

# THE GOOD NEWS

## THE NORTHWOOD-WASHINGTON LUTHERAN PARISH September 2024

### Many Thanks

Thank you to Jenny Metz and Jen Mutchler for organizing, leading and decorating for VBS. Thanks also to all the helpers and those who donated money and treats for the week. It was a great week.

### Rally Sunday

We will have a combined worship service for Rally Sunday (Sept. 8) at 10 am the Northwood south Park Shelter. Potluck/picnic following worship, with water and lemonade provided. Everyone is asked to bring their camp chairs to sit on. If it rains, we will all meet at NELC.



The **first Sunday of Sunday school** is September 15 at 10 am for both Washington and NELC.

**First night of 6-8 grade confirmation class is at 7 pm followed by youth group for grades 6-12 at 8 pm** on Wednesday, September 11 at NELC.



The **9th Grade Confirmation class** will meet with Vicar Steve at noon (following worship) on Sunday, September 29.

Castaway Camp at Detroit Lakes, MN has a **retreat for grades 6-9**, September 20-22. Vicar Steve will be at this retreat. If your youth is interested in attending, please call the church office at 701-587-5381 for information.

The church offices will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

**Washington WELCA** meets at 10 am on Thursday, September 5 for a business meeting (no quilting that morning).

**APPLE PIES** at Washington Church, 595 29th St NE, Northwood. **Friday**, Sept 20, 2024. 3-4 pm Pie, ice cream & coffee. Whole pie \$12, limit 2. To pre-order, call Diane Nelson 218-779-0371, or Shari Hanson 218-791-8667 by Sept. 18. Limited to first 125 orders.

**NELC WELCA Business Meeting and Memorial Program**, Monday, September 8 at 10 am.

### NELC Will be collecting items for CVIC

(Community Violence Intervention Center) the months of August and September. Items needed: deodorant, hair products, hair brushes/combs, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, disinfecting wipes, disinfecting spray, all-purpose spray cleaner, paper towels, Kleenex, diapers (sizes 5,6 ,7), baby wipes, diaper cream, children's shampoo, sippy cups, blankets, dish cloths, garbage bags, and plastic storage containers. There is a shopping cart in the entry at NELC for your donations.



Sharon Lutheran in Grand Forks is hosting the Eastern ND Synodical Women's Organization **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Convention** on Saturday, Sept. 28. Check-in and coffee hour begin at 8 am, sessions begin at 9 am. They will be collecting items for CVIC (shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, hairbands, brush, wide teeth comb adult coloring book and colored pre-sharpened pencils). Also they are collecting yarn for James River Correctional Facility. To RSVP contact: Jeanne Wobema at 701-230-8745.

## Vicar Steve

School is beginning for many of the youth in our parish, along with all of our teachers, school employees and parents of students. This time of year is full of change. With change comes excitement, uncertainty, and many other feelings.

I remember dreading the first day of school when I was young. I wasn't a particularly popular kid and I had some very different tastes in music, movies and hobbies than many of the other kids at my school. I was the kid who was more likely to stay up all night watching horror movies, or pro wrestling tapes. I was big into things like comic books, reading novels like Lord of the Rings. I played this strange game called Dungeons and Dragons with my small friend group where we pretended to be dwarves and elves. At school, all of the things I enjoyed made me a target for other kids who thought that I was "different". They didn't understand me, and as is often the case, when people don't understand something, they are pretty hostile to it. Throughout grade school and Junior High, I endured some bullying by classmates and older kids at school.

I know that some of this bullying culture has gotten better since I was a student, but I also know that it continues for some kids. That is why as trusted adults in the lives of our young people, we need to constantly show interest in the things that are important to them. We need to have genuine conversations about what is going on in their lives, and we need to let them know that they have safe people and safe places they can turn to when things feel particularly bad at school.

My hope this fall is that our church can be one of those places. We are working hard to provide youth programming for our kids that is not only educational but speaks to the daily struggles of being a kid in this world. We are excited to offer a new Sunday School curriculum this year that we feel is more relevant to the experiences of these kids, and our confirmation program will focus more on how all of these concepts we learn in our church apply to the daily lives of our young people. We are also excited to bring back a dedicated youth group time on Wednesday evenings for the kids to just hang out, talk about what is going on with them, and how we as leaders in their church can walk alongside them. We also look forward to the fall youth retreat at Castaway Camp for our 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders and have removed the financial barrier so all our kids who want to participate can.

