

UNITED AS ONE LUTHERAN PARISH

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This month we dive into the season of Lent. Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and reformation. It is a time to wonder who we are, who God is, and how we might better align ourselves with God's desires for us and our world. Lent is not a static season, rather Lent is a season of change – and we know all too well that change is painful. Change requires honesty about ourselves. Change makes us really reflect on what the next step might be and then take it. And we cannot do this important work of moving forward without looking back and acknowledging the brokenness of our lives.

This year, during our midweek Lenten services, we will be gathering in a different type of space than we are used to for Sunday mornings. Rather than singing songs of praise and joy, we will be spending intentional time in lament. The hope is that this will provide a safe, honest, and open space for you to bring those broken, hurting places of your life – where you don't have to be smiling and 'all put together' in order to belong.

But why? Why lament? Why in church? Is it okay for us to voice those fears and frustrations to God...in church? And I wholeheartedly believe the answer is yes.

We step into this world with a cry. Although none of us remembers the moment, the first sound we uttered after leaving the warm and protected confines of our mother's womb was a loud protest. We enter, wailing. To cry is human.

However, we aren't the only part of the created order expressing sorrow. The apostle Paul says that the entire creation groans. Death is the ultimate reminder that something is not right with the world. But there are other examples: cancer, addictions, failed marriages, relational conflict, loneliness, and abuse.

We don't stop crying after birth. It continues because the world is broken. While tears and sorrow are part of our humanity, there is an often-neglected prayer language in the Bible for our travels through a broken world: lament. The Bible is filled with this song of sorrow. Over a third of the Psalms are laments. The book of Lamentations weeps over the destruction of Jerusalem. Jesus lamented in the final hours of his life.

But lament is different than crying because lament is a form of prayer. It is more than just the expression of sorrow or the venting of emotion. Lament talks to God about pain. And it has a unique purpose: trust. Christians know God's promises in the Scriptures. We believe in God's power to deliver. We know the tomb is empty, and Jesus is alive.

And yet we still experience pain and sorrow. Lament is the language for living in the tension of a hard life while trusting in God's power and love. It is a prayer form for people who are waiting for the day Jesus will return and make everything right. Christians don't just mourn; we long for God to end the pain.

Until Jesus returns, the world will be marked by tears. Children will continue to be born and their first cry will announce their arrival into a broken world. To cry is human, but to lament is Christian.

Blessings on your Lenten journeys!

-Pastor Kayla

Lent "Round-Robin" Preaching Schedule

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	April 1
Holy Cross	<i>Milo Mell</i>	<i>Emily Shipman</i>	<i>Kayla Hill</i>	<i>Carter Hill</i>	<i>Zach Shipman</i>
Trinity	<i>Emily Shipman</i>	<i>XXX</i>	<i>Milo Mell</i>	<i>XXX</i>	<i>Carter Hill</i>
Elmdale	<i>XXX</i>	<i>Kayla Hill</i>	<i>XXX</i>	<i>Brenda Olson</i>	<i>XXX</i>

Meals will begin at 6:00pm. Service to begin at 7:00pm at each location.

Confirmation Student Serving Schedule For Holy Cross

** If you are unable to serve the week you are scheduled, please switch with a friend. **

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	April 1
Greeter	<i>Cody & Tayah</i>	<i>Haddlee & Maisy</i>	<i>Cody & Maisy</i>	<i>Jessah & Tayah</i>	<i>Ashlyn & Nic</i>
Reader	<i>Nic</i>	<i>Ashlyn</i>	<i>Jessah</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Haddlee</i>

Parish Council Meeting: March 8th, 2pm, Elmdale

Joint Worship Service, March 29th at 9:30, Holy Cross

Join us as we worship together as the United As One Lutheran Parish on March 29th at Holy Cross! Worship will be at 9:30am, with fellowship and Sunday School to follow.

Confirmation Camp at Metigoshe is June 21-26th. Confirmation camp is a requirement of our confirmation curriculum, so all students are expected to attend. Parents are expected to register their own child with Metigoshe – which can be done either online or by paper registration found in the summer brochure. Please register your child as soon as possible, as room is limited, and it is a popular camp (Registering early also saves you money!). Scholarships are available through the church, WELCA, and directly from the camp. Be on the lookout for more information in the next month.

