



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | GLENBURN AND LANSFORD | JUNE 2021

Trinity United Parish

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing it the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

Dear friends,

Can you believe that summertime is finally here? After the year we have been through, I can imagine that we are all ready for some rest and relaxation. Many of us are looking forward to spending time with friends and family at the lake or at Medora or at the many other places we might find ourselves in the next couple months. Hopefully, your pace of life will slow a little. Hopefully, you will be able to take some time for yourself. And, hopefully, you will have some time to connect with God as well.

I know many of us leave behind our regular routine during the summer months, and that includes leaving behind the practice of worship/going to church. Connecting with God and our faith is so important, and the summer allows us a unique opportunity to do that in ways that might be different from how we have always done it – worshipping outdoors, connecting to God in nature, checking out a church near where you are vacationing, praying around a campfire, and more. God is with us wherever we go. Take some time and reconnect.

However, I encourage you not to forget your church at home while you are away. Pray for us and the ministry that continues here. Continue to support us financially. Both of our churches have ways to give online. You can also mail in your offering, or you could set up your bill pay to send your offering in during the summer. We are still here in the summer holding services, day camp days, planning for the fall, providing virtual opportunities and more. We encourage you and hope that you will continue to support those ministries.

My prayer for you this summer is that you will have a restful, safe, and fun summer. Our ministry here continues. Check out the rest of the newsletter to see what is going on this summer and we hope that you will join us.

Blessings,
Pastor Martha

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Join us for Sunday worship!

Lansford 9am

Glenburn 10:30 am (starting June 6th)

Military

Clay Pilgrim

Bill Tilton

Wes Netcher

Kent Johnson

Nick Swenson

Jesse Hartle

Robert Blevins

Jay Montejo

Prayer List

For healing for Bob Kosel.

For healing for Sonja
Mickelson.

For healing for Rodger
Zurcher.

For healing for Briggs Lee,
grandson of Cal and Joellen
Lee.

For healing for Alice Undlin.

For healing for Curtis Talley.

For healing and comfort for
Elma Doer, the mother of
Johnet Christianson.

For healing for Bob Helming.

For strength and continued
healing for Amy Artz.

For healing for Shannon Sisk-
Wulick.

For healing Ron Johnston.

For healing and strength for
Cole Schlag and Tamara
Zumbaum.



Day Camp Wednesdays!!!

Join us for the month of June for a different take on Day
Camp!

All children Pre-K through 6th grade

9 am – 12:00 pm

Each Wednesday starting June 9th.

See details in the News section of the newsletter!

Backpack Buddies Program

Our Backpack Buddies program will feed a student in need of food for the weekend. Non-perishable and easy to make foods are needed. Examples are: Oatmeal packs, veg. and fruit cups, mac n cheese cups, jellies, tuna packs, ramen noodles granola bars, etc.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, it costs \$340.00 per year. We currently have 26 students we are helping.



"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

Glenburn Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

Our Pantry could use syrup, pancake mix, gravy, jelly, peanut butter, Hamburger Helpers, soups of any kind, and toiletries. Any non-perishable food, paper products, and monetary donations are always greatly appreciated. There is a cart in the back of the church. Thanks for donating. We NEED Plastic Bags. Contact Andrea Boschert or Michelle Peters with any questions. Clothing Closet: If you have anything to drop for clothing, please call Michelle Peters at 701-578-4285.

Food Pantry & Clothing Closet Dates: 4th Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 pm.



THE BEST
WAY TO FIND
YOURSELF
IS TO LOSE
YOURSELF
IN THE
SERVICE OF
OTHERS
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We express heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your continuing generosity and giving!

GLENBURN NEWS

Congratulations Confirmands: Join us June 6th for Confirmation Sunday. Gracie Boschert, Jayden Nelson, Sophie Bachmeier, and Alex Palmer will be affirming their faith. We congratulate them!

Day Camp Wednesdays: Day Camp is going to be a little different this year. The Camp Metigoshe Staff will be joining us virtually through videos for music and skits, and they have provided the curriculum and supplies to have a fun Day Camp. Because it is so flexible, we thought we would do "Day Camp Wednesdays" and stretch out the fun. All children Pre-K through 6th grade are welcome to join us each Wednesday in June, (am – Noon for bible stories, games, crafts, and more! If all goes well, we might continue into July. If you are interested in signing up your child(ren), please email the church office at tlchurch@srt.com. There is no charge and if you can only attend certain weeks, that's ok. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Martha at pastormartha@gmail.com or 701-833-1701. Our first session will be June 9th.

