



# *Trinity United Parish*

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Dear Friends,

Martin Luther once wrote, “A Christian is perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all. (*On Christian Liberty*)” This quote can seem strange. It might seem like Luther is contradicting himself, but actually he is highlighting one of the main points in the faith life of a Christian. Yes – we are free. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been set free from sin, death, and all that binds us. This is something we highlight weekly in our worship services as we praise God for what he has done for us. There is another side to this though. We have been set free, yes, but we have been set free for a purpose. We have been set free to join in God’s mission in our world; to serve our neighbor; to share the love of God through our words and our actions.

I think we can all agree that we believe this, right? However, what does this look like in the life of a Christian? How does this play out in your life? First, we have been given a great gift of freedom through Jesus Christ. This gift is above all other gifts in our life. Do we give this a thought throughout our week? Do we thank God for all that he has done for us? Do we trust in his promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation? One way that we do this is to gather together each week to be reminded of God’s steadfast love for us. What a great way to begin the week! We gather with our friends, our neighbors, community members to remember the promises of God, to be forgiven and fed, and to be sent out into the world as servants of God to face another week. I know sometimes it isn’t the easiest to set time aside to worship God. We all live busy lives, and sometimes it’s just easier to say, “I’ll go to church when I need something or when something difficult happens and I need the church.” Yet, making worship with a community a regular practice keeps us focused to God’s presence in our lives and it strengthens us to face another week. It also gives us space to support one another in our times of need.

Second, we have been set free by Jesus for a purpose. We have been set free to join in God’s mission in this world, in our own communities. There are many ways that you can serve in our churches and in our communities. Where can you use your gifts and talents to serve God and your community? I challenge you to take some time to think and pray about this. Step outside your comfort zone and try something new. We are in this mission together. This is not just something that I, as your pastor, do and you observe. I am inviting you to actively join in even in the smallest of ways. You won’t regret it. As we begin a new school year, remember that you are set free and you have been set for a purpose.

Blessings, Pastor Martha

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**Join us for Sunday worship!**

Glenburn 9am

Lansford 10:30am



## Prayer List

For healing for Ron Undlin.

For healing for Lu Pertzsch, friend of Pastor Martha's.

For healing for Jim Weiler, Kallie Stevens grandpa.

For healing for Braiden Gavere.

For healing for Gayle Bradley.

For healing for Bob Kosel.

For healing for Rodger Zurcher.

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

For healing and comfort for Elma Doerr, the mother of Johnnet Christianson.

For healing for Bob Helming.

For strength and continued healing for Amy Artz.

For healing and strength for Cole Schlag and Tamara Zumbaum.

For healing for Cheryl Guidinger

# Glenburn

## Confirmation Worship Assignments:

Glenburn:	Powerpoint/Acolyte
September 11:	Ava Stevens
September 18:	Oakley Trueblood
September 25:	Brodey Dotson

**Kid's Club:** We are starting up again on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5pm. Kid's Club is for any kids PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There are several ministry/volunteer opportunities in Kids' Club. Let Pastor Martha know if you can help out with snack or help during Kid's Club.

**Lunch and Learn:** We will be doing a bible study after church starting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying the book of proverbs. Bring a lunch and join in the study. All are welcome!

**Rally Sunday:** September 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am. Come join us as we kick off a great school year. We will be having a potluck following the service. Bring a dish to pass and join the fun. Look for emails and facebook posts with more information.

**Glenburn Council Meeting:** September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

**Glenburn Needs List:** Please donate these items if you are able: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Pine Sol, Bathroom Cleaners, Clorox Wipes, Hot Cocoa Packets, and Individual Coffee Creamers.

**Glenburn Food Pantry:** 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. Clothes Closet: If you have anything to drop for clothing, please call Natasha Stevens, 833-2605.

**Food Pantry & Clothing Closet Dates:** Typically we are open on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 pm.

**Backpack for Buddies Program:** Is a program that will feed a student in need of food for the weekend. Non-perishable and easy to make foods needed. Examples: 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 33 students we are helping.

# Lansford

## Confirmation Worship Assignments:

Lansford:

	Powerpoint	Acolyte/Music
September 11:	Callie Martin	Eli Undlin
September 18:	Grady Nett	Dayton Tyler
September 25:	Evan Tarvestad	Rylan Anderson

**Rally Sunday:** September 11<sup>th</sup>. The fun will start with worship at 9am. Come join us as we kick off a great school year. Sunday School will start that day. Look for emails and facebook posts with details.

**Lansford Council Meeting:** September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

# Parish

**Confirmation** starts this month, Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm. We will meet in Glenburn this month. Watch the facebook pages for announcements, surveys, schedules, and a video for parents introducing this year's goals.

