloves and join your House of Prayer friends as we give our beautiful church building some loving care!



**House of Prayer's WOMEN OF THE ELCA invites you to...**

**\*\*\* HELP SUPPORT - "Operation Christmas Child"  
- this year! \*\*\***

- 1. PICK UP the provided RED & GREEN SHOEBOX**  
*(Available in the Narthex in early October)*
- 2. FILL this box with the suggested items for a child.**
- 3. RETURN the box to the church by Sunday, NOVEMBER 17.**  
*(If you can help with shipping costs, a donation of \$9.00 is welcomed.  
Please attach a check to your shoebox when you return it.)*

If you do not wish to fill a box, you can make a monetary donation to help fill more boxes and to offset the postage fees. (Contact Laura Hjelmstad for details @ 222-2430)

***THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT! "Thank you" for your generosity!***





# HOUSE OF PRAYER YOUTH NEWS

## **Sr. High Fall Event**

Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

**"Let's go for a horse ride!"**

Meet at the church at 3 pm.  
Riding at Harmony Stables &  
pizza at the church after.



## **Jr. High Fall Event**

Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

**"It's time for a LOCK IN!!"**

8 pm to 8 am

Thunder Alley Bowling,  
Games, Food & FUN!!!!



## **HOUSE OF PRAYER FALL FOOD DRIVE**

**SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

- All donations will be going to Community Action which serves the Bismarck Mandan community.
- Please bring nonperishable food items and paper products



# **HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR YOUTH?**

## **Dan's Supermarket Direct Your Dollars Fundraiser**



**We will be collecting Dan's Supermarket shopping receipts.  
For every \$150,000 we get in receipts we earn \$1,000.**

**Do not alter or cut your receipts and put them in our "Youth Barrel" in the narthex.**

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**Badlands Pizza Fall  
Fundraiser  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>  
\$10-\$11 each**

**We will be selling pizzas before & after church.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**







## SUMMER PASTORAL ACTS

(June 2019 – August 2019)

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### WEDDINGS

*“With that ring I gave you my heart.  
I promised from that day forward,  
you would never walk alone;  
my heart would be your shelter,  
and my arms would be your home.”*



- ♥ **Kyler Olson/Kaylee Heinrich – 6/15/19**
- ♥ **Jessica Schell/Michael Hogue – 7/6/19**
- ♥ **Marissa Gieszler & Alex Weiland – 7/13/19**
- ♥ **Caden Smith/Kelsey Kramer – 7/13/19**

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### BAPTISMS

*A baby is a bit of stardust blown from the hand of God!*

- ♥ **Tristan Lee Sprecher – 5/12/19**
- ♥ **Roland John Fliginger – 7/28/19**
- ♥ **Keaton Allen Duray – 8/18/19**
- ♥ **Quinn Rivers Frye – 8/18/19**
- ♥ **Blakely Layne Frye – 8/18/19**

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### FUNERALS

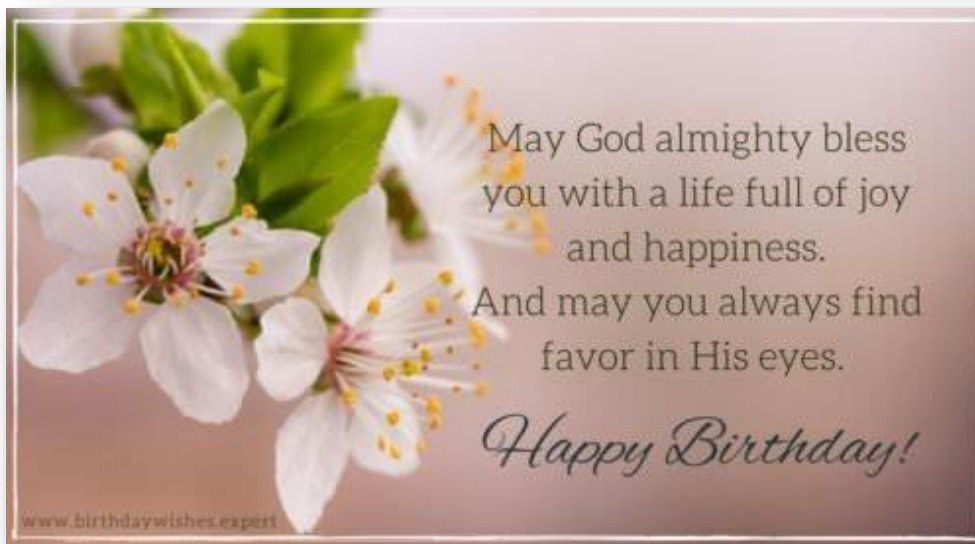
*Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in heaven...  
Where the love of our lost ones pours through, and shines down  
upon us...*

*To let us know they are happy.*

- ♥ **Marlyn Heim – 6/19/19**
- ♥ **Arthur Wanner Funeral/Committal – 6/19/19 (Non-Member)**
- ♥ **Robert Klundt Funeral/Committal – 7/19/19 (Non-Member)**
  - ♥ **Roxann Sauter – 7/25/19 (Former Member)**
  - ♥ **Keith Hermanson – 7/27/19 (Non-Member)**
  - ♥ **Bennet (Ben) Kemp – 8/23/19**



