

# June/July 2019 Newsletter

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

*Serving the community in partnership.*



From the Pastor, June and July 2019

Take time to grow this summer!

With our recent rain and recent warmth, the green growth of spring has taken off. Our flowers are all in the ground, certain perennials are in full bloom, some of our garden planting is springing up, and the tree leaves have exploded open. With the right conditions, ample and abundant growth can't be stopped. Unfortunately, even the weeds know it is time to grow. But with the good, comes the bad. All of life really is a gift from God.

Perhaps this time of year is a good time to focus on your spiritual growth. What spiritual practices are blooming in you right now? What spiritual disciplines need to spring up beneath a layer of crust? Just imagine what could burst open when your spiritual life is well watered and warmed in the light of Christ! What distractions to your spiritual growth would you like to weed out? Where ever you are at in life, know that everything is a gift from God.

I hope this summer brings you time to give thanks to God for all of life, every facet and every detail. I hope you have time to reflect on and cultivate your spiritual growth. And I hope that you can carry your beautiful blossoms with you into the fall and winter for all to enjoy and see.

Summer brings with it many chances to grow. The summer also brings new and different schedules, traveling and vacations, lots of outdoor work in the fields, gardens and yards. In the busyness of the summer, please stay connected to the church. Worship and be involved. Let us know what is happening in your life. And let us celebrate together all that God has done and is doing among us.

God bless you as you grow in faith, love and hope.

With Warm Summer Peace,

Pastor Mike Pretzer



## Day Camp

Badlands Ministries is once again running a Day Camp program at Peace Lutheran Church. Dates for Day Camp are July 29-August 1, 2019. This year's theme is Transformed Community. Kids in grades one through six are welcome to come to the church to learn more about God, faith, and the Bible. Lots of games and music will fill the week. Registration forms should be returned to the church as soon as possible. If the cost of the camp is a concern, talk to Pastor Mike about available scholarships. Registration forms will be sent out the first week of July.



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## Mid-Week Summer Worship dates at Peace Lutheran



Peace Lutheran will host three Wednesday Night worship services this summer. Mark your calendar for an evening in the church lawn with fantastic food, mesmerizing music and fabulous fellowship.

Each evening will start at 6:00 pm with Pretzer's Pizza on the Grill! Pastor Mike and Alecia will provide a hand-kneaded, home-made grilled pizza crust as the base. You get to build your own pizza to your liking. Then it will be grilled to perfection for you to enjoy.

Outdoor worship will start at 7:00 pm. The music will be led by our very own Tim Hodahl along with Pastor Joe Natwick and Jonathan Tangen (when available). "Mountain Vespers" will be the theme.

Please come! Bring a lawn chair and a friend!!

The worship dates are: June 12, July 17, and August 7. Grilling will start at 6:00.

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## JOINT Worship Service June 30<sup>th</sup>

For our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month joint worship service in June, St. John's Lutheran Church in Richardton will host a **Block Party** starting at 5:00 pm. BBQ's will be provided. You are asked to bring a pot-luck dish to share. Those invited are Peace Lutheran Church Members, The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Richardton and the neighbors around St. John's church in Richardton.

The outdoor worship will start at 5:00 pm and the picnic will start after worship around 6 pm.

Because of the evening service, there will be NO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES that day. All are invited to Richardton in the evening for the block party service with picnic to follow.





# Caring Hands

## **January, May, & September**

Bette Madler  
Phyllis Nordeng  
Tim & Bev Hodahl  
Carolyn Blake  
Sylvia Kalliokoski  
Gregg & Jessica Bertelsen  
Becky O'Neal  
Sheila Schilling  
Deanna Davenport  
Don & Erika Schumacher  
Don Fersger  
Dean & Lola Hushka  
Shantel Petroff

## **February, June, & October**

Steve & Sandra Day  
Derek & Shelby Jilek  
Kim & Mike Jones  
Mike & Alecia Pretzer  
Lynette Harsted  
Travis & Lisa Holding Eagle  
Eric & Terry Halvorson  
Joy Knotte  
Greg & Amy Beck  
Karen Dowhaniuk  
Craig Lange  
Joren Nordahl

## **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

## **April, August, & December**

Naomi Thorson  
Roene Hulsing  
Pat & David Rinn  
Tammy Sadowsky  
Judy & Richard Koffler  
Joyce Crawford  
Marilyn Huschka  
Travis & Crissie Kupper  
Jami & Brock Swensrud  
Adam & Susie Karpyak  
Shawn & Chelsea Skogen  
Gaye Soehren

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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)

# PRAYERS FOR HEALING,

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jacob Huber (relative of Kofflers)

Betty Getz

Eden Karpyak & family

Deidra Shannon (Terry H. cousin)

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

Belle Kvale (Bev's Mom)

Kristina, Katy & the Neuharth Family

Julie Anderson (Friend of Holdahls)

