

# August 2019 Newsletter

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

*Serving the community in partnership.*

From the Pastor

August 2019

Happy August everyone! You have just a few weeks left to enjoy the last bit of summer before school starts up again and we shift into the routines of fall.

We have had quite a few visitors at Peace Lutheran this summer. It has been wonderful to have new faces in worship and to hear where people are from and where they have been visiting. It is a great reminder to me to always be ready to greet and welcome the new comers. We have had a lot of them and it's important to make them feel welcome.

Speaking of visitors.... St. John's in Richardton did a fine job hosting a summer block party on the church lawn at the end of June. There were several different churches represented at this joint service. If you missed it, you missed a good time and very good food. Thanks to all the cooks and to those who helped serve.

Speaking of serving.... a reminder to the Peace Lutheran congregation, we have a new system for you to serve and help with the important work of the church. Caring Hands is what we call it. All members of the church are assigned to a group. Each group is assigned three months out of the year. When your group is up during the month, we ask that you sign up for the areas where we need your help. Most of your time is needed around our Sunday morning worship services, reading, greeting, serving coffee, etc. But we also need helpers to care for the lawn and mow when needed.

The Caring Hands list and sign up sheet is posted on the bullet board at the church. The list can also be found in this newsletter. Thanks for filling in the gaps and for sharing your time. Everybody's little bit adds up to a lot!

Enjoy the rest of your summer everyone!  
Hope to see you all in worship soon!

With Peace,

Pastor Mike Pretzer



# 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 Knot  
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

-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)



# WE'VE MOVED!

I thought I should give you a little update about what is happening in my life as of late. Alecia, the kids and I have decided to rent a house in Taylor. We have been moving into it during the month of July with the goal of living in the house the first of August. So now we are officially Taylor residents! We have been so grateful to Alecia's parents for putting up with us the last several months, but when this house came available, we thought a space of our own and being closer to the kids' school would be a good thing. This is a change for us, but it won't really be a change for you. My schedule and routine in the parish won't change. I just have a slightly longer commute into Dickinson.

My new address in Taylor is 203 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Taylor, ND 58656. However, I think we need to apply for a PO Box in town before we can start to receive mail there.

Peace to all who are in transition!



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Pastor Mike

# Final Summer Wednesday Night Worship

The last outdoor Wednesday Night Worship service will be held on August 7th. The potluck meal will start at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Worship will start at 7 pm.



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## Work Day August 18th!

Peace Lutheran Church will have a work day on Sunday August 18th following worship and a potluck meal. Church members are invited to come to worship, bring a potluck dish to share and then roll up your sleeves to tackle many projects around the church that need some attention. Dress casually as many of the projects will happen outside around the church yard and parking lot. A clipboard for projects and project suggestions is in the church. Please add your suggestions and where you can help!



# 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)  
Margaret Marcusen  
Family of Perry Baker  
Family of Grace Bittner  
Angela Ernst (Breast Cancer)  
Family of Issy O'Brien  
Lynnette Harstad

## 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.

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## ST. JOHN'S IN RICHARDTON

Harrison Job Magstadt & his parents Haley & Nathan Magstadt  
Darlene Zentner (Ralph's sister)  
Kristin Johnson  
Shawn Hauck  
James Hauter (Lynn Johnson's Father)  
Wellde Heinle- Recurrence of cancer  
Arlyne Magstad  
Shirley Kitzan  
Norbert Amann  
Dee Homelvig -Chemotherapy  
Jayden Olson  
Emmalou Lavine (Armin's Sister)  
Jacques Oestreich- Serving in Afghanistan  
Trisha Macks  
Sharon Messer  
Margaret Marcusen

## Events In August

Summer Worship- 8/7 Supper @6 pm Worship @7  
Council Meeting--8/13 @7  
AMEN Food Pantry-8/27 @ 2-4



# Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Rostered Ministers Gathering, September 8-10....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 Churchwide 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](http://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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Church council meeting July 16, 2019

Present: Pastor Mike, Bev Holdahl, Jessica Bertelson, Derek Jilek

Absent: Jeff Anderson, Heather Fagerberg, Travis Kupper, Tammy Sadowsky, Marilyn Huschka, Kim Jones, Eric Halvorson. No quorum.

Meeting was called to order by Bev Holdahl

Pastor Mike lead us in Devotions from Luke 10.

Minutes from June meeting were reviewed.

Agenda was reviewed.

Leadership reports:

Pastor Mike reminded us that he is Vice Pastor for Medora & Belfield churches. He has done a funeral and met with the president of their councils. He will be out of town July 22-28<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Dorothy is available for emergencies. Starting in September Sister Marie Hinkle will be meeting with people for spiritual direction using Pastor Mikes office on Fridays.

Bev reported the rummage sale is this coming weekend – Friday & Saturday 8-2. We will set up tables after the meeting. Need people to work and help set up. Also having a bake sale at the same time. Lanie has the form for the credit card at the bank. Jessica recommended she have the bank help her fill out the information. We have a survey to fill out for the Synod office. We will complete it at the Aug. meeting.

Financial report from June was reviewed.

Joint service at Richardton was well attended.

Worship

Musicians – Roene continues to line up pianists for Sundays. No one scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Council members need to sign up for August.

Next outdoor worship will be tomorrow night with pizza on the grill, free will donation for ingredients. Grace Action Chapel has been invited.

The August 7<sup>th</sup> outdoor worship we will have a pot luck with hamburgers and hotdogs furnished.

Bev will work on Thrivent funds for this. Meal at 6, Worship at 7pm.

Caring hands – there are a few signed up. Need to remind people to sign up. Decided not to send out separate reminder to members. Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Faith Formation

Bible camp scholarships – we will pay half of campership, Badlands usually contacts us.

VBS day camp is July 28<sup>th</sup> -Aug 1. We need meals for 2-3 councilors served at 5 pm each evening, let Pastor Mike know if you can help with this.

Community garden – Jessica will get estimates for signs for the garden, still have weed barrier to put down.

Preschool – Kid Academy is having an open house Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8-2

Badlands Ministries will have a confirmation retreat in October.

Building & Property

Parking lot – Derek will check on load of asphalt for a temporary fix.

Mowing – Della Christianson has expressed interest in helping.

Work Day – Planned an outside work day Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, quick potluck after church. Have a list available for people to list things they see that need to be done. Everyone sees different things.

Will probably have to rent a lift to remove the balloons from the fan.

Communication

Newsletter – coming out at the end of the month

Web site – haven't contacted anyone to help with it

City Guide – Bev contacted editors and updated the church time for next year.

Facebook – Bev will add Derek as an administrator.

Pastor Mike mentioned they will be moving to Taylor at the end of the month.

Next Meeting will be Aug.13

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

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

# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Peace Worship-10AM SJR– 8AM GAC– 12:30-4:30PM	5	6	7 Wednesday Night Wor- ship: Supper 6pm Wor- ship @ 7pm	8 AA– 5:30-8:30PM New Freedom	9	10 AA– 8-11:30 am Live GAC– 5:30-9 pm
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25 Peace Worship-10AM SJR– 8AM GAC– 12:30-4:30PM	26	27 AMEN Food Pantry 2-4	28	29 AA– 5:30-8:30 New Freedom	30	31 AA– 8-11:30 Live GAC– 5:30-9pm

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