



Lutheran
Church
Of The
Cross



The CrossWord

May 2021

From Pastor Lisa

“everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” 2 Cor. 5:17

Have you been out for a walk lately? Yes, I know this is a theme with me. I love to go for walks. The world is changing around us! Nature is opening up; the color green creeps and spreads, buds emerge, new smells arise with the bit of rain.

It's a normal and natural thing during spring. Yet it feels different this year, somehow. We continue to wish for more rain, but that's not what I mean. As things begin to open up – not just nature, but as pandemic restrictions lift – we feel strange and new and yes, changed.

The part of 2 Corinthians that I quoted above talks about how if we are in Christ, we are an utterly new creation. It feels like we are something new, as we emerge this spring. We are not the same as in the “before times.” We have been shifted, moved, transformed, shaped by the pressures and losses and experiences and demands of the pandemic.

Spring sports are in full swing, and it's wonderful that they can be. Proms happened. A new class of high school seniors is about to graduate. Normal things, and yet held with precautions learned along the way. We each and all have gained some skills we didn't have, because we didn't need to have, before Covid-19 entered our lives.

Like it or not, we are changed. We are new! The world is full of possibilities, not just for new grads, but for us all. And we are “in Christ.” Chew on that a little. What does it mean to you?

We can't help much of what had to change. But *in Christ, we are made new*. In Christ, anything is possible. Love. Reconciliation. Peace.

May we dream forward together into what will be!

In Christ,

Pastor Lisa

Mother the Camp 2021

Thank you for your support of CCM!

You make a difference in our ministry together!

By purchasing one or a few of these items from this list you help us save in what we have to purchase for the summer. We will be welcoming campers in early June.

This is a great help in lowering our costs!

**God's Blessings and
Happy Mother's Day!**

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- Clorox Clean Ups
- Dish Towels and Rags
- NEW Reusable Storage Containers with lids: shoe box size
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Tide
- Aprons (black or white please)



OFFICE

- First Class Postage Stamps
- Post Card Postage Stamps
- Avery 5160 Mailing Labels
- Avery Postcards 8577
- Copy Paper - white, astro brights, pastels
8 1/2 x 11 & 8 1/2 X 14
- 20 lb white paper— 8 1/2 X 11
- 24lb white paper—8 1/2 X 11
- Toner for HP Laser Jet Pro 200 color printer

May's Altar Focus

FOOD

Please consider purchasing #10 cans and other large quantity packages that can be found in the bulk foods section of your grocery store. But we appreciate any size and can use them! Please NO expired dates!

- Tomato Sauce, Diced Tomatoes, Pears, Peaches, Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce,
- Spaghetti Sauce, Baked Beans, Cream Corn, Green Beans, Regular Corn
- Spaghetti, Noodles
- Large boxes of kid-friendly cereal: Coco Puffs, Rice Chex, and Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Rice Krispies, Lucky Charms
- Walnuts, Peanuts, Cashews, etc.
- Chocolate Chips and other flavored Baking Chips
- Cupcake/Muffin Liners
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly: Grape, Strawberry, Raspberry, Apple
- Condiments: Ketchup, Mayo, Dill Pickles,
- Relish, Syrup, Mild Salsa, Sugar FREE Syrup
- Ziplock Bags: 1 and 2 gallon
- Paper plates, napkins, soup bowls, coffee cups
- Marshmallows, Graham Crackers, and Hershey Bars for S'mores
- Cooking Oils: Vegetable and Olive
- Oatmeal
- Gluten FREE= noodle, pancake mixes, muffin mixes & cookie mix
- Masking Tape
- Pan spray
- Food Service gloves (hypo allergenic) (medium)
- Gift Cards

PROGRAM NEEDS

- PFD's or life jackets (small sizes for children)
- Sanitizer bottles

- **SUPPLIES for the Wellness Center (please call- there are specific needs & we don't need a large quantity)**

JACOBS WELL

- Scotch tape
- Boxes of Candy and snacks from SAM's Club

CRAFTS

- Poster board (all colors)
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Safety Pins
- Craft Sticks
- Sharpie and Crayola Markers
- Construction Paper
- Water Color Paints
- Paint – acrylic/tempera
- Paint brushes in all sizes
- Chalk
- Scissors
- Rubber Bands for tie dying
- 1 Gallon Zip Lock Baggies for tie dying
- Acrylic Craft Paints: Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, Orange, Purple, Black, White, Brown, etc.
- Sponges – LOTS of them
- Crafting Eye Balls

Again, gift cards and monetary donations are appreciated at this time to purchase items we need...

