



Spiritual Battles

It's absolutely no fun to be in a spiritual battle while it might be helpful to bring to mind the below short phrases as we are seeking relief. God wants us to reach out to Him when we are feeling restless, irritable and discontented. It is as simple as 'pausing' and asking God for the next right thought, or action in any given situation. God wants for us to be happy, joyous and free.

The value in these truths is the reminder that we don't battle alone, that God is available to battle for us, and all we need to do is invoke the power of God.

"Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.") Deuteronomy 31:8 NLT)

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.") Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT)

CARRY ON!

Pastor Gretchen

Simple truths to repeat when you're in a spiritual battle:

- God's got this
- The Lord fights for me
- Jesus loves me
- Not today satan
- I am a child of God
- He is able
- It is finished
- His Grace is sufficient
- Joy comes in the morning
- I am not alone
- I am fearfully & wonderfully made
- Fear has no grip on me
- Christ is enough for me
- He has overcome the world
- I am a new creation in Christ
- Jesus conquered the grave
- Sin doesn't define me, Christ does
- Be still & know
- God is good

FISHER NEWS

On May 21 I was a participant in the NWMN Synod Assembly that was held via zoom. I represented the lay person vote from conference 3 (Crookston area) of the synod council.

I've attended a few other synod assemblies, both in person and virtual, and each time I'm amazed at the passion and enthusiasm that is shown by so many congregations and small groups that are engaged in ministries and/or special projects dedicated to serving the needs of their community or even perhaps a community far removed from them. Listening to these stories is very uplifting.

Reed Tinkham

FISHER LUTHERAN WELCA BIBLE STUDY

June 15th, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

Crafter in Christ

Session One: A Summer of Rest and Renewal



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

Pastor Gretchen needs our help!!

She is interested in making homebound or hospital visits. Please contact her with names and information.

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The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. Genesis 2:15

This year Adopt a Highway celebrates 30 years of success in keeping Minnesota highways clean, beautiful, and safe. Adopt a Highway volunteers pick up 26,000 tons of litter per year along Minnesota highways, which saves MnDOT an estimated \$7 million annually. Thanks to the dedication of Adopt a Highway volunteers and their organizations, MnDOT is able to use the resources, that would have otherwise been used to pick up litter, for highway improvement and safety projects.

There are more than 12,000 miles of state highway in Minnesota of which 9,800 miles are adopted. Currently, there are an estimated 3,800 statewide groups and 45,000 volunteers registered.

Bygland Lutheran Church and Youth Group/Sunday School have been partnering in this program with the state for over 14 years. That is amazing! We celebrate all of those who have taken time to volunteer throughout the years in serving our state, community, and church with this endeavor. Thank you to all of those who participated this past Saturday, May 7, 2022: Steve Short, Steve Moe, Kent, Holly, and Zach Wavra, Eric, Rylan, and Logan Egeland, Marsha Ketring, Jeff Millar, Arnold Phillips, Barry, Rachel, and Avery Traub, and Alan Halvorson. It was good to be together, serving with our families, friends, and neighbors. A special thank you to Jeff Millar for providing door prizes for everyone.

All friends, neighbors, and parish members are welcome to participate in our program. Mark your calendars for our next collection date: Sunday, September 11, 2022 in recognition of "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. Participants will meet at the Bygland Lutheran Church, south door. All our asked to dress accordingly and to wear closed toed shoes.

2022 Northwestern Minnesota Synod's Virtual Synod Assembly

All for Love
making God's way known on earth

Saturday, May 21



Synod Assembly Recap

Our theme this year comes from Psalm 67, from the Revised Common Lectionary, for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. We had a great day tending to our purpose, as stated below.

Our Purpose Together: We gather in the assembly

- to worship as a synod;
- to listen to one another and to God's word for the sake of God's mission;
- to deepen our relationships;
- to deliberate as a synod.

Goals: Together, using our values as a guide, we strived to:

Be Faithful in Relationships

- Experience our life together in Jesus.
- Discover ways to accompany one another helpfully and faithfully as we follow Jesus every day.

Be Authentic in Welcome

- Reaffirm our commitment to be a diverse church, welcoming all in the name of Jesus.
- Lift up and celebrate the authentic, God-given gifts of the people and congregations of our Synod.

Demonstrate a Love that Makes a Difference

- In solidarity, embody God's love that the world so desperately needs.
- Investment of time and work will impact our work together as the Northwestern Minnesota Synod.

