



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | GLENBURN AND LANSFORD | MARCH 2021

Trinity United Parish

*Let your joy be your continual feast. Make your life a prayer. And in the midst of everything be always giving thanks, for this is God's perfect plan for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (The Passion Translation)*

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but I have had such a negative attitude lately. I'm having trouble finding the good in situations. I find myself complaining every time I turn around. I would normally describe myself as an optimist – someone who finds the good or hope in a situation, but, most recently, I would describe myself as a pessimist – someone who sees the negative aspects of a situation and often is waiting for the other shoe to drop, so to speak. Now, I'm not saying that I'm this way all the time, but it seems to be more prevalent than normal, and it has me questioning why I'm feeling this way.

Maybe you've been feeling this way too. Whether we like to acknowledge it or not, and no matter what side of the debate we fall on, there is a global pandemic going on and it is affecting us in many different ways. Some of us might want to just move on and get back to normal (whatever that may look like). Others of us might feel it's too soon to do that, and want to continue with the safety precautions. Some of us are thankful for the vaccine that is available and some of us aren't ready to take the vaccine quite yet or ever. None of us have lived through something like this before, and we aren't quite sure how to deal with this, who to trust, and what to do. We have all been inconvenienced, and we have all had to make adjustments in our lives whether we have wanted to or not. And, honestly, no matter where you fall in this debate, the whole situation has been exhausting.

But I wonder if we, as followers of Christ, could shift our focus a bit. I wonder if we could "make our life a prayer." Could we pray for those who are sick? Could we pray for those who are exhausted and frustrated by the pandemic? Could we pray for those who have different views than us? Could we pray for patience and understanding? Absolutely! And what about "always giving thanks"? Could we take the time to look for things for which we are grateful? Could we nurture a grateful heart? When we are grateful, it is almost impossible to be negative.

So, as we continue our Lenten journey this year, join me in turn on focus on those things that are life-giving – prayer, gratefulness, and above all, Jesus. We don't walk this journey of life alone – we have each other. Let's support one another, pray for one another, and be grateful for one another even in the midst of frustration and disagreements. And above all, Jesus is always with us, guiding us and leading us in his way.

Blessings,
Pastor Martha

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A BRIGHT IDEA



Buy a light bulb for the church!
There are over 40 lights to be changed. Each light cost \$80. You'll find details about our lighting project in the **Glenburn News** section of the newsletter! Check it out!

Prayer List

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

For healing for John Hoiland.

For healing for Pearl Nelson.

For healing for Alice Undlin.

For healing for Cal Lee.

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.

Military

Clay Pilgrim

Bill Tilton

Wes Netcher

Kent Johnson

Nick Swenson

Jesse Hartle

Robert Blevins

Jay Montejo

Confirmation Worship Responsibilities:

Please make sure you are in worship when you are assigned or find someone to switch with you if you cannot make it.

	Lansford	Glenburn
March 7:	Bobby Zumbaum	Jayden Nelson
March 14:	Reid Morlock	Caleb Clementich
March 21:	Cole Schlag	Gracie Boschert
March 28:	Carson Nett	Jayden Nelson
April 4: (Easter)	Bobby Zumbaum (10am)	Caleb Clementich (8am)

Beloved, if God
so loved us, we
ought also to love
one another.

1 John 4:11

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.



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.



Glenburn Lenten Schedule

All Services are @ 7 pm

March 3 rd	St. Philomena's
March 10 th	Trinity Lutheran
March 17 th	First Baptist
March 24 th	Hope Lutheran



GLENBURN NEWS

NEW Lunch and Bible Study: Join us after church during March for lunch and a bible study. Bring your own lunch and the bible study will be provided. Don't worry if you've never been to a bible study – no experience is needed. Just come and join us for fellowship and the word of God. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Martha.

Confirmation Classes: Class on March 3rd, 10th, and 24th @ 4-5:30pm GLB. No class on the 17th. Make sure to grab some candy from the secretary's bowl!

Wednesday Book Study: We will be starting a new book on March 10th. Our next book will be "Outlaw Christian" by Jacqueline A. Bussie. She was the author of the last book we read in our group, and the group loved her writing. New members are always welcome. Let Pastor Martha know if you would like a book. Study will be March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st at 1:30pm GLB.

Midweek Lenten Service: We will be having our normal midweek Lenten services with all the churches in town. We will kick off the rotation on February 21 at 7pm. The midweek service on March 3rd will be held at St. Philomena's at 7pm. As of now, no one will be having soup suppers. We will just be having midweek services. We are so grateful to be able to gather together this year for worship, and look forward to next year when we can hopefully add the soup suppers back in. If you have any questions, see Pastor Martha.