Sponsor a Confirmation Student! A week of confirmation camp costs the average camper \$425, which can be a large burden on our families. This year, we rejoice that we will have a large group of campers from Holy Cross, with some students wanting to return for a second year of camp! While our congregation offers scholarships for attendees of Metigoshe, our funds can only go so far. If you would like to sponsor a scholarship to help send our kids to this life-changing week of camp, please talk to Pastor Kayla.

News from Bethel

Bethel Lutheran WELCA

The regular meeting of the Bethel WELCA met at the church on February 20. Those present were Brenda Jorgenson, Opal Maruskie, Glennis Maruskie, Linda Rystedt and Elda Titus.

Our Bible study continued out of the Gather magazine and was on "We are Called." The Bible study was led by President Brenda Jorgenson.

The meeting was called to order by President Brenda. Secretaries and treasurers report was given and approved as given. The only old business was that the booklets are not quite finished. We are continuing working on sewing and putting together quilts on Tuesday afternoons.

New business: Spring cluster meeting is in April and will be held in Zion in Minot. We visited about going to Minot and visit with Ellen for our March meeting. There being no further business we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned,

Elda Titus, Secretary

A delicious lunch was served by Glennis.

NEWS FROM ELMDALE

March 5th -- 2:30 p.m. Women of the ELCA Meeting at Elmdale. Hostess: Pat Lehman

March 11th -- 2:30 p.m. Birthday/Friendship Club. Celebrating Wilma Boughton's birthday for the 14th, with us here. Marion Nelson on the 22nd, at Elmcroft, Minot. Myrna Nelson being cared for by her son, a March 3rd birthday, and Kay York, March 19th in Bismarck at her home. Happy Birthday Everyone!

March 24th -- 2:30 p.m. Rachel/Friendship Circle at Elmdale: Hostess: Darlene Stone. We are called, session three, focused on "Called to Serve".

Elmdale WELCA served 8 residents and family and staff, about 28 on Valentine's Day. We heard music from Rick and Vicky Lofgren, Ruth Mogren encouraging Wes Hennix to sing along. Fancy filled sandwiches and delicious white cake with strawberries, cool whip served; James O'Gordon also loving our visit and treats. 6 of us serving with our traditional Red Aprons! Wilma Boughton, Mary Ellen Carlson, Donna Christensen, Ruth Mogren, Darlene Stone, Pat Lehman.

With Lent beginning, take the time with your family to recall what God has done for us. Let us start with prayer. When we pray, we communicate with God, but each person has his or her own favorite way of praying. In addition to communication with God as individuals, we are also called to communicate with God as a community of faith. That starts in the family and includes the church community. Lent is an excellent time for a family to begin to communicate with God together or to continue the family prayer time that they have already established. We can pray always in a way that no one else can because there's only one of each of us. And that's true of children as well as of adults. Help us to make every moment of our lives tell you that we Love You.

Taken from one of my Lenten Devotions -- Coming Home to the Lord. Donna Christensen

NEWS FROM HOLY CROSS

"Building relationships and thankfully serving with God's love and Christ's teaching."

HOLY CROSS/BETHEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 9:30 a.m. Worship @ HOLY CROSS w/ Holy Communion-Pastor Kayla
11:30 a.m. Worship @ BETHEL with Holy Communion -Pastor Kayla

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 9:30 a.m. Worship @ HOLY CROSS – Milo Mell
11:30 a.m. Worship @ BETHEL – Milo Mell

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 9:30 a.m. Worship @ HOLY CROSS – Milo Mell
11:30 a.m. Worship @ BETHEL – Milo Mell

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 9:30 a.m. Worship @ HOLY CROSS – Pastor Kayla
11:30 a.m. Worship @ BETHEL

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 9:30 a.m. Worship @ HOLY CROSS

Fellowship and Sunday School follow the worship service @ Holy Cross.

Fellowship before worship @ Bethel.

MARCH CARE GROUP:

MARCH 1	GREETERS – Bolens	READER: Val Bolen
MARCH 8	GREETERS – John & Betty Clark	READER: Val Bolen
MARCH 15	GREETERS – Lynn & Suzy Clark	READER:
MARCH 22	GREETERS – Jarret & Brenda Van Berkom	READER: Jarret or Brenda
MARCH 29	GREETERS - Darrell & Barb Carlson	READER: Ashlyn Sundley

MARCH USHER: Tyler Grubb

LUTHER LEAGUE SERVERS FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 1 – WELCA

Sunday, March 8 – Nic Erickson

Sunday, March 15 – Shyla & Maisey Jorgenson

Sunday, March 22 - Alex & Ben Juma

Sunday, March 29 - Levi & Emma Kinney

February WELCA Minutes

Holy Cross WELCA: February 19, 2020 with 9 members in attendance, Faith Circle served supper.

