

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

At my niece's wedding on June 20th, we read from Colossians 3:12 which says, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience..." The passage goes on to list other things the church ought to do, but during the sermon I paused for a moment on words that define who we are in Christ. Those words were, "God's chosen ones, holy and beloved."

Often, people get hung up on the idea of being chosen by God. The idea that God chose us for salvation assaults our desire for free will. We want to have responsibility for our salvation. We want some skin in the game. Backed into a corner, we'll start asking questions that the text doesn't ask or address. "Well, if God chooses some for salvation then obviously he is choosing other for condemnation!"

As I preached this passage during the wedding I begged people to see the passage simply as it is meant to be seen – as good news for you. And that's what it is! To be chosen by God is good news. Maybe you were chosen in Holy Baptism, maybe you were chosen through hearing the Word of God preached at a revival meeting in a tent somewhere. Either way, God chose you through the working of his Word to plant and grow faith in you.

As one chosen by God, you are the next few words that follow in Colossians 3:12. You are holy and beloved. You are this *because* God has chosen you in Christ and has made you this through Christ. Today, receive the good news and don't ask questions the text doesn't ask. You are chosen by God, holy and beloved. Now live like it.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean Barnhart

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Our Mission Statement

WELCOME people in
Help the **GROW**
Send them out to **CARE**

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Church Council Meeting Minutes Summary for June 14th, 2026

Council members in attendance: Wayde Bauman, Gunnar Hanson, Kevin Heer, Lisa Hendrickson, Deb Jahner, Jason Rossow, Shelly Serr, and Jennifer Vetter. Not in attendance: Mark Heidrich

May 13, 2026 Regular Church Council Meeting Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report. Undesignated memorial funds for Eva Heyne and Jeff Erickson were allocated to a Basement Update Fund (lighting, updates, etc). Treasurer's Report approved.

Pr. Barnhart's report. SCC Services May 14 and May 21. NPD District Meet-Up May 19. Lion's Den Meeting May 20. Delivered Quilts to Bismarck May 21. Newsletters mailed May 26. Funeral for Eva Heyne June 1. VBS held June 2-4. Wedding for Makayla Ptacek and Austin Ralph June 6. Baptisms for Taytum Rae Schilling on June 6 and Hudsyn Mae Hanson on June 7.

Property Committee report. With the recent heavy rain, some water was in the basement. Kevin Heer will ask Christian Heer to look at the seal between the bell tower and sidewalk. JeepersSweepers has the church scheduled for the last week in June to take care of the parking lot. Kevin Heer discussed the Bethlehem Cemetery fencing project. He will contact the council when the materials are staged. There are several church and council members who will help. Kevin Heer discussed the church's south side fascia replacement project. Thomas Vetter volunteered the use of telehandler for the project to Christian Heer.

Pres. Jahner called for the Worship Committee report. The council discussed the June 21, 2026, service and pulpit supply. Pr. Barnhart will be away on July 19 (Leave) and October 4 (LCMC Gathering), 2026. Jennifer Vetter made a motion to approve Pr. Barnhart's absence. Lisa Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Pres. Jahner called for the Education Committee report. VBS was held June 2-4, 2026 with 45 kids in attendance. Sunday School will resume the Sunday after Labor Day.

No Stewardship Committee or Evangelism Committee reports. No Old Business.

New Business: Lisa Hendrickson made a motion to approve the membership transfer for Bruce Ketterling, Cindy Ketterling, and Amy Ketterling from St. Luke Lutheran Church (Wishek) to Peace Lutheran Church (Linton). Shelly Serr seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

The next meeting is Sunday, July 12, 2026, following church.

Mission of the Month

In May, our congregation sent \$868.00 to The LCMC Global Mission Fellowship's Small Catechism Project. Thank you for your faithful giving!



Daily Scripture Readings

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			July 1st Esther 5:9-14	Esther 2:19-23	Esther 6:1-9	Esther 6:10-14
July 5th Esther 7:1-10	Esther 8:1-8	Esther 8:9-14	Esther 8:15-17	Esther 9:1-17	Esther 9:18-23	Esther 9:24-32
July 12th 1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 1:1-7	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 3:14-16	1 Timothy 4:1-5	1 Timothy 4:6-16	Luke 15:1-7
July 19th 1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-26	Luke 16:27-30	Acts 8:1-3	Acts 9:1-19a	Acts 9:19b-24	Acts 9:26-31
July 26th 2 Timothy 1:1-14	Acts 11:19-26	Acts 13:1-12	Acts 15:1-21	Acts 15:36-16:4	Acts 16:1-10	Acts 16:11-15

Plan to Attend the Northern Plains District Convention

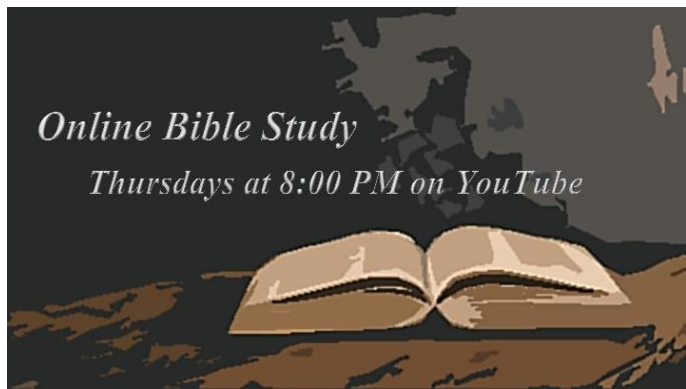
Join us Friday, July 31st to Saturday, August 1st, 2026 for our first
Northern Plains District Gathering!

