

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

September 2011

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

What a summer it was! Dave & I are so grateful for all the help we have had from so many people in gutting out our home in Minot. Others have brought food and water and lent their support through encouraging words and prayers. God has blessed us through all of you! At this time, we are very close to moving into our FEMA trailer at Forfar. We are hoping that this week the electricity and water will finally be turned on. We already enjoyed having a bonfire for the 9th-12th grade youth there on Aug. 28 and are planning more events in the days ahead.

As the Fall Season approaches, I am reminded of a story I heard recently that was told by a Lutheran pastor from Australia. He said since Australia is located in the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons of the year are opposite to ours in the United States. While we experience the Season of Easter in the Spring, in Australia Easter comes at the time of year when the Autumn leaves are falling from the trees and Fall is turning into Winter. And so the image that they use at Easter in Australia is not that of an Easter lily, but it's the image of autumn leaves changing colors and falling to the ground.

As I look around Minot and see all the piles of debris from gutted homes, I am confident that a resurrection is going to eventually come. It will take time for the City of Minot to figure out what homes need to be demolished to make way for new levees and greenways. And many people are already preparing to board-up their homes for winter and hunker down until Spring. But as the leaves change colors this Fall and drop to the ground, let us begin to celebrate the upcoming renewal of Minot. What a resurrection that will be!

We are blessed that there have been flood recovery volunteers coming to our area to help Minot work toward that resurrection. A total of 36 volunteers have stayed at Trinity Glenburn during the month of August. They have come from Minnesota, Colorado, Montana and our own state and given of their time and energy to help gut homes and do flood clean-up work. A big “thank you” goes out all those who have contributed to hosting these volunteers at Trinity Glenburn. The Glenburn congregation could not have hosted these folks on their own. It has been a combined Glenburn & Lansford effort. And special thanks to Pat Schumann for the tremendous amount of time and effort she has committed to showing hospitality to all these volunteers.

In Christ,

Pastor Heather

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Sept. 7th – Confirmation meeting for students and parents at 7:00 pm. Classes will begin on Wed. Sept. 14th.

Sun. Sept. 11 – Rally Sunday. Glenburn will worship at 9:00 am for the year and Lansford will worship at 11:00 am. Sunday School begins this day at 10:00 am.

Sat. Sept. 17th – Glenburn Women’s Fall Luncheon & Bake Sale will take place at 12:00 noon. Come and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and entertainment!

Sat. Sept. 24th – Lansford Fall Fair. Get a head-start on your Christmas shopping and enjoy a delicious lunch and bake sale!

9th-12th Grade Youth mark your calendars with the following events and watch for forthcoming information:

****WND Lutheran Youth Organization Gathering (LYO)** at the Grand International Inn in Minot, Oct. 20-22.

****National Lutheran Youth Gathering** in New Orleans, July 18-22, 2012.