President Amanda Blomquist opened the meeting with devotions from Romans 15: 2-3 about serving our "Neighbors in Need." The Purpose Statement was read.

Secretary's report from January WELCA meeting was read. The minutes stand approved as read.

Treasurer's report by Leslie Grubb. The balance at this time is \$1,731. 21. Bonnie Thronson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Laurene N. seconded. Motion carried. Thank you to Eloise Rystedt for picking up and delivering the flowers to Josie Huseby for her birthday.

Council report was given by Lindsey J. Lenten services start on Wednesday, February 26. All Lenten services will be at Holy Cross. WELCA will make the meal for Wednesday, March 4 and March 18. Lindsey will contact Bethel WELCA and Luther League to see if they are interested in serving a supper. The Lent offering will be disbursed half to supplies for WELCA Kits and half to scholarships for youth to attend Bible Camp.

Correspondence: Thank yous from funeral memorials were read.

OB: Valentine cards were mailed. The Luther League helped by adding personal messages to the cards.

NB: *Lent and Lenten Meals were discussed.

*Bonnie Thronson motioned to give \$50 to Pastor Kayla in celebration of her birthday on February 28, second by Eloise Rystedt.

*World Day of Prayer will be held at Holy Cross at 4:00 pm, Friday, March 6. Discussion was held on the program. Theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk!" The offering will be sent to World Day of Prayer. Bars and coffees will be served afterward.

*The Spring Tea will be held April 22 at 5:00 pm.

*The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18 at 5:00 pm

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Ruth Ann Larshus Acting Secretary

ADDRESS CHANGE: Walter and Mary Anne White, Atria Rancho Mirage Terrace 34560 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage, California 92270. Walter is in room #204. Mary Anne is in room #106. They would love to hear from you and do enjoy receiving news from Powers Lake.

HOLY CROSS/BETHEL

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

March 1 Tim & Laurene Nordloef

.March 2 Shawna McFarland
March 3 Joshiwa Weinmann, Dale Opdahl
March 5 Naomi Westerness
March 7 Jamie Eckert
March 10 Casey Blomquist
March 11 Jane Tande
March 12 Cayleen Thorlakson
March 13 Chase Parslow
March 15 Michael Peterson
March 16 Shyla Jorgenson
March 17 Stephanie Van Berkom
March 18 Skip Opdahl
March 19 Kinzi Grubb
March 20 Amanda Blomquist
March 23 Carol Holmen, Zeke Isakson
March 27 Crystal Moorhead
Jeff Parslow
Cody Rystedt
March 28 Leslie Grubb
Orval Hoiby, Penny Rudland
Eloise Rystedt, Earl Weinmann
March 30 Renae Fredrickson, Larry Thronson
March 31 Donna Lindberg, Brayden Tarap

March 12 Dale & Skip Opdahl

March 27 Tom & Linda Rystedt

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
January 8, 2020

Call to Order/ Minutes

President Bolen called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and welcomed the new WELCA representative, Lindsey Jensen. Present were Pastor Kayla Hill, Rich Bolen, Val Bolen, John Clark, Sara Erickson, Marie Juma, Lindsey Jensen, Lani Lucy, Tim Nordloef, Jeff Parslow, and Chris Rystedt. Pastor Kayla opened with prayer. December minutes motioned to approve as given by Tim N., and 2nd by John C., motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The report was presented by Lani Lucy for December. Lani L. reported that building insurance had not increased by thirty percent because payments were spread over a nine-month period, not twelve, as originally recorded in the spreadsheet. Furthermore, Lani reported that no discounts would apply if Holy Cross paid a lump sum. May 2019, donation of \$546.15 for Kim Atwood should have been entered under Missionary Support, in lieu of Donations. \$1600 for the four musicians will be added to \$724.88 for a total Worship Expense of \$2324.88 for 2019.