New Lighting Project: We are working to replace the lights in the fellowship hall, kitchen, and the back hallway. We will be changing them to LED lights. There are over 40 lights to be changed. Each light costs \$80. There have been some memorials and donations given to this project so far.

LANSFORD NEWS

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PARISH NEWS

Lutheran Campus Ministry Tuesday Soup at MSU: Did you know that Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State serves a free soup lunch every Tuesday to the students, faculty and staff. It serves hundreds of people. As one of our mission projects this Lent, we are going to team up with Oak Valley Lutheran and provide the soup and volunteers for the week of March 30th. In the past, the churches were asked to make the soup. Now, because of COVID - the churches are just asked to bring a monetary donation the day they serve. We will be raising \$200 for this project. Please mark this on your envelope or give your donation to Pastor Martha if you are interested in helping. If you would like to volunteer on March 30th 10am-1pm, please see Pastor Martha.

Secretary Hours: Our parish secretary, Ramanda Nash, will be in the office from 12 pm - 3 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 10 am - 2 pm 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 March 2021

1 *Women's History Month* Give thanks for women throughout history and in our lives who have shared their gifts and leadership in the church and society, raised and cared for us, taught us and nurtured our faith, and fought for justice, equality and healing. Pray for women everywhere who suffer injustice, demeaning stereotypes, violence and poverty, that they will not lose hope but will be delivered from their suffering and persecution to live freely and boldly.

2 Give thanks that we can trust completely God's promises, love and forgiveness, especially when we feel unlovable, unfaithful or uncertain.

3 The Spanish word *amparo* means protection of a living creature from suffering or damage. Pray for the ELCA's Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) strategy, and pray that we will join in serving the most vulnerable children and their families as they seek safety and the opportunity to live in welcoming, humane communities and congregations.

4 Pray for our synod bishops, the presiding bishop and the secretary, who are meeting online for the Conference of Bishops. Ask that the Spirit guide and inspire their discussions, prayerful deliberations and decisions, which impact the ELCA, the work we do together and the Future Church goals and structure being implemented in the churchwide organization.

5 During our Lenten journey, pray that God will help us reflect on aspects of our life and faith that we find difficult to examine and confess, and that we will remember we are always loved and made new through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ — our Savior, redeemer and source of hope.

6 Ask God to bless and guide our efforts to worship, commune, study Scriptures, socialize and care for each other online, and to find safe ways of gathering in person. Give thanks for the inspiration of the Spirit and the creativity of our siblings in Christ, who help us envision and practice new ways of being church together.

7 Pray that the theology, values, traditions and practices of our church and congregations will be centered in the good news of Jesus Christ and the ways of God, and that God will guide us back to this center when we are distracted or drawn away from our purpose and identity as the body of Christ.

8 *International Women's Day* Pray for women everywhere, for gender equality and equity, for the elimination of gender bias and stereotypes, and for opportunities for women to develop and use their gifts, skills, insights and passions without barrier or discouragement.

9 Pray that in the sign and symbol of the cross we will see the power of God at work for our salvation through Jesus Christ — a gift of love and mercy for all people and nations.

10 Lift up prayers of joy for, and find ways to reach out to, those celebrating birthdays, marriages, anniversaries and other special occasions without being able to share those moments with others in person.

11 Give praise and glory to our wonderful God, whose ways and commands are revealed to us with clarity and who is merciful and gracious with us when we stray from them.

12 Pray that we will continue to gain ground on vaccinating people against COVID-19, especially those who are most vulnerable and those who provide essential services for the sake of our health, well-being and daily needs, here and globally.

13 We are a publicly engaged church that participates in God's work of pursuing justice and peace and of restoring and reconciling communities. Give thanks for ELCA Advocacy, ELCAvotes, the Lutheran Office for World Community and the teachings of our church, which help us to understand the needs of our neighbors, equip us for social concerns and encourage us to respond as God calls us to serve and act.

14 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." This is welcome news for everyone! Give thanks and praise to God!

15 Give thanks that God has created us to do good in the world and that, even in complex and difficult circumstances, the Spirit is always at work teaching and emboldening us to love and serve our neighbor.

16 Give thanks that God loves us, hears our pleas — spoken and silent — and grants us hope, comfort and relief amid our troubles. Ask that the Spirit will show us how to respond with wisdom, compassion and hope when our neighbors experience difficulties.

