



From Pastor Jessica

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The following came to me as I thought of hands that did some difficult and merciful work a few weeks ago; hands that showed care and compassion; hands that will never be the same.

“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands -- O prosper the work of our hands!” ~Psalm 90:17

Blessed are the hands that plant the seed and harvest the crops.
Blessed are the hands of those who care for those who can no longer care for themselves.
Blessed are the hands of the one who teaches with word and action.
Blessed are hands that help deliver the calf or foal.
Blessed are the hands which do the work no one else wants to do.
Blessed are the hands that get dirty and calloused in their service to others.
Blessed are hands that toil day and night.
Blessed are the hands from whom the healing work of God flows.

Blessed are the hands that comfort the child that cries.
Blessed are the hands that change the diaper and clean up the mess.
Blessed are the hands that embrace the youth that seeks strength and courage.
Blessed are hands that guide the young along the path of light and life.
Blessed are hands old and wise.
Blessed are the hands that support those who are bowed down.
Blessed are hands that console the broken hearted.

Blessed are hands that pray for the world.
Blessed are hands lifted in supplication, praise, and thanksgiving.
Blessed are hands that reach out for reconciliation and forgiveness.
Blessed are the hands that grasp the hands of another in love.

Blessed are His hands that broke the bread.
Blessed are His hands that shared the cup of salvation.
Blessed are His hands that were pierced.
Blessed are His hands on the cross encompassing the world.
Blessed are His hands that welcome us home.

Our hands are instruments for God’s work. The labor of our hands benefits not only us, but others as well. When words fail, often our hands can speak for us. May God prosper the work of our hands.

“Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.”- Teresa of Avila

Confirmation year concluding

Our confirmation students will be heading to Fargo on Saturday, May 7, for their final service project of the year. The group will be doing some work at the Great Plains Food Bank. Other youth and adults are welcome to go along. If interested, please call Theresa at the TCM office in Binford so that adequate transportation can be arranged.

Six young people are completing the confirmation studies and will be affirming their baptism during services in May and June.

Lutheran Church of McVile — May 8
Amanda Dinger

First Presbyterian of Cooperstown — May 22
Megan Motter

Trinity of Binford — June 19
Brooke Ronningen
Gavin LaPlant
Jessica Iverson

Chelsea Ellefson from the Ottawa congregation did her confirmation classes with TCM, and will be confirmed at Ottawa.

With the 2010-2011 confirmation year drawing to a close, thoughts are now moving to our confirmation program for next fall.

Parents of students who will be entering the program and parents of students who will be going into their second year of confirmation classes are strongly encouraged to attend a meeting for discussion of next year's program.

The meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, May 4**, at Trinity in Binford. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. If you're unable to attend but have questions, please contact Pastor Jessica.

May 1 is Rogation Sunday in TCM.

Special Congregational Meetings

Sunday, May 8

**Following the worship service in each
TCM congregation**

**Purpose of meeting is to vote on issuing a
Letter of Call to Kara Weichmann.**

Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly

**Saturday-Sunday, May 14-15
Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo**

*"God's Work. Our Hands:
Meeting the Needs of a Hungry World"*

The Assembly is open to all.
More information is available at
www.eandsynod.org

Tri-County Ministry VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 12-14 at Red Willow Bible Camp
3:00-6:00 on Sunday
9:00-3:00 on Monday and Tuesday**

**Transportation available by carpools and
the TCM van.**

**We need to know how many kids will be
attending! Please notify the TCM office by
June 1.**

**Phone 676-2761 or e-mail
trinitybinford@mlgc.com**

10th Annual
Seminary on the Prairie

June 3-4
Red Willow Bible Camp

Veteran Community Outreach Initiative:
Helping Connect Veterans & Families with Services

Presenters:

Chaplain Juliana Lesher (keynote speaker)
Chief of Chaplain Service, Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Fargo

Kathryn Benson
ND Community Support Coordinator, Army1Source

Corean Swart
Veteran Services Officer; Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran

Seminary on the Prairie is open to the public. Much more information, along with the brochure and registration form, is available on the TCM website. Or, you may call the parish office or Pastor Jessica.

**Congratulations
to our
high
school
graduates**



Dakota Prairie Graduation —
May 22, 2:00 in McVile
Brody Henningsgard (McVile)

Midkota Graduation —
May 28, 2:00 in Glenfield
Emmy Gilbertson (Trinity)
Mike Beaver (Trinity)

GCC Graduation —
May 29, 2:00 in Cooperstown
Alyssa Hook (Faith)
Christ Rondestvedt (Faith)

Summer at RWBC

Seekers
Grades K-3
June 16 & July 27

Taste of Camp
Grades 1-3 & parents
June 19-20

Pathfinders
Grades 2-3
June 19-21 & July 19-21

Creation Camp
Grades 4-6
June 26-July 1 &
July 10-15

Holy Hoops Juniors
Entering grades 4-7
July 24-29

Advanced Holy Hoops
Entering grades 8-11
July 17-22

Disciples Camp
Grades 7-9
July 31-August 5

Wilderness Week
Grades 7-9
August 7-12

Amp! Camp
Grades 10-12
June 12-17

Sr. High Adventure
Grades 10-12
June 19-24

Quilt Auction
Sunday, August 28



Our Savior's
Lutheran Church
of rural Kloten

**125th
Anniversary
Celebration**

Sunday, June 26

Watch your Sunday
bulletins and the TCM
website for more
information.

Brochures are available in our churches. Please check with your church council and WELCA for scholarship information. For more information, call the camp or go to their website.

www.redwillowbiblecamp.org

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***McVile Lutheran Church Women's
Annual***

Salad Supper

***Wednesday, May 11
6:30 p.m. at McVile Lutheran***

**Musical entertainment by Amy Jo and David
Paukert, the directors of Frostfire Summer
Theatre near Walhalla.**

Everyone welcome!