Lani Lucy presented statements from the Elevator fund and the Oil fund. In December 2018, approximately \$8993 was raised and deposited into the Elevator fund earmarked for carpet. May 2019, \$18330.50 was transferred from the Oil fund for carpet. Council discussed transferring funds back into the Oil fund from the Elevator fund, which would leave approximately \$3000 in the Elevator fund. Rich Bolen motioned to transfer \$18,000 back into the Oil fund for the carpet, Chris Rystedt 2nd, motion passed.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December as presented by Sara E., and 2nd by Chris R., motion passed.

WELCA Report: WELCA representative, Lindsey Jensen reported the new officers will be instated at the next meeting.

Pastor's Report: January 26th is the annual meeting, and all are encouraged to attend. Parish council will meet with Bethel to discuss the budget this Sunday, January 12th at Holy Cross. Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, and every Wednesday through Lent. Lenten services will be held at Holy Cross and Kenmare. Holy Cross will serve dinner at 6 PM with services at 7 PM. Pastors from Stanley, McGregor, and Crosby will rotate services. Lastly, Pastor Kayla will be out of the office, January 20-23, for the First Call Theological Education Retreat in Metigoshe. This retreat is required for all first call rostered leaders.

Old Business

- Mission Statement: President Bolen reported on our last synod meeting with Pastor Narum. The suggested Mission Statement, "Building relationships and thankfully serving with God's love and Christ's teachings," will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

New Business

- Christmas Eve Offering: Council agreed to donate, under Donation expenses, \$968 to the Food Pantry, Chris R. motioned to approve, Jeff P. 2nd, motion passed.
- Proposed 2020 Budget: Council recommended the proposed Income Budget and disbursement percentages remain the same. Jeff P. motioned to approve, Tim N. 2nd, motion passed. Recommendations to the proposed Expense Budget are as follows; decrease Utilities by \$1000 to \$6000, increase Building Ins. by \$500 to \$7500, decrease Building Expense by \$2000 to \$5000, increase Confirmation Class by \$500 to \$1500 due to increased camp costs, remove Parish Nurse, saving \$500, increase Missionary Support by \$500 to \$1000. Overall decreasing the proposed budget by \$1500. John Clark motioned to approve the proposed 2020 budget, Jeff Parslow 2nd, motion passed.
- Donations to the church: President Bolen encouraged the council to think about procedures pertaining to donations before the next meeting.

Date and time of next meeting: February 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

First Communion Class at Holy Cross – Wednesday, March 25th : 1:30-4:30

Do you have a child that has been showing interest and readiness in participating in the sacrament of Holy Communion? Are you ready for them to learn more? This class is designed to prepare young people to receive the body and blood of Christ, not only teaching them the 'why', but also the 'how' so that they feel comfortable coming forward and participating.

This year, the class will take place during one of the early out Wednesdays from school. Those who want to participate are asked to come to church once school lets out and we will begin once everyone has arrived. Snacks will be provided. Parents are welcome to join if they would like! Please sign up your child on the signup sheet outside Pastor Kayla's office.

First Communion Sunday at Holy Cross will be held Palm Sunday, April 5th.

NEWS FROM KIM ATWOOD

2/1/2010 Hi family and friends,

I'm finally getting out my latest newsletter! I'm excited to say I will be moving to the Bahamas for approximately 6 months. I'm still finalizing some of the travel details but could potentially be leaving as soon as Feb 13th. I will be giving more details soon!

I have been informed that there is a possibility that I may have to travel back home for a couple of weeks and then go back as there is issues from the Bahamian govt. regarding long-term visas at the moment. We are hoping that issue will get resolved in the next couple of months.

I was also informed that there would be a possibility of me going back to Guatemala with URA during this 6 month period to help with mission relief efforts that are still ongoing there as well. I'm looking forward again to being back on Grand Bahama Island, working with United Rescue Alliance, and partnering with the Holy Spirit in a greater vision of transforming the nation of the Bahamas for His glory.

Thank you so much for your continued covering, support and prayers. Please pray for our team's safety regarding the weather that has been taking place in the Caribbean (i.e. earthquakes, tsunami warnings, tropical depression weather, etc.)

If you would like to see more of the efforts that Iris Relief is doing visit their website at www.unitedrescuealliance.org

Kim Atwood Prayer Update

2/19/2020 Hi friends and family,

My travel plans changed and I leave officially this Friday and will arrive on Grand Bahama Island Saturday afternoon.