Ruth Circle: Come and strengthen your faith and friendship! We will meet June 15th at 2pm GLB.

LANSFORD NEWS

Matching Funds: Don't forget about our matching funds challenge we have going on throughout the month of April and May. Each month, the funds that are raised above and beyond the monthly requirement of \$3000 will be matched up to a total of \$5000. So please prayerfully consider giving a larger gift during the month of May. An update will be coming to the bulletin and Facebook about how we did in April.

PARISH NEWS

Synod Assembly: June 3-4 at the Grand Hotel in Minot. Voting delegates attend June 4th.

Secretary Hours: Our parish secretary, Ramanda Nash, will be in the office from 12 pm ish - 3 pm ish on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 10 am ish -2 pm ish on Thursdays. If you need anything from the Church office outside of office hours, please feel free to call or text Pastor at (701) 833-1701.



Prayer Ventures for June 2021

1 Give thanks for the ELCA's commitment to being an inviting and welcoming church that reflects and embraces the diversity of our communities and the gifts and opportunities it brings. Pray that we will always be learning and reforming, discerning how to do God's work in a diverse world, and inviting and equipping one another for this essential work.

2 Pray for seasonal workers who depend on summer income for their livelihood, that they will find safe, fulfilling employment that pays a fair wage. Pray that we will express our gratitude and respect for their work and service.

3 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Upstate New York and North Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

4 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Western North Dakota, Southwest California, Central/Southern Illinois, Montana, Delaware-Maryland, Metropolitan Washington, D.C., south Dakota, Central States, Southern Ohio, Allegheny and Lower Susquehanna synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

5 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Nebraska, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Texas, Southeastern and Metropolitan Chicago synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

6 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assembly of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

7 Give thanks that — through grace, faith in Christ and obedience to the will and ways of God — we are embraced as children of God, siblings in Christ.

8 Pray for nations experiencing repeated waves of COVID-19 infection and communities impacted and struggling, and pray that their health care workers, medical facilities and efforts to vaccinate as many people as possible will slow the pandemic.

9 Pray that we will be patient and attentive to how God answers our prayers and speaks to us, especially in ways we do not seek or expect.

10 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assembly of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.



11 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon, Northeastern Ohio, La Crosse Area, Indiana-Kentucky, and Northwestern Pennsylvania synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

12 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the New England, Virginia and Northeastern Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

13 When we read the parables of Jesus, we sometimes default to rote explanations of their meaning. Pray that we will hear and read Scripture with hearts and minds open to learning, insight and fresh connection to our daily life.

14 Give thanks for ELCA resources that nurture our faith and spiritual growth during times of physical distancing, including *Living Lutheran* magazine, blogs and newsletters, daily Bible readings and ELCA World Hunger's at-home vacation Bible school program guide.

15 "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" Give thanks and praise to God for reminding us that we are made new each day through God's mercy and grace.

16 Pray for the Spirit to inspire us to create and share new expressions of our faith and theology through art, music and writing that speak to all generations and the diverse contexts of people in our communities.

17 Give thanks all day long to God for God's unwavering love and the joy and hope it stirs within us, which overflows to the people around us.

18 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois and Caribbean synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

19 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

20 Pray that God's power, presence and love will ease our fears and uncertainties, calm the storms in our lives and strengthen our faith so that we will be bold and tireless disciples who do God's work in the world, share the gospel and serve our neighbor.

21 Remember in prayer fathers who strive to be loving, caring, wise and influential parents, including fathers who are new parents or single parents, who are deployed in the military or incarcerated, or who experience separation from family while traveling for their work.

22 Give thanks and praise for God's great works and attention to our prayers, both when we are alone and when we gather as a community of faith.

23 Pray for the 300-plus health and human service organizations of the Lutheran Services in America alliance, which serve 6 million people every year across our country in response to God's call to love our neighbors of all ages, needs and circumstances.

24 We acknowledge that it is not always easy to follow Christ, bear the gospel or do God's work in the world. Give thanks that together, as siblings in Christ, we can turn to one another with our burdens and receive support and encouragement.

25 Pause today and take in the wonders of God's creation. Give thanks for the joy, wonder and awesome complexity of nature and the universe, and ask God to help us be mindful, responsible and respectful stewards of creation.

26 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the South Carolina Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

27 Pray that we will serve our neighbors and invite others to believe and to join our communities of faith without bias, judgment, hesitation, obstruction or condition.

