



Gospel Seeds
Resurrection People...

We are people of *The Story*, the Jesus story. How God reached right through the tomb of death and brought Jesus fully to life. This is a story of hope, new life and promises being fulfilled – these themes are explored in the Old and New Testaments.

As we celebrate Easter we are reminded that in baptism we were joined to Jesus' death and resurrection. We became part of God's story in the splashing of those waters.

Those cleansing waters are a gift. What is amazing about this gift, is the water never runs out. It is an ever flowing fountain ready to rush over others so they too can become part of the Story.

You and I are resurrection people. May we have the compassion, strength and tenacity to share this *Story* with others.

ELCA Mission Builders
Returning...

For the eighth year in a row ELCA Mission Builders will have a crew working in the Western North Dakota Synod. This year's project will be an expansion at Bread of Life Lutheran Church in Minot. Steve Schenk will be Project Manager and Jim Carey will be crew leader on the job.

These projects rely on volunteers to help with construction. Plan to spend a day or two this summer in Minot helping this growing church meet its future needs.

Pre-Assembly Workshop...

Where is our church headed? Would you like a chance to think creatively about the future of our church, your synod and the congregation you belong to? Then plan to attend the Pre-Assembly Workshop on Thursday, May 31st at the Ramkota in Bismarck. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be our keynote speaker. She will share her vision while at the same time engaging participants in conversation.

The event begins at 10:00AM (Registration will open at 9:30AM). Lunch will be provided and the afternoon will have a number of learning sessions you can engage. Registration for the event opens in mid-April.

Next GIFTS event – Dr. Eric Barretto –

“A People for God's Name: Believing and Belonging in Luke-Acts”

Christ Lutheran Church, Minot
Apr 21 @ 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Boundaries Workshop...

Leaders within God's church are called to a special trust, how they carry out their work matters. Every two years all rostered leaders and Synodically Authorized Ministers are to attend a healthy boundaries

workshop. This year we are opening the event to all church leaders.

The workshops will be held in two locations, Christ Lutheran, Minot on April 12th and First Lutheran, Mandan on April 13th. Both workshops begin at 9:00AM (Registration opens at 8:45) and will conclude by 3:00. The cost is \$30 which includes lunch and snacks.

Please register by going to the Synod Website at wndsynod.org

For Rostered Leaders who are unable to attend one of these events it is expected that you attend an event hosted in another synod.

Assignment Process...

This spring two first call candidates were assigned to the Western North Dakota Synod. Each of these candidates have had a chance to review the paperwork for congregations and are in the process of preparing for interviews. We are thankful for each of these candidates, each will be a gift wherever they are called.

At the same time, we could have used several more candidates. Currently we have about a dozen openings. I would ask that you would keep these congregations, their councils and their call committees in prayer that God would be at work raising up the next leader.

Rev. Mark Narum
Serving as Bishop of the
Western North Dakota Synod