The event will begin with supper, fellowship, and worship at 6:00 pm on Friday evening. On Saturday, the event will continue at 8:00 AM and will include Bible study, worship, a keynote address from LCMC Service Coordinator Julie Smith, lunch and a smattering of business. We plan to wrap up the event around 3:00 PM on Saturday.

All are welcome to attend!

A \$20 registration fee is recommended to help cover the cost of the meals
(Friday supper and Saturday lunch).

Register at northernplainslcmc.com and click the link for [District Gathering](#)
at the top right of the page.



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Need a Ride to Worship?

If you are in need of a ride to worship, please call the church. If you are able to give rides to worship, let the office know!



HONOR SOMEONE WITH FLOWERS

A donation of **\$40**, will provide two arrangements of flowers to be placed in the two vases behind the altar or for **\$30**, a larger single arrangement displayed at the front of the sanctuary.

If you would like to supply flowers for a certain Sunday, call the office or speak to Evelyn Petrick. Specify the date you would like flowers displayed and let them know the special occasion and how that info should be listed in the bulletin.



Memorials received as of June 21st:

* Memorials were given in memory of Jeffery Erickson to a Basement Update Fund by Blaine & Joyce Lemer, Shirley Larson, Ronald & Mary Maier, Linda Tschritter, and David & Lavone Erickson

* The following memorials were given towards the Music Fund. From Rhonda Dockter in memory of Jeffery Erickson and from Angela Quinn in memory of Marvin Heyne.

* Memorials were given in memory of Eva Heyne for the Basement Update Fund from Robert Heyne, Barb & Jon Walsvik, Melvin & Lilli Wohl and Linda Tschritter. Also in Eva's memory, a memorial was given by Angela Quinn to the PLCW and from Keith & Evelyn Petrick to the Endowment Fund.

Mission of the Month: Linton Lion's Den

The Lion's Den is a non profit established in 2025 to help meet the basic needs of Linton Public School children. The mission is “to empower students at Linton Public School to thrive physically, mentally, and socially by fostering a collaborative environment that unites the school and community. We strive to create supportive programs and initiatives that address the diverse needs of our students, ensuring they have the resources and opportunities to succeed both in and out of the classroom.” This is accomplished by providing snacks, meals, school supplies, sports equipment, shoes, and clothing to students as easily, as discrete, and as shame free as possible.



Country of the Month: United States of America



Though still a young nation, the USA has become a world leader economically, militarily, and technologically, and remains the world's largest and most diverse economy. This democratic republic has played a historically vital role as a proponent of global democracy and freedom and has often been a provider of aid and stability around the world. The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 deeply impacted the country and led it to declare a war against terrorism. In the following years, America suffered through an economic crisis that led to a global recession. And today, the USA faces deep political and societal

divisions. Many moral questions have moved from the social to political spheres, with ongoing debates on the legalization of issues such as abortion and physician-assisted suicide. Mass shootings have plagued the nation, and issues of immigration have become volatile. While racial equality has improved a great deal after a long and ugly past of slavery, recent racial tensions have continued to spark violent protests.

The USA has a rich Christian history and was founded on Biblical principles and values. Freedom to exercise religion was written into the constitution and has drawn many to its shores to escape persecution. Throughout its history, a number of widespread revivals have swept across the country. The many evangelical movements and organizations founded here have impacted the entire world. America remains the world's largest missionary-sending country. Even so, the Church faces alarming decline and deep divisions. Roughly 65% of Americans claim to be Christian, yet only around 30% of adults say that faith is important in their life. Consumerism, moral relativism, immorality, and an independent mindset have infected nearly every part of society, including the Church. Satisfaction is sought primarily through pleasure and materialism. This nation holds unparalleled resources and potential to influence the world for good and spread the Gospel. Yet it stands in desperate need of repentance and revival. As our nation turn 250 years old, pray for the radical love for God and people to heal and unite a divided Church. Pray for godly men and women to take courageous and humble leadership. Pray for the nation's vast resources to be leveraged for God's glory among all nations.



July Baptismal Celebrations

- 1 Isabell Rudy
- 2 Tyler Humann
- 3 Ernest Wohl
Paisley Grossman
- 4 Ryan Ohlhauser
- 5 Stanley Naumann
Jarell Ketterling
- 7 Jason Rossow
- 8 Tina Masset
- 9 Bowdy Roemmich
- 12 Shelby Jochim
Laura Hovland
- 15 Sydney Blum
Janell Ness
- 16 Shelley Serr
- 19 Jesse Haas
Edgar Ohlhauser
Westin Grossman
- 20 Trish Bauman
Katherina Ketterling
- 22 Lyle Wohl
- 28 Jarod Conroy
Jace Ferderer
Debra Hochhalter
Jennifer LeFrancois
James Lauinger
- 30 Lisa Ptacek
- 31 Arlene Grenz
Jamie Huber

July Birthdays

- 1 Kyle Masset
Edgar Ohlhauser
Sylvia Weisser
Teagan VanderWal
- 3 Arlene Grenz
- 5 Lyle Hanson
- 7 Ashlee Bodvig
Cassie Werlinger
- 9 Elwin Nieuwsma
- 13 Avis Mickelson
- 14 Lisa Hendrickson
- 15 Parker Masset
Sydney Ferderer
- 21 Donavin Grenz
Phoebe Savage
Lyle VanderVorste
- 22 Amanda Grossman
Fran Heidich
- 24 Lillian Kunz
- 26 Dylan Hendrickson
- 29 Angela Saylor
- 30 Heather Rossow
Howard Garnaas
Molly Bartholomay
- 31 JoAnn Humann
Jesse Renschler
Ashton Rudy

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Psalms 139:13-14