



Gospel Seeds...October 2011

A Monthly Update from the Western North Dakota Synod Office

Who we are together...

This month marks the beginning of our fall conference meetings. In a two hour time span we will study scripture, sing, pray, hear about our ministry together, hear from Rev Twila Schock from the Global Mission Unit of the ELCA (and originally from Ashley, ND) and be given resources for developing the gift of generosity. These are important gatherings as we explore our work together. We are inviting all congregational leadership to be present. Come see what happens when God's people work together for the sake of the Gospel!

October 15 – Badlands Conference – Badland's Ministry

Registration 9:30 Meeting 10:00 to Noon.

October 16 – Heart River, Easter Missouri & Lonetree conference meeting at Trinity Lutheran, Bismarck

Registration 2:30 Meeting 3:00 to 5:00

Nov. 12 – Upper Missouri Conf. Upper Missouri Ministry

Registration 9:30 Meeting 10:00 to Noon

Nov. 13 – Turtle Mountain & Western Prairie, Zion Lutheran, Minot

Registration 2:30 Meeting 3:00 to 5:00

Thanks!!! And Keep Dreaming...

As I write this \$160,000 has been given to the Flood of Love Fund. We have heard of incredible acts of generosity. One 4-point parish gave \$20,000. A small rural congregation's special offering raised over \$1,000. A congregation from Japan, a place still dealing with the devastation of the earthquake earlier this year gave \$556. A call from Tampa Bay, Florida from a gentleman who is rallying his congregation to give, he told us "We might be too old to work but we can raise money to help." You need to know that each dollar given is an incredible sign of love to the congregations who were flooded.

The gift of volunteer hours has been equally impressive. Those hands will continue to be needed as we move into rebuilding. We know of some homeowners who right now need help with rebuilding. Some of the congregations will need volunteers as well.

Time for a Bowl of Chili...

Synod staff will again be out on the road cooking chili and chicken noodle soup and you are invited. For the month of October here are the locations:

Fessenden	October 11 th
Turtle Lake	October 12 th
Crosby	October 18 th
Beach	November 1 st
Reeder	November 2 nd
Hazen	November 3 rd

Serving starts at 5:30PM at each location. We will enter into Bible Study at 6:15PM

New Ministry Grant...

I excited to announce that Heart River Lutheran Church has been awarded a grant as it works to broaden its ministry with young adults who do not have a connection to the church. The goal is that this ministry will grow out of the work with those students sentenced to the Youth Correction Center at Mandan. Continue to pray for this ministry that God's Holy Spirit would lead in the months and years ahead.

New Home For Minot State Campus Ministry...

The flooding Souris River left Minot State University Lutheran Campus Ministry Homeless. For years the ministry has been housed in Augustana Lutheran Church. Lutheran Campus Pastor Kari Williamson entered into conversation with MSU Vice President Richard Jenkins. MSU has found temporary space for the ministry. Tuesday Soup, one of the ministries has grown from 20 students last year to 50 to 80 students this year.

Minot State Lutheran Campus Ministry is one of three Lutheran Campus ministries in North Dakota. Other locations include UND and NDSU. Keep these campus pastors and their ministries in prayer.

Welcome to Seminary Intern . . .

Please join us in welcoming seminary intern Liz Dieseth to the synod. Liz is a student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN and is serving First Lutheran, Williston.

God Bless...

Mark Narum, serving as Bishop



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