



From Pastor Sherri

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped...” Psalm 28:7a

I try to pack as much into these summer months as I can and then when fall begins, I ask the question, “Where did the summer go?”

Over the last few days, I have spent a lot of prayer time asking for God to give me strength and thanking God for the summer. The weather is beautiful and we have long hours of sunlight. During this season comes a rush of activities, from events to celebrations. My prayer time has slowly been relegated to snippets between activities, so I have missed my quiet time with God. Exercising my body is important. Family is visiting from out-of-state. All of these things are important for me. How do I order my days?

Howard Thurman writes about needing a sense of God’s time. I can have a constant anxiety about things as I am in a hurry to achieve my ends. He reminds me that some growth is slow and that not all processes are swift. It is a prayer to do things with a profound sense of leisure — of time. When I order my own activities, a sense of leisure of time sounds so absurd! I try to fit *one more thing* into my daily schedule and then ask God for more energy for the day. Thurman’s point is to ask for a sense of God’s time and not my own wish for more time. So how would I do this?

Go back to asking God to order my time at the beginning of the day instead of packing too much into the day and *then* asking for God’s strength to get me through the day. In prayer, asking what God would have me do this day. I crave God’s sense of time.

How about our congregations? Are we asking for God’s guidance or is it business as usual? Let us pray for guidance in our ministries instead of thinking we need more of anything. God equips us where God calls us.

Gracious God, help us to come to you for guidance before we make our plans. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

“Lead me, O Lord... make your way straight before me.” -Psalm 5:8

**Lutheran Church of McVille
Centennial Celebration
July 16-17**

Saturday, July 16

2:00 — Praise band sing along

2:30-4:30—Open House

Sunday, July 17

9:30 — Worship, followed by a catered meal

(Tickets for the meal need to be purchased by July 10; available from Ranae Oxtan, Lone Ringdahl or Marion Hendrickson)

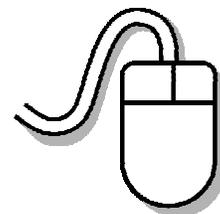
All are invited to help the McVille Lutheran Congregation celebrate 100 years of ministry!

Online Bible study has begun

Interested in Bible study but can't attend in person? We've heard your wishes and are trying out an online Bible study. This weekly summer series began June 20. We are looking at the prophets in the Hebrew Bible.

We have two ways for you to participate: TCM's blog tricityministry.com and our Facebook page (search for Tri-County Ministry). Participation can be as simple as reading the scripture texts and pastor's reflections or as involved as you want to be by posting comments, responses or questions.

This is a chance to help shape a new way of learning together as TCM. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity!



Worship time alerts



First Presbyterian

- ♦ July 17 — 9:45 at Assisted Living
- ♦ August 14, 21, 28 — 9:45

Trinity

- ♦ July — Wednesday evenings at 7:00 (no Sunday services)
- ♦ August 28 — Worship at RWBC

Our Savior's of Klotten

- ♦ July 17 — Worship at McVille's centennial service

Lutheran Church of McVille

- ♦ August — Wednesday evenings at 7:00 (no Sunday services)

Summer Worship Series

The study of Job concludes at the end of June and we move on to a six week focus on II Corinthians beginning with worship the first week of July. If you'd like to read the lessons ahead of time:

- ♦ II Corinthians 1:1-11
- ♦ II Corinthians 2:1-10
- ♦ II Corinthians 4:1-15
- ♦ II Corinthians 4:16—5:10
- ♦ II Corinthians 5:11-21
- ♦ II Corinthians 8:1-15

A four week sermon series on the Lord's Prayer begins August 14.

“Who’s Your Neighbor”

2016 ELCA EaND Synodical
Women’s Retreat

Saturday, August 13
10:00—3:00
(Registration at 9:30)

Maryvale Provincial Center,
rural Valley City



Speaker: Shar Gumke, Associate with the Bishop
Style show, vendors, door prizes, lunch
Registration is \$35 before July 25, or \$45 at the door.
Registration form available from your WELCA president or at the TCM office in Binford.

29th Annual Quilt & Fine Art Auction Red Willow Bible Camp



Quilters Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, August 18, 6:00

Speaker is Jackie Jones from Designer Fabrics in Carrington

Auction Preview

Saturday, August 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wine and Appetizer Reception
MOOS Band Concert

Auction

Sunday, August 28

9:00 Viewing opens
10:00 Worship in the chapel
11:00 Buffet Lunch
1:00 Live Auction
3:00 Raffle drawings



Raffle tickets are available in our churches, at the TCM office, and at the auction.

Hannaford Celebration

Noon Meal

Saturday, July 30

(after the parade until 1:00)

Faith Lutheran in Hannaford

Freewill offering

Community Worship at Faith

11:15 Sunday, July 31

Potluck following.



Annual Indoor Picnic & Pie Auction

Sunday, August 14

5:00-7:00

Our Savior’s in McHenry

Indoor picnic begins at 5:00

Pies auctioned at 6:30

Come and join the fun!

A Place at the Table: Synod Assembly Wrap-up

If you missed attending the Eastern ND Synod Assembly on June 4-5, you missed a good one! It is always an opportunity to expand our vision of ministry beyond the local congregation and beyond Tri-County.



Bishop Terry Brandt's State of the Synod debunks the myths that the population in Eastern North Dakota is declining and will continue in that direction. This includes the communities of Tri-County Ministry! He also talked about our new Multi-Ethnic ministry and how the wider church is helping to fund this leading edge ministry.

McVille Lutheran received recognition in honor of their 100th Anniversary!

An addition to the Assembly for the first time was the presence of the youth Homeless and Hungry Event where students and adults slept in boxes and did a 24-hour fast in order to raise awareness of the "least of these" in our own communities. The youth event was highlighted on the local news during and after the weekend.

For videos of the presenters, Bible Study and additional resources, go to the Synod website at Eandsynod.org.

Spirit Lake Historical-Cultural Retreat

July 30-31

Cost-\$30

Learn about Native American Arts and Culture with a weekend full of traditional powwow music, authentic jewelry, arts and crafts from local artists. Pastor Larry Thiele from Dacotah O'yate in Spirit Lake will present on historical trauma followed by a Q&A session.

(Information on eandsynod.org)

Bread of Life Food Pantry (Griggs County)

Summer needs:

- Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- Noodles/Ramen
- Mac & Cheese

God doesn't call the qualified. God qualifies the called!

Are you sensing a call to public ministry in the ELCA? Are you wondering how God might use your gifts in your local congregation or as Pastor, Diaconal Minister, Associate in Ministry or Deaconess?

Discernment Event hosted by the EaND Synod's Candidacy Committee.
Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 pm
Lutheran Social Services at 3911 20th Ave S in Fargo.

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**Tri-County Ministry
Annual Joint Worship Service**

**Sunday, August 7
Red Willow Bible Camp Chapel**

**9:45—coffee hour
10:30—worship**

**Noon—potluck picnic on the deck of Marvin
and Vickie Goplen's cabin at the resort (just
north of the café)**

**Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be
provided.**

You may bring a dish to pass if you wish.