HOUSEKEEPING

- Heavy-duty Trash Bags: 55 gallon and 33 gallon and 13 gallon
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Swiffer dusters and floor dusters
- Toilet Paper
- All Purpose Surface cleaners
- Light Bulbs: 60 and 100 watt
- Paper Towels
- Deodorizers (like Glade gel for example)
- Refill containers of hand wash liquid for smaller pumps
- Shower Curtains
- New Single and Double Fitted Mattress Pads
- Standard Plastic Pillow Covers
- White Bath Towels for the Retreat Center
- White Hand Towels for the Retreat Center
- White Wash Cloths for the Retreat Center

SITE

- Gas Cards
- Outdoor Grounded Extension Cords
- Stump grinder
- Duct Tape
- Commercial Weed Eaters
- Weed Eater Lines of all sizes for weed eaters
- Used but "new" to us

CAMP GARDEN & NATURE EDUCATION

- Small hand shovels
- Garden gloves
- Nature books
- Nature posters
- Seeds

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CRAIG May's Gospel Seeds



Love God. Love People.

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39)

In July 2020, the Western North Dakota Synod was the first ELCA synod to hold an online only, all digital Synod Assembly. It was quite the undertaking! By the grace of God, we did it. We met to pray, to worship, to study scripture, to hear about the good work God is doing through our church, and to elect our next Bishop. To be honest, in so many ways, last year's Synod Assembly feels like a lifetime ago.

In just a few short weeks, we will gather again in Synod Assembly. And we will once again pray together, worship, study scripture, hear about the good work God is doing through our church, and elect leadership to serve on Synod Council, ELCA Church Council, synod committees, and as voting members at the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. We will also be invited to attend complimentary receptions to get to know one another a little better (Thursday evening) and celebrate the incredible staff our synod is blessed to have (Saturday morning). Our gathering as Synod Assembly will look different again this year. But it will still be sacred and holy time.

The 2021 Western North Dakota Synod Assembly will focus our hearts and minds upon Jesus' command to love our neighbor. To love your neighbor as yourself. Period. Seems simple enough. The past fifteen months or so in our life together as God's children have proven just how hard Jesus' commandment is to live out along our faith journey.

As we gather – on-line and in-person – we will celebrate the many ways God has worked through us to love our neighbor, we will confess the many times we have failed to love our neighbor, and we will seek the Holy Spirit's guidance as God calls us into new ministry opportunities to love our neighbor in our congregations, across the synod, and around the world.

Whether you are attending Synod Assembly on-line or in-person this year, I look forward to seeing you soon!

God's peace,
Bishop Craig

2021 Western North Dakota Synod Assembly

Grand Hotel in Minot and Online

Friday, June 4, 2021 – All plenary sessions and banquet

Complimentary celebrations hosted by Synod Council on Thursday evening, June 3 and Saturday morning, June 5.

Voting members will be able to choose between participating in-person or online. For more information and to register as a voting member, visit:

<http://wndsynod.org/synod-assembly/>

No in-person visitor registrations will be allowed due to capacity restrictions. All are invited to follow the assembly live on Facebook on June 4 at: <https://www.facebook.com/wndsynod>

Registration Deadline: May 15

Late Registrations accepted through May 30 (add \$50 late fee)

Angels Among Us

Our angels this month are Sally and Terry Grenz! Terry is one of our two “sound men” on the worship production team, helping balance everything so worship sounds good. He is an accomplished photographer, has a pickup and is willing to use it in many helpful ways. Sally is the blurry energizer bunny with a silver bob hairdo who is a key cog in many of our LCC ministries. She is the kitchen queen? chief? crew head? - meaning she cleans and organizes, buys and brings things that she notices are getting low, takes towels home to wash, etc. She heads up the Helping Hands group with Pam Hanson, and they bring joy into many lives. Sally cooks and bakes and takes dinners to folks; she calls and visits and organizes others to do the same, she takes people to appointments, she helps with Faith and Care, she’s an active quilter, and she sings on the River Worship team. We are so grateful for the many, many ways Terry and Sally care for others here at and beyond LCC. Give a high “air” five when you see them!

