

# THE MESSENGER



*From the Pastor's desk...*

Bygland Lutheran Church will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary on September 15th at 11:00.

Bygland Mission Statement, *We are God's work in progress, with hearts lifted to God in trust and praise and with hand's extended to serve in Jesus' name.*

Pastor Rebel Hurd, Assistant to the Bishop of the Northwest Minnesota Synod will be preaching and Pastor Gretchen Enoch will be presiding at the worship service.



In honor of this noteworthy event, Fisher Lutheran Church will forego offering the 9am worship service on this day. We encourage all the membership of the Parish and friends, to join in the celebration at Bygland Church.

Family Fellowship will be hosting a time of fellowship, including a potluck meal for all. A free will offering will be accepted.

May God continue to bless the mission and ministry of the faithful folks of the Bygland Church faith community.

Sharing Christ's Service,  
Pastor Gretchen Enoch

## Confirmation for 6th, 7th & 8th Graders will begin this month.

September 11 Wednesday	Gr. 6/7/8	<b>PARENTS AND YOUTH</b> Overview of guidelines and expectations for 2024-2025	<b>FLC – For parents and youth</b> <b>6:15-7:15 PM</b>
September 18 Wednesday	Gr. 6/7	Getting started with the Bible Need a parent helper/snacks and drinks	<b>FLC</b> <b>6:15-7:30 PM</b>
September 25 Wednesday	Gr. 8	Martin Luther and the Reformation Need a parent helper/snacks and drinks	<b>FLC</b> <b>6:15-7:30 PM</b>



100th birthday party for Donna Haug.  
Sunday, September 22 from 2-4pm in the auditorium at  
Valley Sr. Living in Grand Forks

## FISHER LUTHERAN CHURCH



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

- 4 – 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approximately 8"x10 1/2 "; no loose leaf paper
- 1 – 30 cm ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 – pencil sharpener (not battery operated)
- 1 – blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 – #2 pencils w/erasers secured with rubber band (new, unsharpened)
- 5 – black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) secured with rubber band
- 1 – box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 – 2 1/2" eraser.

**Lutheran World Relief  
School Kit  
supplies will be gathered  
and packed on  
Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024**



[www.fisherbygland.org](http://www.fisherbygland.org)

# FISHER YOUTH GROUP



The youth of Fisher Lutheran Church had an amazing trip in July to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp near Whitefish, Montana. The Wilderness Adventure did not disappoint, and they were able to experience many new things that brought us closer to each other as a church community, closer to nature, and closer to God. The adventure began with a very early morning train ride. The group arrived at the camp late at night and woke up to the beautifully clear Flathead Lake and mountains, then prepared for an overnight hike up Mount Aeneas in the Jewel Basin. All camping supplies had to be packed in backpacks, and the day was spent hiking, setting up camp, wading through slushy snow, and dipping in a 40 degree lake. There were also mountain goat visitors right in our camp, and no cell phone reception! The group participated in bible study with their counselors and evening worship by the lake. They played games and sports and were able to act as good role models for the younger campers. As a service project, they were asked to stain all the new outdoor benches. The camp staff was surprised at how well the group pulled together to get a job done well and quickly. The group got to try out a challenging high ropes course and ended the week with a white water rafting trip! The youth of Fisher Lutheran would like to thank the congregation for all it's support over the last few years to fund-raise for this trip. They made a lifetime of memories and learned that even if something is intimidating or out our comfort zone, with God, all things really are possible.



# Women of the ELCA

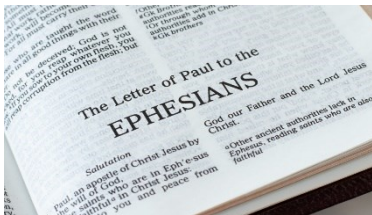
## OUR MISSION

*Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.*

## OUR PURPOSE

*"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."*

### FISHER LUTHERAN WELCA FALL 2024 BIBLE STUDY



#### RECEIVING GRACE: A STUDY OF EPHESIANS

By Rev. Heidi Haverkamp

#### SESSION ONE: IS GRACE REAL? SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

*We often focus on how we fall short and deserve God's judgment. What if, instead, we remember God's continual gift of grace? God invites us to lead lives of love and wholeness. What is grace, exactly? Grace does not take away the sin and suffering of this life. Yet grace offers us a way to live from love despite hardship.*



Gather  
Zoom Bible  
Study

You can also join the Gather Zoom Bible Study session each

4th Monday of the Month

7:00-8:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID 830 8115 5921

**Café**  
[boldcafe.org](http://boldcafe.org)

Monthly dinner with Boldcafe writers + friends (B.Y.O.D.)

**September 5,  
@ 7 pm (CDT)**



### NWMN SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF THE ELCA 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 20 - 12:00- 8:00

SEPTEMBER 21 - 8:00 - 3:30

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MOORHEAD, MN

Keynote Speaker - Deb Hadley  
*Inspirational Speaker,  
Author and Mom from Alexandria, MN*



#### WOMEN WHO STITCH

#### FISHER LUTHERAN QUILTING



Sept. 9 & 10 / 23 & 24

Oct. 7 & 8 / 21 & 22

Nov. 4 & 5 / 25 & 26

9:00 am

ALL ARE WELCOME!

#### Gatherers Give with Glad Hearts

*Fisher Lutheran Church*

July - September Donations

will be gathered for...

#### Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Simply purchase any items from the list to donate, return them to Fisher Lutheran in the gathering bag and they will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

#### Personal Care Kit Items

- ❖ Light-weight bath-size towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), *Dark color recommended*
  - ❖ Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
    - ❖ Adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging
- Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.*
- ❖ Sturdy comb
  - ❖ Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

36TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & GATHERING  
SEPTEMBER 20 - 12:00-8:00  
SEPTEMBER 21 - 8-3:30



DEB HADLEY  
inspirational speaker,  
author and mom

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING  
1900 - 14TH ST S,  
MOORHEAD, MN 56560

Theme: Teach Me How to P.R.A.Y.

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened to you."

Bible Study, keynote,  
breakout sessions,  
worship, banquet

ABRIENDO FRONTERAS -  
OPENING BORDERS



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www.nwmnsynod.org/pages/synod-womens-organization

# SYNOD ROAD TRIP

# 2024

Tuesday, September 24th  
@ Fisher Lutheran Church,  
Fisher

205 2nd St S.

- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:00 Worship
- 6:30 Program
- Updates from around the Synod
- 7:25 Closing with a Blessing

The Synod Staff is coming to you!



## NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD INVITES YOU

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024  
9:30 AM-2:30PM

# STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE FESTIVAL

Speaker  
Pr. Emily Carson

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
DETROIT LAKES, MN



Stewardship of Life:  
Tending it All with Wisdom

September 21 at First Lutheran Church in  
Detroit Lakes  
9:30-2:30

What does it mean to be wise stewards of our whole lives? Using gardening as our metaphorical playground, we'll explore how we might faithfully tend our attention, resources, add relationships as both individuals and congregations. With opportunities to learn from creation, God, and one another, this day is intended to be an experience that will leave you feeling rooted and inspired.

Cost is \$40 a person, If you register 4 or more people at the same time, from the same congregation/parish, the cost goes down to \$25 a person.

Pastor would like to gather a group of people from both parishes to attend.

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## Bygland Lutheran Church

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00**

Please join us to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be a potluck following the worship service with a Church cookbook theme. Bring your favorite dish from over the years (or current). We look forward to sharing our special day with you!