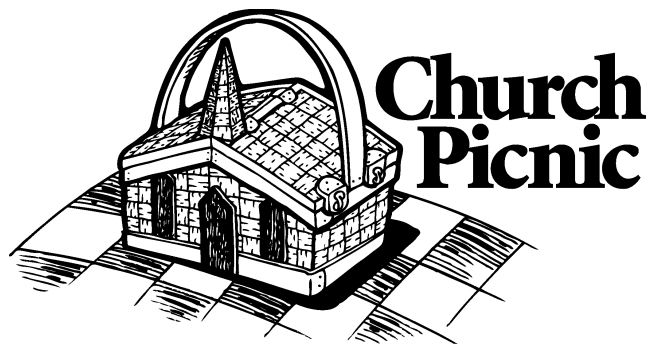
All of this is to say that the Northwood/Washington Parish is hoping to rededicate time and resources to ensuring a strong relationship with the young people of our congregations, but we can't do it without you. We need caring adult volunteers to make all of this happen. We aren't asking much, just that you care about the kids, and that you are ready to walk alongside them in a gentle and nurturing way. I hope that we can all come together this school year to provide an experience for our youth and their families that we can be proud of and know that we are fulfilling our baptismal promises to each other by rededicating ourselves to this walk of faith. If you'd like to be a volunteer for Sunday School, Confirmation or Castaway Camp, please reach out so we can discuss.

Thank You.  
Vicar Steve

# Rally Sunday

*10 am combined worship  
on Sunday, September 8  
at the South City Park  
Shelter.*

*Potluck/picnic to follow.  
Bring a lawn chair  
to sit on.*



# Washington Council

## Washington Church Council Meeting

July 7, 2023

The council meeting was called to order by President Cecil Tinderholt. Also present were Michael Loewen, Mary Gravidahl, Chris Moore, Craig Hanson, church treasurer David Mullet, and Vicar Steve DeKrey.

Steve led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report: David handed out and read the report. The motion to accept the report made by Michael, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. Motion carried.

Treasure's Report: Craig handed out the previous meeting minutes. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Chris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary. Motion passed.

### Old Business:

The telephone system was discussed. Craig further checked out the wiring for the existing phone system. He found the wire that goes to the elevator and saw that the wire went above the kitchen ceiling. He will take out the tiles in the kitchen to determine if the wiring can be spliced into. There was a discussion to have Polar give us an estimate for the installation of fiber to the church. Michael will call them for an estimate. It was also discussed that we switch to Polar instead of continuing with CenturyLink because of the issues we have had in the past.

The church organ was also discussed. There was a repair technician out to look at the organ and found a few weak diodes in the motherboard. It was discussed that we do not do anything more with the organ and let Diane Nelson determine when the organ should be retired.

### New Business:

During the joint council meeting it was mentioned the joint churches need to select a Call Committee from both churches. Cecil said that he would talk to the congregation next Sunday for volunteers.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

Meeting was adjourned.

Craig Hanson  
Secretary

**Washington Church will be having a short congregational meeting following worship on September 22 to select members for a call committee.**

### Washington Church Worship Ministers in September:

Ushers: David Mullet  
Les Wheeler

### NELC Worship Ministers in September:

Ushers: Tom Engen, Darren Sheggerud,  
Greg Snyder

# Joint Church Council

## Northwood-Washington Lutheran Parish Joint Council Meeting Minutes- July 7, 2024

Members Present: Mark Engen, Pete Antonson, Mike Loewen, Craig Hanson, David Mullet, Nancy Hall, Cecil Tinderholt, Mary Gravdahl, Ed Bina, Wade Bilden, Chris Moore, Angela Lyste, and Vicar Steve DeKrey

NELC President Mark Engen called the meeting to order at 10:51 am.

Steve opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approved the minutes from the last Joint Council Meeting from April 14, 2024; Pete motioned; Mike second; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed; Pete motioned to approve the Treasurer's report; Nancy second; motion carried.

Steve shared the Synod Holy Innovations Endowment Fund that he had put together with the council. This is a Grant that is offered and available to the congregations of the Eastern North Dakota Synod. Steve presented his idea. He would like to request \$500 to use to put together care packages for our farmers in the fall in order to show our appreciation. Steve will submit this grant write-up to the Synod. Chris also mentioned asking Thrivent for some additional funds. Chris will submit to Thrivent for a possible additional \$250. Mike made a motion to approve applying for the grant; Nancy seconded; Motion to apply for a grant through the Synod Holy Innovations Endowment fund carried.

Mark shared that Deb will not be putting together a newsletter for August. Any pertinent information will be sent out in a flier of some sort.

Deb will also be on vacation from July 28-August 6.

Rally Sunday with a joint service in the park on September 8th.