28 Pray for God's strength, comfort and vision when we are weary or overwhelmed or cannot see beyond times of despair; ask the Spirit to fill us with faith, hope and empathy so that we can support, care for and encourage our neighbors who are struggling.

29 Guided by the generous, compassionate and kind actions of Jesus, ask the Spirit to fill us with eagerness to work together and share our abundance with our neighbors so that all will have the resources, food and opportunities needed to thrive and be well.

30 Ask God to help us reflect on our nation, its history, its institutions and this church with honesty, humility, repentance and gratitude, united in our vision and determined to be more just, equitable, inclusive and responsive to our neighbors in need.



Let Your Thankfulness Show this Summer!

Consider what opportunity you may have to make a difference. Will it require more than you have ever considered before? Will it require a level of generosity, a level of stewardship, a level of radical hospitality that you have never contemplated?

Come, and practice a new way of being in God's world:

- As a family, talk about ways that you can be generous with your neighbors.
- Make a list of upcoming church events, are there events that you could invite friends or family to? Make a list of who might want to come and invite them to join you.
- Some of us have loads of time to give to church matters, volunteering, assisting as the needs arise.
- Some of us have fruitful livings, that allow the monetary needs of the church to be met.
- Some of us have prayerful spirits and are eager to engage in prayer practices when called upon.
- Some of us have not quite figured out what gifts we have to offer, but we still show up and practice and watch and learn.

Thank you for sharing and giving so generously. Every gift makes a difference.

Faith Simonieg, Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity



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A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June 2021

This Month's Author: Deacon Beth Anderson, Associate for Leadership & Formation

Matthew 22:36-39 (NRSV)

36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

As I write this article, we are just a few weeks away from the 2021 Synod Assembly, but as you read this, the Assembly may be over. During this day, in worship, in conversation, in the work we do together, we will have focused on the passage above and its seemingly simple ethic: Love God. Love People.

Hopefully, you have been inspired by stories about how God is getting this world loved through the words and actions of individuals, congregations, the Western North Dakota Synod, and the wider ELCA. You are a part of this amazing Love, because you are part of each of these expressions actively sharing God's love in the world.

As we move out of Synod Assembly, I invite you to a simple practice to carry the spirit of the assembly into your summer.

Find a place to sit quietly, maybe a favorite chair or a cozy bench in your backyard. Breathe deeply. Listen to the world around you and center your mind on the passage above. Read it a couple of times and let your mind wonder with God about what this passage is saying to you.

Now, fold a sheet of paper lengthwise. On one half, make a list of people in your community. Consider especially: People who have had a difficult year. People you don't know well. People you avoid or

choose not to engage. People you know who might be lonely or hurting.

Turn your paper over and on the other half count your blessings – list the talents, skills and positive characteristics that you possess, the relationships you have, the resources at your disposal. What do those closest to you appreciate most about you?

Now open your page and consider these two columns together. How might Love be made tangible in the lives of those listed through actions that grow out of the blessings in your life? Draw lines connecting your gifts with people who might need them. Jot down ideas for actions you could take using gifts you've been given to remind someone in your community that they are loved – by God and by you.

In his book *Martin Luther and the Called Life*, Dr. Mark Tranvik writes,



If we live faithfully within our callings, we find many occasions where love is needed. After all, Christ was one who crossed boundaries. Cultural and religious taboos were often broken as he reached out to the sick, the whores, and the tax collectors. As those whose identity is yoked with Christ, we also go to the "hard" places . . . And here we meet the very face of Christ as promised in Matthew 25:31-46. We do

not bring Christ to the world so much as we meet Christ in the world.¹

In many ways, the past 12-18 months have isolated us from one another. Quarantine, physical distancing, social media algorithms, differences of opinion, and the ability to choose like-minded conversation partners are just a few things that have allowed us to build caves of comfort where our own ideas, opinions, and fears are confirmed. And while these caves might feel safe and secure at first, they are really illusions that keep us from experiencing the fullness of the neighborhood in which Christ calls us to love and be loved.

So, consider your list, choose one action and go love somebody. May this summer be a time when we once again step outside and experience the Love of Christ made known in neighbor.

¹ Mark Tranvik. *Martin Luther and the Called Life* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2016), 73-74.

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6 LFD Worship 9am GLB Worship 11am Confirmation Sunday	7	8	9 Day Camp 9 am-noon GLB Glenburn Council 7pm	10	11	12	
13 LFD Worship 9am GLB Worship 10:30am	14	15 Ruth Circle 2pm	16 Day Camp 9 am-noon GLB Lansford Council 7pm	17	18	19	
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