17 Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Africa, including the Rev. Elisabeth Johnson (Cameroon), Anne and Willie Langdji (Madagascar, West Africa and Central Africa), the Rev. Alex Lachapelle (Kenya), the Rev. Brian Palmer and the Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo (Liberia), the Rev. Lancelot Themba and Kwena Mkhabela (Madagascar, West Africa and Central Africa), and the Rev. Amanda and the Rev. Grant Applehans (Madagascar).

18 Ask God to prepare and equip congregations and communities — physically, emotionally and spiritually — to respond to the severe weather that often comes in spring, and to help one another endure.

19 Give thanks that God, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, rescues us from darkness, sin, death and all that separates us from our loving and merciful Creator. Pray that we will take to heart Paul's reminder that "by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

20 Thank God for our special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, and pray that together we will find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these uncertain and challenging times.

21 We grieve the suffering and death of Jesus, yet we also rejoice in his resurrection and the promise of salvation that comes with it. Pray that we will follow Jesus wherever he leads us — through challenges and joys — and that our lives will glorify God throughout the journey.

22 Pray for the lay leaders of our church, who respond to God's call to serve, accept invitations to share their gifts and skills, and give of themselves to grow the church, serve neighbors in need, nurture the faith of others and equip disciples of all ages.

23 Pray for God's mercy and love every day. Ask that God will instill in us joy and hope, create in us a faithful spirit, teach us truth and wisdom, and stir gratitude in our hearts for all that God has done and continues to do for us and all humanity.

24 Due to the lasting impact of COVID-19 and the uncertainty surrounding vaccine rollout, the ELCA has decided not to send Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers for its 2021-22 program year. Pray for young adult applicants who are eager to serve and share their faith, and for the enduring relationships we have with our companion churches and partner organizations around the world.

25 Pray for all those who grieve and suffer the loss of a loved one, friend, co-worker or neighbor, especially those impacted by the death of someone from COVID-19.

26 We see humility, sacrifice and unconditional love in the suffering Jesus endured for our redemption. Pray that the Spirit will make us humble, loving servants willing to sacrifice convenience, reward and emotional comfort for the sake of sharing the gospel and caring for our neighbors in need.

27 Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Albert (Gustavo) Driau and the Rev. Rachel Ringlaben (Argentina and Uruguay), Karen Anderson (Chile), Linda Gawthorne (Colombia) and the Rev. Claudia Lopez Ortega (Nicaragua).

28 Palm Sunday Jesus endured persecution, inner conflict, betrayal by his closest followers, arrest and an unfair trial leading to his death — all for our salvation and the fulfillment of God’s promises and love. Give praise and thanks to the Son of God!

29 Pray that we might reconcile our differences and embrace, teach and act on our values, appreciating the diversity of humanity and our communities, attending to our neighbors in need, practicing mutual respect and care, and pooling our diverse gifts, skills and perspectives to change our society, church and world.

30 Prayerfully reflect on who Jesus is and what we profess to believe about Jesus as Savior, teacher, servant, example, source of truth, man and Son of God.

31 Give thanks to God that “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” who support and encourage our faith and accompany us in our baptismal journey of service and witness.



Beneficiaries Take Precedence Over Any Other Form of Legal Documentation

Do you know who you have listed as beneficiaries? If you cannot answer this question with confidence, it is probably time for you to review your beneficiary forms.

What is a beneficiary? A beneficiary is a person or legal entity selected to receive money or other benefits from a benefactor. A benefactor is the person or entity providing said benefit. For example, in the context of a death claim, the benefactor is the person who passed away, and the beneficiary is the person receiving the death benefit. Most commonly, a beneficiary would be a person’s spouse and/or children.

Beneficiaries take precedence over any other form of legal documentation. This includes divorce decrees, wills, trusts, and any other formal, legal documentation. It does not matter which document is more recent; the beneficiary form will always hold authority over any records.

How frequently do I need to update beneficiary forms? I recommend every one to two years, or if a change in life occurs. This could be a marriage, divorce, death or birth of a child or grandchild. Addresses and names need to be kept updated. Beneficiary mistakes are often irreversible.

It is not sad to get or keep your estate in order, it a gift to your family and heirs. Being a good steward includes taking care of our assets at our passing.

Faith Simonieg, Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity

Trinity Council Meeting
February 10, 2021

Present: Pastor Martha HarriSon, Andrea Boschert, Bruce Abernathey, Ken Simmons, Deseraye Preskey, Brian Christianson.

