



Tri-County Ministry News

October 2022

From Deacon Tara

Hues of orange, red, and yellow as the leaves change during these early days of Fall. The golden hues of wheat and rolled hay bales sitting atop seas of gold. These bright beautiful colors are one of my favorite things about this season. It's a reminder that God makes all things new again.

I'm also reminded of those words from the book of Ecclesiastes: a time to laugh and a time to cry, a time for life and a time for death, and a time for war and a time for peace." There is a time for everything. These words are especially important in the midst of a broken world. We are all saints and sinners alike.

God makes all things new again. During this season of Fall, we see the leaves changing; green becomes hues of reds, oranges, and yellows. The crops being harvested. The weather much cooler. These are just a few ways that God's creation becomes new again.

We, as God's children, can trust in the promises of God. God will never leave us or forsake us. Again God will make all things new. And as you see these new things, look around, take in God's creation and cling to the promise that only God has the power to overcome death and the grave and to make all things new again.

"Behold I make all things new again!"

Serving at the crossroads,

Deacon Tara

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Parish News

Special project update

By mid October, Deacon Tara will have instructions available so each church can begin making grief pillows. These pillows will be given to families during a time of loss.

Any questions, contact Deacon Tara.

Church Together Sunday

The annual preacher swap within the END Synod will take place on October 9. (This was formerly called "Walking Together Sunday.")

On that Sunday, a pastor from Sharon Lutheran in Grand Forks will be leading worship at Our Savior's of Klotten and Lutheran Church of McVile. Deacon Tara will be preaching in Grand Forks.

"Bring Your Baskets" Weaving Together What We Have and Where We're Going

Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth and the END Synod staff are eager to come be with you, to get to know each other better and listen for God's voice among us through scripture, prayer, and facilitated conversation. This is your opportunity to speak to the future of our work together as a synod.

You don't need to bring any baskets, but we do want you to bring yourself and other congregation members. Like a basket is woven together, we can begin to weave together what we have and where we are going as the Eastern North Dakota Synod.

**Prairie Rose Conference
Saturday, October 15th
10am - 12:30pm**

American Lutheran Church in Tolna

Noon lunch provided (RSVP to host congregation)

We would like to have at least one representative from each of our congregations attending this gathering. If you're interested, please contact Deacon Tara.

Confirmation beginning

Faith4Life confirmation classes begin in October. This year a class is being offered for 7th graders (alternating between McVile and Binford) and for 8th graders (alternating between Binford and Hannaford.)

If you have a student wanting to attend but have not yet received any information, please contact Deacon Tara or Theresa at the TCM office asap.

Congregational News

Faith of Hannaford

Funeral services for Don Larson were held Friday, September 23, at Faith. Don passed away September 18. Blessed be his memory!

Ushers/Reading: October 2—Gene Gronnebergs; October 9 — Alton Dahls/Stephanie Skjeret; October 16 — Cory Gilbertsons; October 23 — Bob Browns; October 30 — Beth Burchill.

Council is making plans for Thanksgiving dinner on November 20 and for the Pony Express.

Lutheran Church of McVille

Save the date! Saturday, November 5—vendor show, lunch, raffle and lots of fun stuff sponsored by MLCW. More info in the next newsletter.

Our Savior's of Kloten

Since the worship on October 2 is a lay-led service, it will be at **9:00**. Brunch will follow.

Our Savior's of McHenry

Delores Hoyt died September 14 in Cooperstown. The funeral was held at Our Savior's on September 22. Blessed be her memory!

Per Our Savior's Council motion, a special congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, October 16**, following the 8:30 worship to vote on the future of the congregation. During the meeting, the congregation will vote whether to remain open or to move toward Holy Closure.

No worship on Sunday, October 23.

Trinity of Binford

Trinity Council and WELCA served a dinner on September 18 as our God's Work Our Hands project. The freewill donations were designated for the Great Plains Food Bank. A total of \$891 was sent to the food bank. Many thanks to all who attended and worked.

Leah Edlund will receive her third grade Bible during the worship on Sunday, October 2. A blessing of the backpacks will also take place during the service; kids of all ages — bring your backpacks!

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