## Glenburn Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

Our Pantry could use (Be sure cans have a pop top)  
Soups – chicken noodle, beef vegetable, tomato, Tuna, Chicken, Raviolis, Spaghetios, Pop Tarts, Fruit Snacks, Microwavable Meals, Ramen Noodles, Individual Juices, Granola Bars, Individual Snacks- pudding, fruit snacks, Rice Krispies, Cheez Its, Applesauce, Cup of Noodles, Oatmeal, Chili – Meat and Beans. 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 Clothes Closet: If you have anything to drop for clothing, please call Natasha Stevens, 833-2605. Food Pantry & Clothing Closet Dates: Once every month from 6:30-7:30 pm.

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**Backpack**   
**BUDDIES**

*Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.*





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## A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP September 2022

### The Rev. Bradley Dokken Joins Western ND Synod Staff

On August 16, 2022, the Western North Dakota Synod Council voted unanimously to extend a call to the Rev. Bradley Lars Dokken. Pr. Dokken will serve as Associate with the Bishop for Leadership, Candidacy, and Call. Welcome, Pr. Dokken to the Western North Dakota Synod staff team!!

Pr. Dokken is a western North Dakota native, growing up in the Crosby area. His previous calls include Director of Youth and Family Ministries for the Watford City Area Lutheran Parish and First Lutheran Church in Williston. He has served three congregations as pastor; St John's in Marion WI, Peace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh WI and is currently serving as an intentional interim for English Lutheran in Hazen. Camping ministry is also an important part of his call to ministry, having spent several summers working at Upper Missouri Ministries in Epping. Pr. Dokken is a 2012 Wartburg Seminary graduate and was ordained to the ministry of word and sacrament on August 4, 2012. His spouse, the Rev. Stephanie Lorenz, is also a rostered minister in the ELCA and is currently serving as a chaplain at Sanford Health in Bismarck. They are proud dog parents to Gus, an 18-month-old Goldendoodle.

Pr. Dokken's philosophy when it comes to ministry is to remind people that God loves them and meets them where they are at. He loves to hear people's stories and help them see how we are all connected. We live in a world that desperately wants to know that they matter and belong; it is our calling as God's beloved to help others know how deeply God loves them.

He is an avid baseball and football fan, cheering on The Minnesota Twins and Vikings, along with being a life-long Chicago Cubs fan. He is also active in community theater productions, loves a good mystery novel, and is constantly in search of the best piece of bread pudding. He and his wife love going to Walt Disney World any chance they get and can be found enjoying local restaurants when possible.

Western North Dakota Synod Vice-President Bruce Carlson said, "We welcome Pr. Dokken to the synod staff team and are excited to see how God will work through him in our shared mission and ministry to encourage and equip the ministries of our synod."

"I am deeply humbled to be called to this ministry," Pr. Dokken offers, "and to have the opportunity to walk alongside people as they are discovering what God is up to in their lives. I am grateful to Deacon Anderson and the ministry she has provided and will continue to provide for our

synod. I am thrilled to join the staff of the Western North Dakota Synod as we look at how we can do ministry in diverse settings to best serve God's people."

Reflecting on this change within our synod's staff team, Bishop Craig Schweitzer said, "I am overwhelmed by the Spirit's work across this church as we have engaged in a season of celebration for the ministry of Deacon Beth Anderson, listened for what God might be calling us into next, and embraced holy conversations with candidates who imagined a call to synod ministry as an exciting new opportunity. I give thanks for Deacon Anderson's fourteen years of service to our synod and I'm excited to begin serving with Pr. Dokken. His wealth of knowledge of congregational systems and leadership challenges, deep love for the landscape and people of western North Dakota, and unending passion for sharing the love of Jesus will be a great asset for our synod's future mission and ministry."

Pr. Dokken's call to the synod begins on September 1, 2022.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Worship Glenburn 9am Lansford 10:30am	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Rally Sunday Worship: Lansford 9am Lansford Sunday School 10am Glenburn 11am Potluck in Glenburn following worship	12	13	14 Kid's Club GLB 3:30-5pm Glenburn Council 7:30pm	15	16	17
18 Worship: Lansford 9am Glenburn 11am Bible Study in Glenburn on Proverbs following the service Confirmation in GLB 2-5pm	19	20 Ruth Circle 2pm	21 Kid's Club GLB 3:30-5pm Lansford Council 7pm	22	23	24
25 Worship: Lansford 9am Glenburn 11am Bible Study in Glenburn on Proverbs following the service	26	27	28 Kid's Club GLB 3:30-5pm	29	30	