- I. Meeting called to order by Ken Simmons at 7:10 pm.
- II. Devotions
- III. Reorganization- no changes, same as last year.
- IV. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes provided from the January 13th meeting for review.
 - b. Abernathey makes a motion to approve minutes, second by Christianson. All in favor, motion carries.
- V. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Copy of ledger provided for review
 - i. Boschert makes a motion to approve treasurer's report as provided, second by Preskey . All in favor, motion carries.
- VI. Pastor's Report
 - a. Report provided for review.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Worship
 - b. Education
 - c. Property
 - i. Lighting Project
 - ii. Tyler Hansen
 1. Tyler fixed kitchen door. He is going to fix other two doors and reset them.
 2. Colored facia is expensive, Tyler mentioned going with galvanized. Galvanized is ordered and on its way.
 3. Possibly look at submitting to insurance company.
 - d. Stewardship
 - e. Evangelism
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Offering Counters
 - i. February 14- Ken Simmons
 - ii. February 21- Deseraye Preskey
 - iii. February 28- Andrea Boschert
 - iv. March 7- Ken Simmons
 - b. Covid-19 Response/Plan
- IX. New Business
 - a. Financial Secretary position
 - b. Audit Committee
 - i. Pastor will check will Clarke Stevens to complete the audit.
- X. Date of Next Meeting-
 - a. March 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm
 - b. Boschert makes a motion to adjourn meeting, second by Christianson. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Submitted by: Deseraye Preskey

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3 Bible/Book Study 1:30pm GLB Confirmation 4-5:30pm Lenten Midweek Service at St. Philomena's 7pm	4	5	6
7 LFD Worship 9am GLB Worship 11am Bible Study in Glenburn following worship	8	9 Glenburn Council Meeting 7pm	10 Bible/Book Study 1:30pm GLB Confirmation 4-5:30pm Lenten Midweek Service at Trinity 7pm	11	12	13
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28 LFD Worship 9am GLB Worship 11am Bible Study in Glenburn following worship Palm Sunday	29	30	31 Bible/Book Study 1:30pm No Confirmation	<div style="border: 2px dashed green; padding: 10px;"> <p>Important April Dates:</p> <p>April 1: Maundy Thursday Worship in GLB 7pm</p> <p>April 2: Good Friday Worship LFD 7pm</p> <p>April 4: Easter Sunday Worship Glenburn 8am Lansford 10am</p> </div>		

Metigoshe Ministries is Adventure Anchored In Christ where people experience and celebrate the gifts of God in a life together.

Metigoshe

monthly update



March 2021

Summer Camp 2021 Update

It may be hard to believe as we walk through these bitterly-cold winter days, but summer camp is just around the corner! And, as we look toward summer 2021 at Camp Metigoshe, we are encouraging families to sign up early to ensure you get the week(s) of camp that you prefer.

Currently, because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, registration for Camp Metigoshe has been opened at half capacity – and many of the camps are filling up quickly! We remain hopeful that the CDC and American Camp Association (ACA) will send word that we can increase registration numbers – but we are committed to following their guidelines.



We will also continue to follow all ACA, CDC and First District Health Unit guidelines for day-to-day modifications that may need to happen again

this summer. Be sure to stay tuned to our Camp Metigoshe facebook page and metigosheministries.com for all the latest updates!

We are very excited to be able to share that our Higher than the Mountains high ropes course will reopen for campers this summer!

Remember: register early! And beat the Early Bird Registration deadline of March 19th to get your discount!



Sign Up and Save!

Early Bird Discount
Deadline for Summer
Camp is March 19

Hurry! The deadline for the summer camp early bird discount is coming up fast. Register for camp by Friday, March 19 and you can choose to receive \$20 off your registration fee, or \$10 off your registration fee (U.S.

and cool), one-of-a-kind Camp Metigoshe t-shirt. The choice is yours!

How do you register? Go to www.metigosheministries.com and register online, or download a paper registration form and mail to our office. If you do not have access to a computer, let us know and we can mail a form out to you.

Due to the uncertainty of Covid-19, we are at half capacity at this time. Because of this, camps are filling up fast! To avoid disappointment, register today for the camp session you want to attend.

Questions? Email registrars@metigosheministries.com and Peg can help you out.

Spring Friday Night Live

Junior High: March 19-20 Grades 4-6: April 9-10
7 pm Friday to Noon Saturday

Missing Camp Metigoshe? Well you don't have to! During Friday Night Live we do lots of the things we do at camp in 17 hours. We play, pray, eat, sing, meet new friends and even sleep a little. It is an overnight event with kids from churches all over the area. We'll make sure to have snacks on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Just bring a sleeping bag and



one adult advisor for every six kids. All guidelines for Covid-19 will be followed.

Cost: \$25 per youth; 1 Adult chaperone for every 6 youth at no charge

Please call by Thursday morning prior to event with the number attending.



Please go to www.MetigosheMinistries.com or call 701.263.4788 to register for a retreat.