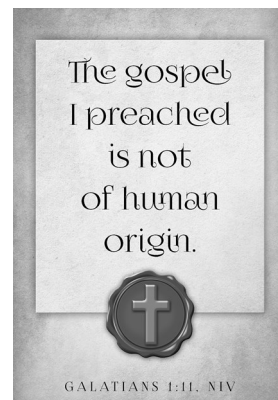


The Fourth Quarter focus for Human Care at Shepherd of the Valley is to support the ministry of Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel on the campus at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. This will also be the convention offering at the ND District LC-MS Convention in Fargo in January. Pastor Dan Suelzle currently serves as campus pastor at Wittenberg Chapel.



BINGO NIGHT will take place on Friday, November 19 starting at 6:00 pm. The board of stewardship will provide refreshments and prizes for a fun evening of fellowship.

Galatians Bible Study: Pastor Wolfgram and Pastor Woodside will lead a Bible Study on the book of Galatians for six Tuesday evenings starting on November 2nd. We will plan to meet beginning at 6:00 pm each week. Please plan to join us.



The next Hang Out will take place on Saturday, November 20 at 4:30.



Our Fall Voters' meeting will take place on November 14 during the education hour. We will discuss and consider the 2022 budget and our boards will report their recent activities. Please join us!



Zion Lutheran Church invites you to attend a presentation by

BRIAN YOUNG

Monday, November 8th
6:30-8:00 pm

Brian Young, an internationally known speaker and author, was a teacher and principal for ten years before becoming director of Creation Instruction Association and the Semisaurus Mobile Creation Museum. He has now been speaking on the topic of creation and Biblical authority for 25 years, doing debates at Universities, going into prisons, and sharing at churches, schools and camps around the world. He uses the Bible as the foundation for science and education.

A free will offering will be taken to help cover costs.

413 East Ave D, Bismarck



If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter and calendar by email, I will update my newsletter email list to include you. This cuts down on the paper being used and the number of prints that is coming from our printer. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you, Dorrie

MEYER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Project Goal

Provide safe housing for 150 people within 30 families from Meyer, Haiti, by building them houses with water and sanitation.

Project Description

The **Meyer Community Development** project will build houses for 30 families, approximately 150 people, in the community of Meyer in Grand Goâve, Haiti. Food For The Poor (FFTP) Haiti will be partnering with Father Guy Belange, the priest for the people of Meyer who requested our help. Together, we will give these families the opportunity to live in safe homes where they can be free to grow closer as a community.

This project will involve the following components:

- Inquiry and on-site community assessment
- 30 two-bedroom houses o Sanitation facilities
 - o Rainwater harvesting systems
 - o Solar-powered light kits
 - o Furnishings (2 beds, table and 4 chairs, kerosene stove)
- 1 water well and 1 water treatment system
- 2 solar-powered street lights
- Training, monitoring and evaluation
- Inauguration event

The completion date of this project may be extended for issues related to weather, natural disaster or civil unrest to the extent that such events exceed normal conditions and impede the project's progress.

Total Project Costs: \$372,430.00



*Nov 7	Ella C. Daisy A.	815am 1045am
Nov 14	Jensen H. Taylor B.	815am 1045am
*Nov 21	Jason C. Dax L.	815am 1045am
Nov 28	Reese D. Aspen R.	815am 1045am

November 2021

1-15 Martin Bjergaard

16-30 Ken Purdy

Sunday, December 5th, Martin Luther will have a craft and bake sale along with a pie social.

We are currently looking for donations of baked goods and craft items for the sale.



Upcoming Youth Event

Who: Youth in grades 6-12.

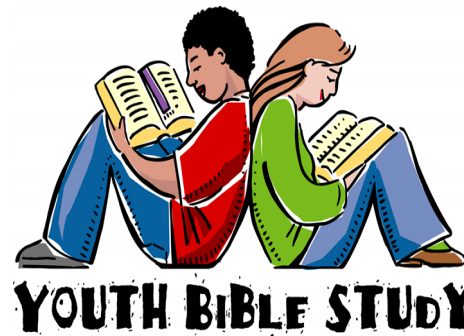
What: Bowling! Join us for food, a bible study, and fun afternoon of bowling.

When: Sunday November 14 from 1 to 3pm.

Where: Midway Lanes 3327 Memorial Highway, Mandan, ND



Attention high school students and families! We will be once again starting a Bible study geared toward high schoolers, to take place during education hour starting October 31. Carrie Harling will meet with high school age students to reflect, study, and join in a time of fellowship. Study materials will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own Bibles. Join us!



Sunday school families are encouraged to mark their calendars for Sunday November 21 for and Advent Day celebration! During our Education Hour from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, we will be having a family Advent celebration instead of our usual Sunday school time. Families are asked to join their children on this day as we will have crafts, snack, music, to kick off the Advent season. We look forward to celebrating with you!



“MAIN STREET LIVING” MEDIA MINISTRY

NOVEMBER UPDATE

Thanksgiving! As it's been a while, a word of thanks to the pastors of our ND & MN North District LCMS congregations for taking the extra time and effort to have their worship services ready several months in advance, and for driving to our recording locations. Speaking of locations, in addition to Fargo, Grand Forks, and Bismarck/Mandan, we have now added Minot into our yearly rotation of recording sites. Special thanks to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Minot for hosting our most recent MSLN recording, which also included a wonderful choir recording made up members from area congregations!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS “Main Street Living” media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link under the picture identified as “Fargo.”