Altar Focus – Mother the Camp

The list of items needed for a summer at Camp of the Cross is long and varied and found on tables in the narthex and in this newsletter. We hope you’ll find something or a bunch of things you’d like to give. Every item donated brings costs down for the camp. We also have two young women working at CCM this summer: Kenzie Johnson and Marin Traynor. Here’s to a great summer!

Mother’s Day Brunch to Go

On Sunday, May 9, from 11 am till 1 p.m. we will again serve brunch to go: this time French toast, Wishek sausage and fruit. You can donate food items, and we could use up to ten helpers. Please sign up on the table in the narthex, or call the church office. Like before, if you know you are coming and approximately when, call or message the church office so we can have plenty of meals hot and fresh for you! Donations will benefit Camp of the Cross, and you can drop off items for Mother the Camp at the same time you pick up your meals!

Summer Outside Worship and Picnics

.....are back this year! Hurray! We plan to grill out and provide chips, beverages etc., but no potluck this year. Just come and be served supper and stay for worship! One Wednesday in each summer month: June 16th, July 14, and August 11. More details to come!

Israel Trip Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 2022

Friends, neighbors, family – all are welcome to join our next group of pilgrims to the Holy Land. Let Pastor Lisa know if you or someone you know is interested! Information is available.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

May 2021



Graduation Sunday and Wednesday

Graduation Sunday will be held on Sunday May 16th and Wednesday May 19th. Congratulations to our graduates: Monarch Fockler, Grace Humann, Jack Johnson, Tamarah Johnson, Alexandra Kindem, Caden Kunze, Kiefer Long, Jared Sarsten, Evan Thompson.

Youth Service Sunday and Wednesday

A youth service with our church school youth helping lead the worship service will be on Sunday May 9th and Wednesday May 12.

Senior High Youth Group

Senior High Youth group for grades 9-12. Meet Janie at LCC on May 16th at 6pm for bible study, games, and ice cream! If Sunday does not work for you we will meet Wednesday May 19th at 3:30pm at TCBY for frozen yogurt and a bible study. Contact Janie if you have any questions!

Vacation Bible School!

VBS will be held June 6-9th at LCC, from 6-7pm. Our theme is “Who is my neighbor.” Participants will learn about God’s creation and our neighbors from all over the world. You can register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/lccdod/2021vbsregistration> If you have any questions please contact Janie.

May Confirmation Schedule:

- May 5** How can I participate and serve in my church?
- May 12** World Hunger service projects—packing kits and guest speakers
- May 19** End of year party

May 2021

								1 Women' Retreat at COC
2 10:00 Worship Service	3 Needlework Group 9:30am	4 Staff Meeting 10am	5 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Confirmation	6 8pm AA Mtg.	7			8 Baptism 1pm
9 10:00 Youth Worship Service	10 Needlework Group 9:30am	11 Staff Meeting 10am	12 1:30 Book Club 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Confirmation	13 6:30pm Church Council 8pm AA Mtg.	14			15
16 10:00 Graduation Worship Service Camp of the Cross Drive Thru Breakfast 11-1pm Senior High 6pm	17 Needlework Group 9:30am	18 Staff Meeting 10am	19 3:30 Senior High TCBY 6:15pm Worship/ Graduation 7:00pm Confirmation, Year End Party	20 8pm AA Mtg.	21			22
23 10:00 Worship Service	24 Needlework Group 9:30am Knitting for Oth- ers 1:00pm	25 Staff Meeting 10am	26 9:00 MM Bible Study 6:15pm Worship 7	27 8pm AA Mtg.	28			29
30 10:00 Worship Service	31							

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E-News

Worship Times:
Wednesday Worship
6:15pm (School year)

Sunday Worship
The River Service
10:00am

Lisa Ahlness, Pastor

Office Hours:
M - TH 8-4pm
Fri. 8-noon School Year
Summer Hours 8 to noon
Mon.—Fri

Lutheran Church of the Cross

The Church Council meets once a month; the second Thursday at 6:30pm. The Council meetings are open to the congregation and all are encouraged to attend a meeting or to visit with a Council member if you have questions or concerns regarding the church.

“Making Jesus Known by Sharing our Gifts”