Mark has not received any updates from the Consensus Council.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 15-18 for kids ages 3-12.

Mark shared on behalf of the robotics team they would like to thank the congregation for their donation. It went a long way in helping them prepare for regionals and nationals. The new windows were put in at the parsonage and it ended up costing less than they initially quoted.

Chris shared that they need to secure raffle tickets for the quilts by Old Fashioned Saturday. They will be raffled off on Rally Sunday.

For the Good of the Parish Pete mentioned reserving the park for Our Rally Sunday service in September. Steve will call around and get it reserved. If weather does not cooperate the backup plan would be for it to be held at NELC. The NELC council will plan to have a BBQ following the service. The NELC council members will provide the meat and grill and congregation members can bring sides and desserts.

Steve will be gone the following dates:

September 9-10 - Pastor's conference

September 13-15- Vacation

September 20-22- Castaway Camp

October 6-9- Fall Internship Retreat.

Mark shared that we will need to reactivate the call committee. Cecil shared we would also need to elect a new call committee, but will need to check the constitution for the number of members from each church. This should be put in place by October.

The Constitution committee will also be meeting to get the wording of the constitution updated. Chris asked about the empty Parish house and if there was anything that could be done so that it doesn't sit empty through the winter. The Council decided to leave it as is for now.

The next joint council meeting will be held on October 13 at 1:00. NELC council will meet October 13 following church. Washington Council will meet October 13 at 12:00.

NELC President Mark adjourned the meeting at 11:28 am.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Angela Lyste, Secretary

## NELC Gifts and Memorials

Gifts and memorials given at Northwood for  
the month of July & August:

### **Ron Jorgenson**

To the General Fund: John & Lonny  
Hutchison, Scott & Shawnee Evanson

To the Elevator Fund: Rodney & Gladyce  
Peterson

### **Gordon Stoa**

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee  
Evanson

### **Dale Brink**

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee  
Evanson

### **Judy Wheeler**

To the General Fund: Rod & Sandy  
Gabrielson, Bill & Myrna Johnson

### **Delores Mutch**

The Organ Fund: Marie Christen

### **Steve Burke**

To the Elevator Fund: Blanche Thingelstad

### **Inez Hanson**

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee  
Evanson

### **Tim Virden**

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee  
Evanson

### **Mick Thon**

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee  
Evanson

### **Ron Jorgensen**

To the General Fund: Renee Johnson, Dave  
& Deb Aaland, Jason & Heidi Gader

### **Lorelee Chleborad**

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee  
Evanson

### **Della Tufte**

To the General Fund: Virgil & Marcia  
Sheggerud

### **Mary Haraldson**

To the Elevator Fund: Rodney & Gladyce  
Peterson

To the General Fund: Virgil & Marcia  
Sheggerud, Blanche Thingelstad, Dave &  
Deb Aaland,

### **Donald Fougner**

To the General Fund: Scott & Shawnee  
Evanson

## Pastoral Acts

### *Funerals/Memorials*

*Della Tufte*

*6-22-24*

*Ronald Jorgenson*

*8-9-24*

*Mary Haraldson*

*7-15-24*

*Judy Wheeler*

*8-12-24*

### *Transferred Out (NELC)*

*Robert, Stephanie & Presley Vaagene*

### *Transferred In (Washington)*

*Deseree McMillan*

*Tiffany & Emmarie Ezab*

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## STAFF OF NORTHWOOD-WASHINGTON LUTHERAN PARISH

|                  |                         |                 |                        |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Intern Minister  | Steve DeKrey            | Custodians      | Les Wheeler-Washington |
| Parish Assistant | Deb Aaland              |                 | Deb Aaland-NELC        |
|                  | Office number 587-5381  |                 |                        |
| Organists        | Joan Huso-NELC          | Church E-mail   | nelc@polarcomm.com     |
|                  | Diane Nelson-Washington | Pastor's E-mail |                        |

Pastor's office hours: 8 am -2:30 pm, Monday & Tuesday; 8 am—5 pm Wednesday;  
8 am—3 pm Thursday

Parish Assistant's office hours: 8:30 am to 3 pm Monday thru Friday

Sunday Worship services at Washington Church start at 9 am

Sunday Worship services at Northwood Evangelical Lutheran Church start at 11 am

The worship service is livestreamed on our website: [www.northwoodwashingtonparish.org](http://www.northwoodwashingtonparish.org)

NELC Council Members: Pete Antonson, Bob Bilden, Wade Bilden, Ed Bina, Mark Engen, Nancy Hall, Nate Korsmo, Nicole Korsmo, Angela Lyste, and Dan Turner

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