Kregg Baglay

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

All those serving in the military & their families. Our partner congregation, St. John's Lutheran in Richardton, 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. Harrison born at 24 weeks 1lb 8oz (relative of Armin-Lorraine Treiber)

Darlene Zentner (Ralph's sister)

Kristin Johnson

Shawn Hauck (Treiber's nephew)

James Hauter (Lynn Johnson's Father)

Welde Heinle (Tom Kitzan's cousin) Recurrence of cancer

Arlyne Magstad

Shirley Kitzan

Norbert Amann

Dee Homelvig (Glen Homelvigs Wife) Chemotherapy

Jayden Olson

Louis Treiber (Armin's Brother) Cancer

Emmalou Lavine (Armin's Sister)

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## Events In June

Rummage Sale-Friday 6/21 from 4-7 pm, and Saturday 6/22 from 8 am- 2pm.

Summer Worship- 6/12 Supper @6 pm Worship @7

Council Meeting--6/17 @7

Joint worship in Richardton- 6/30 @ 5pm Block party potluck to follow

## Events in July

Summer Worship- 7/17

VBS- 7/28- 8/1



# Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

# *Gospel Seeds - June 2019*

## A Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff

### *Unleashed Imagination...*

Discerning...Dreaming...Imagining... All of these are gifts of God. They are tools which can help God's people engage ministry in this time and in this place. I believe we live in a world hungry to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. I believe people are thirsting for a word of hope, a word they can cling to in the midst of lives swirling with conflict, family concerns, health issues, difficulties making sure there is food on the table and a roof overhead and a thousand and one other issues. We have that hope in Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are called to live it and share it freely.

In a day of declining worship attendance how do we share what we have with those who might not even know what they are hungry for? There are no easy answers. No quick fix solutions or slick new programs will get us to where we need to go. Instead we are invited to engage ancient practices of prayer and Bible Study. We are invited to engage conversations with people around our communities about their lives, their hopes and dreams and if they have a faith connection.

These practices can help us discern where God's Holy Spirit might be leading us. From there we engage experiments – hoping to learn more about engaging our neighbor.

### *Faithful Innovation Summit...*

Luther Seminary has embarked on a journey to help congregations live into this changing world. This summer they are hosting the first "Faithful Innovation Summit" July 24-26. Here is what they write in their promotional material: *God is at work. The Holy Spirit is calling the church into a new future. Now is the time to discover and embody innovative ways to lead the church. The Faithful Innovation Summit is designed to help you define and address the challenges you face.*

This is an excellent continuing education opportunity for rostered leaders. It would be a way for congregational leaders to begin to engage in conversations about changing how we are church in the midst of a changing world.

To learn more about the summit and register go to: [faithlead.luthersem.edu/summit](http://faithlead.luthersem.edu/summit)

Hope to see you there!

### *Transition Planning...*

One year from now this synod will gather to elect a new Bishop. The work of your current synod staff is not over, we will not be coasting for the next 12 months because there is still important ministry to engage.

Still we are mindful that transition is coming. Our prayer is that this is a fruitful time of conversation, prayer and discernment for the synod. As part of the process church councils will be asked in July to participate in completing a survey being conducted by the ELCA Research and Evaluation team. The survey will help define future leadership needs for our synod.

In the fall you will have the opportunity to be involved in a face to face conversation called a Synod Ministry Review – again a chance for you to have input on the current state of the synod, as well as your hopes and dreams for the future. We will get a full agenda out to you early in the fall.

Much of my sabbatical time will focus on transition as well. I am planning to spend a good chunk of time pulling information about current ministries, finances, policies and procedures so the next Bishop will be able to enter into this work as smoothly as possible.

I would ask that you would be a partner in prayer – asking God to guide this process. Pray that God's Holy Spirit would be at work stirring up within rostered leaders a willingness to serve. This is God's church and we can trust God to guide this process.

In the meantime, synod staff will continue to work with congregations interested in Mission and Vision planning. We will provide advice and guidance to church councils and rostered leaders. You can expect us to be involved in conversations with potential deacons and pastors. The work will continue.

These are exciting times! It will be great fun to see what unfolds in the months ahead.

*God Bless All! See you at Assembly.*

Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



Council Meeting Minutes - Peace Lutheran Church

May 21, 2019 7:00 PM

1) Meeting called to order by President Bev Holdahl.

2) Devotion: Pastor Mike led prayer and devotion from John 14, the Holy Spirit is with us and will teach us everything. Jesus is with us through the Holy Spirit, and we will find peace, hope, and comfort under God's wings.

3) MSC Jeff/Jessica to accept the minutes from April.

4) Agenda was reviewed; MSC Eric/Travis.

5) Leadership Reports –

Pastor Mike has agreed to be Vice-Pastor for Belfield, Medora and Daglum Lutheran. He will be officiating at a funeral for them 5/22/19. Pastor will be away from the church office June 18-20 in Bozeman, June 24 busy with Achievement Days, June 25-28 his Australian host family visiting, and July 8-11 in Minneapolis with the family. These days are mainly during the week and he will be available on Sundays. Pastor has also been leading worship services at St Luke's and St Benedict's, and also visiting residents.