<i>1</i>	<i>Dick Olson</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Paulette Bittner</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Trevor Prigge</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Jerry Johnson</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Monica McCleary</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>William Roloff</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Ellie Motl</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Jerry Hjelmstad</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Doreen Riedman</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Olivia Baros</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Kay Carlson</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Chase Eiseman</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Laurel Moser</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Isaac Schell</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Pat Davenport</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Twila Weis</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Cathy Dyke</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Jennifer Dockter</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Sutton Roloff</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Tammy Fettig</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Donna Vetter</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Harvey Weisgram</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Joyce Wiese</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Curt Lippert</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>Karen Fischer</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Lacey Eiseman</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>Donita Hagen</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Isaac Hager</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>Darlene Thiel</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Jack Kline</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Ross Birney</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>VeraLyn Weber</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Doris Lowe</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Stella Roloff</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Kathie Johnson</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Pastor Dave</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>Brenda Haugen</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Barbara Schell</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Mel Fischer</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Christina Nelson</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Theodore Hoffman</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Amanda Gienger</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Matthew Smith</i>		
<i>11</i>	<i>Braxton Standaert</i>		





*September 2019*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> .....COMMUNION..... 10:00 AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 11:00 AM Coffee - CELEBRATION <b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM <b>QUILTERS</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM <b>TOPS</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM <b>Confirmation</b> <b>Kick-Off</b> 6:30 PM <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Bre Bohlin &amp; Nate</b> <b>Leingang Wedding</b>
<b>8</b> 8:45 AM <b>Sunday School</b> 10:00 AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 11:00 AM Coffee - YOUTH	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM <b>QUILTERS</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM <b>Confirmation -</b> <b>Group Guide</b> <b>Orientation</b> 7:00 PM <b>TOPS</b>	<b>11</b> .....COMMUNION..... 9:30 AM <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> 6:30 PM <b>Confirmation -</b> <b>Lesson #1</b> 6:30 PM <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM <b>Welca Bible</b> <b>Study &amp; Potluck</b> <b>Kickoff</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Layne Walby &amp; Cody</b> <b>Hintz Wedding</b>
<b>15</b> .....COMMUNION..... 8:45 AM <b>Sunday School</b> 10:00 AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 11:00 AM Coffee - WELCA	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM <b>QUILTERS</b> 3:30 PM <b>Just For Kix</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM <b>TOPS</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> 6:30 PM <b>CONFIRMATION -</b> <b>SERVICE EVENT</b> 6:30 PM <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM <b>CHURCH</b> <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b> 7:00 PM <b>Missouri</b> <b>Valley Quilters</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:45 AM <b>Sunday School</b> 10:00 AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 11:00 AM Coffee – SCHELL <b>FAMILY</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM <b>QUILTERS</b> 3:30 PM <b>Just For Kix</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM <b>TOPS</b>	<b>25</b> <b>NO CONFIRMATION</b> 9:30 AM <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> 6:30 PM <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM <b>Confirmation -</b> <b>Lock-In</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Katherine Moratz &amp;</b> <b>Derek Brackel</b> <b>Wedding</b>
<b>29</b> 8:45 AM <b>Sunday School</b> 10:00 AM <b>3rd Grade Bibles</b> 10:00 AM <b>WORSHIP...HEALING</b> <b>SERVICE</b> 11:00 AM Coffee – Church Council	<b>30</b> 10:00 AM <b>QUILTERS</b> 3:30 PM <b>Just For Kix</b>	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM <b>TOPS</b>	<b>2</b> .....COMMUNION..... 9:30 AM <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> 6:30 PM <b>Confirmation -</b> <b>Lesson #2</b> 6:30 PM <b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

**House of Prayer Staff:**

Pastor – Reverend Dave Swonger – 516-4369  
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Organist/Chancel Choir Director – Rhonda Gowen  
Children's Ministry Coordinator – Michelle Hintz  
Jr. High Youth Coordinator – Tracie Emineth  
Sr. High Youth Coordinator – Sara Knudson

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8-12p & 1-5p; Fri. 8-12p

**Church Council:**

Jarred Roloff – President  
Tim Gienger – Vice President  
Rheannon Huber – Secretary  
Keith Zhorela – Treasurer  
Jennifer Dockter – Events/Promotions  
Kadon Hintz – Building/Grounds  
Luke Ingemansen - Building/Grounds  
Eric Schwingler – Mutual Ministry  
Jody Sommer – Mutual Ministry

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The members of House of Prayer celebrate faith by  
inviting all people into a deepening  
relationship with Jesus Christ.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT ED. – 8:45AM**

**(Sunday School: September – May)**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00AM**

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: 6:30PM**

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***Changes Upon Us***

***"Autumn begins with a subtle change in the light,  
with skies a deeper blue, and nights that become  
suddenly clear and chilled. The season comes full  
with the first frost, the disappearance of migrant  
birds, and the harvesting of the season's last  
crops."***

*Glenn Wolff and Jerry Dennis*