I want to send out a prayer request on behalf of our team that is in the Bahamas. They have been experiencing a lot of warfare through different situations that have lead to frustrations and setbacks. It's small situations that are not much by themselves but put all together happening in multiple days seems overwhelming to the team at times. They have recognized how the enemy is trying to bring discouragement and frustration through these situations and are declaring the goodness of God and the truth of His word. Please keep our team in your prayers.

I also just found out that the pickup truck that Jean and I would have been using to drive on the island will not be coming over from the US at all because of the age of the vehicle. Our team needs two vehicles (which we already have one vehicle) and is checking on a couple of leads today for a possible vehicle for us to use. If we can't find a vehicle for Jean and I to use we will have to pay for renting a car which would cost us \$35.00/day! Pray that the Lord will open doors, find us a vehicle to use, strength and endurance for the team that's already there and for the Lord to continue to lead and guide us in partnering with His vision for this nation!

If you would like to support me while I'm in the Bahamas see the info below.

For tax deductible donations make checks payable to:

From His Heart Ministries or use PayPal at fromhisheart.com

PO Box 213

Laurel, IA 50141

With my name in the memo. Every penny goes into my account!

You can also donate to me via my PayPal account:

[paypal.me/KimAtwood4257](https://www.paypal.me/KimAtwood4257)

Thank you for your ongoing

prayers and support for our United Rescue Alliance team as we work together to give hope, save lives and rescue the one!

ELMDALE / TRINITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:30 a.m. Worship @ TRINITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:30 a.m. Worship @ ELMDALE with Holy Communion; Food Pantry.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:30 a.m. Worship @ TRINITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

9:30 a.m. Worship @ ELMDALE

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

9:30 a.m. Joint Worship @

Sunday School meets @ 9:00 a.m. Fellowship continues after the worship service.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA EVENTS

Thursday, March 5

2:30 p.m. ELMDALE WELCA @ the church; Pat L., hostess

Tuesday, March 10

1:00 p.m. TRINITY MARY CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 24

**2:30 p.m. ELMDALE RACHEL-FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
@ the church; Darlene, hostess**

LENTEN SCHEDULE: "A TIME TO LAMENT"

Wednesday, March 4	6:00 p.m. supper; 7:00 p.m. Lenten service @ TRINITY
Wednesday, March 11	6:00 p.m. supper; 7:00 p.m. Lenten service @ ELMDALE
Wednesday, March 18	6:00 p.m. supper; 7:00 p.m. Lenten service @ TRINITY
Wednesday, March 25	6:00 p.m. supper; 7:00 p.m. Lenten service @ ELMDALE
Wednesday, April 1	6:00 p.m. supper; 7:00 p.m. Lenten service @ TRINITY
Friday, April 10	4:30 p.m. Good Friday service @ ELMDALE
Sunday, April 12	8:00 a.m. Easter worship @ TRINITY; Breakfast following

ALICE PAUSIG BENEFIT

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. KENMARE HIGH SCHOOL

Brunch: ham & eggs; pancakes; beverages

SILENT AUCTION

Sponsored by: Thrivent Action Team

Donations may also be mailed / dropped off at: STATE BANK of KENMARE

Alice has been diagnosed with cancer and will undergo major surgery on March 4. All proceeds will be used for medical expenses and home health care.

MEAL DELIVERY

TRINITY delivers meals MONDAY, MARCH 9 @ 11:30 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY

THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For Pastors Kayla and Carter Hill and Adelaide.

The churches in our parish.

All students in school. College students: Tanner King; Halley Bartlett

Jeff Marmon; Lilly Ethen; Annamae Laumb; Marilyn Froseth; Ron Boughton; Larry & Arlene Jessen; Myrna Nelson; Phyllis Hanson; Paul and Tish Neve; Darlene Stone; Renae Wiger; Joann Jensen; Terri Mahler; Harriet Jorgenson; Diane Carlson Lesmann; Jim Larson; Lloyd and Mariea Holter; Lois and Dale Larsen; Marion Nelson; Wes Hennix; Deanna Olson; Kjerstine Hauge; John Schmidt; Erica and Bernie Federmeier; Ron and Tami McNeiley; Jackie Pedersen; Lyla Johnson; Tammy Knutson; Alice Pausig; Lorri Byrd Prevost; Trevor Gustavson. Those who are grieving; farmers; service people and their families; shut-ins; PEACE; our sister synod in the C.A.R. and our relationship in Nigeria; Western ND Synod staff; Bishop Eaton and ELCA staff.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