Here are the items that we voted on; you can find the related documents on the Synod website:

1. Consent Agenda [*we had a voting hiccup, that is why the total number is down for this vote*]
Yes/Pass [135]
No/Decline [1]
2. Resolution One - A Resolution to Adopt the 2023 Compensation Guidelines
Yes/Pass [248/264 92%]
No/Decline [21/264 8%]
3. Budget – approving the 2022-2023 and the proposed 2023-2024 budgets
Yes/Pass [249/253 98%]
No/Decline [4/253 2%]

4. Elections –Synod Consultation Committee and Synod Council uncontested ballot

Yes/Pass [246/246 100%]

No/Decline 0/246 0%

We heard reports:

- Bishop Bill Tesch updated us on the progress of the strategic plan, and what is happening in the Synod and across the ELCA. Bishop Bill also led a conversation on future Synod Assemblies: virtual, hybrid, on-site/in-person.
- We heard from our Churchwide Representative, Rev. Sara Cutter, Senior Director for Operational Effectiveness in the Christian Community and Leadership.
- We learned from Pastor Keith Pearson, our ELCA Regional Gift Planner.
- Rev. Dr. Ernie Simmons talked about ELCA Social Statements.
Pastor Genelle Netland, Associate to the Bishop shared about the new Constitution Review Committee.
- Pastor Rebel Hurd, Director for Evangelical Mission, gave an update on Congregation Vitality and the new opportunities that will be coming up, including how it aligns with the Strategic Plan.
- We met the new Synod Staff, and got a sneak peek of the new Synod website that will be launched later this summer.

Awards:

- The Hunger Table announced The Holy Cow Award: for 2020 it went to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wadena, and in 2021 it went to Little Norway Lutheran Church, Fertile.
- Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, Servant of Christ Award when to St. Pauli, Thief River Falls.

Our keynote presenter was author, Kaitlin Curtice, who shared about what the world needs now, to embody love, be in solidarity, and have curiosity. Kaitlin also joined us for a time of questions and answers.

We started the day with worship. Thank you to all who participated from around the entire Synod. Our Synod Assembly offering went to the Easter Appeal - for Lutheran Disaster Response for the Eastern European Crisis, and for local grants to congregations who are doing/starting poverty ministries (food and housing insecurity). Thank you for your generosity! If you would like to donate, you can send it to the Synod Office or donate online.

We give thanks to the people who are done serving on Synod Council: Pastors Roy Noel and Phil Larsen, and Haley Coffield.

The recording of Synod Assembly will be available later on our website and the Synod's YouTube channel.

Thank you to all who took the time to attend the Synod Assembly, to tend to the important work of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Johnson Dernier

Director for Communication, Events, and Youth Ministry for the Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Synod Assembly Manager



FISHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

2022 MONUMENTAL VBS

Celebrating GOD'S Greatness!

July 25 - 28, 2022

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Kindergarten - Grade 6

Grade Completed in '21 - '22

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

Registration Fee - Free Will Offering

Register Online at

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/flc2022vbs>

OR

Mail one registration form per child by July 11th to:

Fisher Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 127

Fisher, MN 56723

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

PARENT INFORMATION	PARTICIPANT INFORMATION
First Name _____	First Name _____
Last Name _____	Last Name _____
Email _____	Grade Completed <input type="checkbox"/> K <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6
Address 1 _____	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Address 2 _____	Date of Birth _____
City _____	Shirt Size <input type="checkbox"/> YS <input type="checkbox"/> YM <input type="checkbox"/> YL <input type="checkbox"/> AS <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AL <input type="checkbox"/> AXL
State _____	Home Church Affiliation _____
Zip/Postal Code _____	Allergies _____
Contact Phone 1 _____	_____
Contact Phone 2 _____	Medical Concerns _____
Text Message Phone _____	_____
Emergency Contact Name _____	Comments _____
Emergency Contact Relationship _____	_____
Emergency Contact Phone _____	_____

Youth Lock-in

July 28th: 6 PM- 6 AM

Service projects, Bible study, Pizza, Movies, games and more!!

Deadline to sign up is July 1st. Cost is 10:00 per child. Scholarship's available.



Theme Verse: 1 Peter 3:8-9

⁸ Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. ⁹ Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

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SAT. SEPTEMBER 17TH

WALK, RUN, OR RIDE TO
HELP HOUSE HOMELESS MEN,
WOMEN, AND FAMILIES

Choose your event!
Afterwards, join us for lunch,
live music, and awards!



5K Walk/Run



50/100k Gravel Bike Ride



25 Mile Bike Race



Please contact Pastor Gretchen if you are interested. She would like to get a team together.
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