Thank you for your much-needed financial support! Checks may be sent to “Main Street Living NORTH”, 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ! -Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

“MSL North” Programs for November 2021:

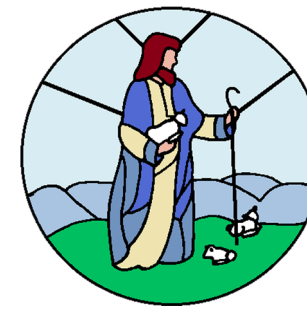
Nov 7: Rev. Rick Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, presents the message “Your All Saints' Day.” *“This Is The Life”* episode: “The Deadly Pen” - A businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death.

Nov 14: Rev. Timothy Stout, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Sawyer, ND, presents the message: “Birth Pains,” based on Mark 13:1-3. *“This Is The Life”* episode: “Transition” - A young boy reacts to the reality of a divorce of his parents and the new reality he now faces.

Nov 21: Rev. Daryl Rothchild, Bethlehem/St. John, Newburg, ND, presents the message: “God's Salvation has Gone Out!” based on Isaiah 51:4-6. *“This Is The Life”* episode: “Senior Citizen” - A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement.

Nov 28: Rev. Arie Bertsch, ND District President, presents the message “Are You Good Enough?” based on I Thessalonians 3:9-13. *“This Is The Life”* episode: “The Gift” - A daughter struggles with what to do with birthday gift money.

“MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally “This Is The Life,” along with occasional church-season specials).



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
"A church family that shares, nurtures, and lives our faith in Christ"
 October, 2021 Newsletter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30am: Circuit Winkel 7:30pm: Board of Youth	2 6:00pm: Galatians Bible Study	3 6:00pm: Worship 6:00pm: Confirmation @ Bethel 7:30pm: Trustees	4	5	6
7 *8:15am: Divine Service 9:30am: Ed. Hour *10:45am: Divine Service 3:00pm: MVCO 6:30pm: Take Heart @ Zion	8 6:30pm: Brian Young @ Zion	9 4:30pm Stewardship 5:30pm Human Care 6:00pm: Galatians Bible Study	10 6:00pm: Worship 6:00pm: Confirmation @ Bethel	11	12	13 8:30am Board of Ed
14 8:15am: Divine Service 9:30am: Ed. Hour/Voter's Meeting 10:45am: Divine Service 6:30pm: Take Heart @ Zion	15	16 6:00pm: Galatians Bible Study	17 10:00am People Matter 6:00pm Worship 6:00pm Confirmation @ Bethel	18 6:00pm: Sunday School Planning Meeting	19 6:00pm: Bingo/Game Night hosted by Board of Stewardship	20 8:00am Men's Network 4:30pm: Hang Out
21 *8:15am: Divine Service 9:30am: Ed. Hour *10:45am: Divine Service 1:00pm: Middle School Youth Event @ SOTV	22	23 6:00pm: Galatians Bible Study	24 6:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	25	26	27
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Identity and Intersectionality- Part 4

You will hear people say, "I identify as a man" or "I identify as a woman." "I identify as heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, etc." It's a free country, right? Shouldn't we all be free to be whatever we want to be? As Billy Joel said, "I don't care what you say anymore this is My life. Go ahead with your own life. Leave me alone!"

The question about identity is difficult, because it is impossible to tell a person how he *feels*. If a person *feels* like he is really a woman, who am I to say what gender he must identify as? Right? As Christians, our insistence on the Biblical teaching concerning heterosexual marriage and the reality of only 2 unalterable genders, is often mistaken as bigotry or hatred. But Christians are not supposed to even be angry, much less hate anyone! Jesus equates this with murder! (Matt 5: 21-22) We are commanded to *love* our neighbor, not to *hate*.

The fact is that we live in a sinful world; a world that does not acknowledge the truth of scripture. As Christians we are called to speak the truth, and this is often mistaken as hatred. But the fact is, that *disagreeing* with someone is *not the same thing* as hatred. If that is the case, then the LGBTQ community is *equally* guilty of bigotry against Christians with whom *they* disagree! If everyone is truly free to identify as whatever they want (male, female, animal, elfkind, dragonborn), why am I not permitted to identify as *Christian*?

And indeed you and I do! In your baptism you were given a new identity! You were washed and cleansed and forgiven of all of your sins. Not only that, but you became a *new creation*, you were born again (John 3). This new *identity* unifies you with Christ. You are, as St. Paul writes, *in Christ*. You are not your own, for you were bought at a price.

Someone may say, "Yeah. But that's different! You *chose* to be a Christian. I did not choose to be LGBTQ!" But that is where I must disagree. In fact, I would guess that most of you reading this did not *choose* to be baptized, but it was something that was done to you. But even if you did get baptized as an adult, scripture is still clear that your identity as a Christian is not tied up with anything that you have done, or chose. As John writes in his Gospel, "¹² **But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,** ¹³ **who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**" Indeed, we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to Him. But the holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel, enlightened us with His gifts, sanctified as kept us in the true faith.

You will hear people say that they identify as all kinds of different things. But as the Church of Christ through faith in Jesus, we stand and declare, that above all else, we identify as Christians, whose sins have been cleansed in the blood of the Lamb.