March 1: Jeff Bartlett

March 3: Myrna Nelson

March 7: Phyllis Hanson

March 9 – Paul & Tish Neve

March 11: Wes Hennix, Lorri Byrd Prevost

March 13: Shirley Brunner

March 14: Wilma Boughton

March 17: Zachary Montano

March 18: Jaxson Holter

March 19: Kay York

March 20: Ann Larson

March 21: Jim Larson

March 22: Marion Nelson

March 24: Natalie Wade, Dean Christianson

March 26: Jeff Marmom

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM BISHOP

March 2020



Dear People of the Western North Dakota Synod,

As I begin my time in this role of interim bishop, let me start with “Thank You” to the Synod Staff for their warm and helpful welcome, thank you to Synod Council for getting the T’s crossed and I’s dotted. I am called to serve until September when your Bishop Elect will formally start serving the synod. A final “Thank You” to the Rev. Mark

Narum. We became close friends and colleagues serving the people of the Dakotas for eleven years. Because of his work with you, I am comfortable coming to serve the Western North Dakota Synod. I continue to pray that the Holy Spirit works through your process of selecting your next bishop.

I count Minot as the place I grew up, completing my sophomore year of high school in 1970. My father, the Rev. Bruce Zellmer served as Chaplain/CPE Supervisor at Trinity Lutheran Hospital from 1962-70. I was confirmed at Christ Lutheran, Minot in 1969. Confirmation was delayed because of a teacher’s strike and the 40 days of flooding that began Easter Sunday. I believe our group from Christ Lutheran were the first to attend camp at the brand-new Camp Metigoshe as the T-shaped building was being finished on the original site. I have wonderful memories of five years of work weekends, summer camping and retreats. North Dakota was a great place to grow up; it is heartwarming to return now.

LaDonna and I have been married for almost 44 years. She continues to be an educator and counselor. We have been blessed with four children, Christina, Josh, Sarah and Mike. All are married. We have been further blessed with eleven grandchildren. Six girls and five boys. The best part is they all live in South Dakota and we spend significant amounts of time with them. I enjoy bike riding (we have an annual family bike ride in the Black Hills), hunting, and shooting trap & sporting clays competitively. I have a multi-engine single engine commercial pilots license and used planes in my work as

bishop. I had a flying ministry while I served in Pierre, South Dakota.

I served the South Dakota District/Synod for 39 years. In 1981, LaDonna and I served a three-point ALC parish in rural Aberdeen. In 1985, we moved to Mitchell where I served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. During my years there, we lived through the merger as we became the ELCA. In 1993, I was called to serve as senior pastor of Lutheran Memorial Church in Pierre and Grace Lutheran in Hayes, SD. Lutheran Memorial was the largest protestant church in central South Dakota and Grace was the smallest. In 2007, I was elected as the third bishop of the South Dakota Synod. I followed Bishop Emeritus Andrea Degroot-Nesdahl who was called from serving the Bishop’s staff in the Western North Dakota Synod.

I look forward to serving as your interim bishop. I plan on visiting the Synod’s outdoor ministry sites and will attend as many gatherings of rostered ministers as I can. I will be with you at Synod Assembly as part of the leadership team. I will work with the person who is chosen by you to be your next bishop, to pass on what I have learned about serving in this office of bishop.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev David B. Zellmer
 Interim Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod

Upcoming Events visit wndsynod.org/events for



GIFTS :h 27-28

Growing In Faith To Serve

S Welcomes Dr. Terri Elton,

Lutheran Church of the Cross, Bismarck

- March 27, Youth Event 6:30-9:30 PM
- March 28, GIFTS Event 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

more information

Save the Date for stewardCast

Saturday, March 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Central Time

This year’s presentation will focus on how Mission Support enlivens congregational life and encourages the growth of strong leaders. **Our very own Faith Simonieg, who serves as Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity for the Western North Dakota Synod will be one of the speakers.** Watch for connection information or contact Faith at 701-226-5865 or [Neil Bullock](mailto:Neil.Bullock@wndsynod.org) for connection information.

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Livestream Event:
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Bismarck
April 25, 2020.
 RSVP by 4/17 to faith@wndsynod.org
 \$10 suggested contribution for lunch

Professional Boundaries
Workshops for Clergy &
Church Staff
 April 27 @ First Lutheran, Minot
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 April 28 @ Faith Lutheran, Bismarck
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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