

THE MESSENGER



From the Pastor's desk...



This Advent our focal scriptures invite us to consider the question of, **“What do you fear?”** Jesus entered a fearful world, one filled with rampant oppression, economic disparity, uncertainty, and instability. A world not so unlike our own. And yet, throughout the stories of Christ's birth, we hear the whispers of angels delivering a surprising message: Do not fear.”

As we journey through this season, may your hope become gritty and resilient. May you remember: hope that trembles is still hope. This season, let us insist on hope and trust that good news is greater than fear.

This Advent, perhaps the question is not how we rid ourselves of fear. Perhaps the deeper invitation is this: **Can we name our fear honestly— and still believe God is near?**



Lanterns are often used to light the way as we gently step forward into unseen or unknown territory. The lantern, like hope, steadies our hands and eyes as we walk forward through the night. In the logo, a lantern contains the swirl of a flame—it's active and powerful, like the Holy Spirit, and like the hope that burns inside us.

The candlelight cannot be contained, and so, like hope, it grows, emanating into our guiding question for the season, **“What do you fear?”**

The branding photography captures the beauty of both dark and light by focusing on the patterned shadows cast from a lantern. From this ethereal space where our greatest fears greet our most palpable hopes, possibility emerges.

Come and worship with The Fisher/Bygland Parish this Advent as we explore a series on the question, **“What do you fear?”**

Bygland Lutheran Church

“Christmas in the Country”

**LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER
BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

Located 8 miles south of
East Grand Forks on Highway 220

Menu includes lutefisk, meatballs
and all the trimmings!

Serving from
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Connected Camp Emmaus Romans 12:4-5

⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function,
⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

FISHER NEWS



Five Fisher Confirmation students went to Camp Emmaus on November 23rd for a fun filled day with Pastor Gretchen and Kirby. NWMN Synod hosted a gathering for 6th -8th graders. It was a day filled with music, worship, human foosball , nourishment, service and arts and crafts. They made meals for Peoples Church, an emergency homeless shelter in Bemidji. Pastor B., who is the Pastor at Peoples Church, has preached at Fisher/Bygland this last year and we have helped to support their mission.



Fisher Lutheran Angel Tree Ministry

You are invited to participate in Fisher Lutheran's Angel Tree Ministry to help spread joy this Christmas season.

By choosing a tag from the Angel Tree, you'll be blessing a child or family with a gift this Christmas.

HOW TO HELP

1. CHOOSE A TAG: Visit the Angel Tree in the narthex of Fisher Lutheran and select an angel tag with a gift request.
2. PURCHASE THE GIFT: Purchase the suggested gift, wrap it and attach the angel tag to it.
3. RETURN THE GIFT: Bring your wrapped gift back to Fisher Lutheran by the due date listed on the tag.

*Let's come together
to share the love and
generosity of the season!*