President report – Rummage Sale in June. After discussion, it was decided that set up for the sale will be 5-9 pm Wednesday and Thursday, 6/19-20, and Friday morning 6/21 if needed. Sale hours are Friday 6/21 from 4-7 pm, and Saturday 6/22 from 8 am- 2pm. Notice to be put in bulletin for items to be brought to the church anytime. Volunteers are needed to set up and for the day of sale. Ads will be put in the newspaper and Facebook. MSC Tammy/Eric regarding these decisions.

Discussion was held on obtaining a credit card for office supplies and other small dollar purchases. It was discussed that a credit card would be the safest way, rather than debit card. MSC Jessica/Travis that Laney should research and make arrangements to obtain a credit card through Choice Financial with a \$500 credit limit.

6) Stewardship – Financial report reviewed. MSC Travis/Kim

7) Worship –

St John Partnership – There will be a Joint Worship Service Sunday, June 30 at 5 pm in Richardton. A Potluck Block Party Picnic will be held after worship (6 PM), with plans to invite Peace, Seventh Day Adventist church, and the surrounding neighborhood. St John's to provide barbeques. Tim Holdahl may possibly provide music for the service.

Worship helpers – Roene continues to coordinate pianists for Sunday Services. Council Sign-up sheet passed around at the meeting. Pastor Mike reinforced the importance of having Greeters to meet parishioners before services.

Summer Worship – Services to be held on Wednesday, June 12, July 17, and August 7. Meal to be at 6 pm with Worship at 7 pm. Tim Holdahl and Pastor Joe Natwick may provide music for these services.

Altar Guild – Kim to send out email to possible volunteers that could help set up communion for the next few months.

Caring Hands – Tammy and Naomi created list of people and duties. This information will go out in the June/July newsletter.

Graduating Seniors – Seniors will be recognized during services on Sunday, May 26 with a blessing and prayers. Graduating seniors are Alexis Belland, Carter Blotsky, and Nicole Sadowsky. MSC Travis/Jessica that the church give each senior a devotional book as a gift.

8) Faith Formation-

Bible Camp Scholarships – May 5 was Camp Sunday. Pickle Jar has been passed around Sundays in May for Campership donations. The Church will pay half of camp registration for members. Campers to tell Bible Camp that they're members of Peace, then the camp will contact the Church.

VBS – Vacation Bible School will be held July 28 – August 1. Pre-registration form will go out in June/July newsletter. Badland Bible Camp will lead the Day Camp. Day Camp Staff will be available to help with Community Service Projects in their free time that week.

9) Community Partnerships

Community Garden – Information has been sent out. Garden has been tilled. Plots need to be staked. Jeff has material that can be used for walkways. Possible staking of garden on Saturday, May 25, weather permitting. Jeff has also been in contact with D&D Sprinklers to work on the sprinkler system, install a pressure tank and pad. Community Garden has been advertised on the Church Facebook page. Ad to be placed on Dickinson Classifieds. 103.7 The Connection Radio also has free ads for non-profits. A sign is also needed for the Community Garden.

AMEN Food Pantry – no report

Preschools – Kid's Academy starting summer session June 4.

AA Groups – Open meeting end of June. Bev to notify both Thursday and Saturday groups regarding Rummage Sale week of June 16.

WND Synod – Synod assembly June 7-8. Tim Holdahl, Alecia Pretzer and Pastor Mike to attend.

Badlands Ministries – Camperships and VBS discussed earlier in the meeting.

Lutheran Social Services – no report

Grace Action Chapel – suggestion to invite to a Wednesday Night Service.

Girl Scouts – no report

10) Building and Property – Jeff continues to gather estimates for the parking lot. Jeff also to work to get material to fill holes. We are looking for volunteers to mow grass this summer. It was suggested to add this to the Caring Hands duties list.

11) Communication –

Newsletter – June/July issue.

Constant Contact – going well.

Website – updates need to be made, suggested to contact Brian Kopp for help.

12) Next Meeting Date – June 17 at 7 pm.

13) Closed with the Lord's Prayer

14) Meeting adjourned.

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

BE– Beginning Experience      GAC– Grace Action Chapel

# June 2019

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23 Peace Worship– 10AM SJR– Joint Worship– St Johns @ 5	24	25	26	27 AA– 5:30– 8:30 New Freedom	28	29 AA– 8– 11:30 Live GAC– 5:30– 9pm

# July 2019

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28 Peace Worship- 10AM SJR- 8AM GAC- 12:30-4:30PM	29 Day Camp 6-8pm	30 Day Camp 6-8pm	31 Day Camp 6-8pm	<b>August 1</b> Day Camp 6-8pm		

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