

# Good NEWS

Monday, July 4  
**FOURTH OF JULY  
OFFICE CLOSED**

Monday July 11  
**HIGH SCHOOL  
BAKE OFF  
AND JUDGING  
7 P.M.**

Tuesday, July 12  
**AMAZING GRAYS  
MEDORA TRIP**

Saturday, July 16  
**MOTHER DAUGHTER  
TEA PARTY  
10 A.M.**

Wednesday, July 27  
**MISSION TRIP  
TO DOMINICAN  
REPUBLIC**



From the Intentional Interim Senior Pastor Brad Miller

## The pastor process

Wow! What a welcome my wife and I have received from so many kind members of Charity. We are grateful for the kind words, the gift basket, the carrying of heavy boxes, the furniture assembling, the patience as I learn a new culture and practices, and the prayers. Over time, I will need fewer travel directions and restaurant recommendations – but my need for your prayers will not relent.

Preparing to search, sift, select, confirm and welcome a new pastor is a complicated formula that can be reduced to:

### Heed the Governing Documents

- + Assessment
- + Discernment
- + Much Prayer and obedience to the Holy Spirit
- = Good Pastoral Transition

It is natural (because churches are filled with human beings) that our individual wants and sometimes biases bubble up to the surface. It is okay to acknowledge and appreciate that such feelings exist. But, a godly pastoral search process that seeks obedience to the Holy Spirit can not be confused with a popularity contest or wish list.

Persistently, I will seek your prayers to under-gird this whole process. In the coming months, I will also seek your input through various means, including a thorough computer-based survey and opportunities to discuss and share in person. This information will be available to the Vision Council and the Call Committee. They will join their prayers

to all of our prayers and then seek a qualified pool of applicants.

It will be the responsibility of the Call Committee (with input from the Vision Council) to determine what particular attributes should guide the sifting process. Thus far, we only know the minimum qualifications as outlined in Charity's Constitution and Bylaws:



**Pastor Brad Miller**

1. "are clergy of, and/or recommended for consideration by the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ" - Charity Constitution Article VI. (This means candidates who possess a Masters of Divinity from an accredited seminary and have successfully passed an LCMC interview assessing their theological fitness.)
2. "who accept and pledge faithful adherence to the confessions of the congregation as set forth in the Preamble and Article II of this Constitution" – also Charity Constitution Article VI.
3. Which means: The congregation confesses faith in the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; In the Father, the creator and sustainer of the universe; In the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior who died and rose again for the redemption of a fallen humanity; and In the Spirit, who calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the Christian church and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the faith. The congregation further

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Executive Director of Ministries Doug Leet

# Dependence

As a nation, we'll be celebrating Independence Day in just a few days. We can be thankful for the "Blessings of Liberty" God has bestowed on America, and for the struggles and sacrifices our forefathers made to secure our freedoms. Life is full of contrasts. Since the time we are conceived in our mother's womb, God places us in a physical family to be protected, nurtured and raised by our parents. In other words, we are dependent on them, physically and emotionally, until we are able to spread our wings and be on our own, to be independent.



Doug Leet

I grew up on John Wayne and Clint Eastwood movies. America celebrates rugged individualism and an independent spirit. There are plenty of real life examples of that too, in the building of our nation. Oftentimes, though, we overlook the dependence we have on others, and on God. He reminds us to look to Him, "For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you." (Isaiah 41:13), and "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Thankfully, God places us in a faith family as well. And He tells us that we need each other too.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the

Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25).

With summer now in full gear, we encourage you to stay in touch with your Charity family. If you're not able to attend in-person services on Sunday, that gadget in your hand makes it real easy to join in on the livestream, using either Watch Now on Charity's website, YouTube, or Facebook Live. Consider the convenience of online giving. By clicking on the Give button on our website, you can make a one-time donation or set your donations up on a recurring basis. Thank you for supporting Charity in all the different ways, especially during the summer months, when financial contributions generally decline with lower attendance. As we start filling open staff positions at Charity, it becomes more critical that we meet our general fund budget each month.

May your summer be filled with God's blessings.

## Thank You John Seedorf

With great appreciation, we recognize John Seedorf for his staff role as our assistant to the production manager. John was a natural fit but moved out of that position on June 24. We wish John well in all the different things he's involved with, and we're sure we'll see him periodically staffing the video booth on a volunteer basis. Please thank John when you see him.



John Seedorf

## Volunteers needed to stain building

The exterior of Charity's facility needs some help. Volunteers are needed to help stain the south and east sides, along with the garage. We are targeting the two-week period starting after the week of the Fourth of July.

If you have experience staining and can maneuver safely on ladders and

scaffolding, please let us know.

Once a team is formed we can narrow down the dates. It shouldn't take more than a few days, but with the July heat, the morning hours will be best for staining.

Please contact Nathaniel to sign up at [nathaniel.oakland@charitylutheran.org](mailto:nathaniel.oakland@charitylutheran.org).

## Financial Report

### 2022

May Actual Income \$ 92,945  
May Budgeted Income 103,262  
Difference **\$ 10,317**

May Actual Income \$ 92,945  
May Actual Expense 71,278  
Difference **\$ 21,667**

YTD Actual Income \$474,960  
YTD Budgeted Income 516,312  
Difference **\$ 41,352**

YTD Actual Income \$474,960  
YTD Actual Expense 393,393  
Difference **\$ 81,567**

## Memorials

### MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

In memory of Walter Vietz by Vi Vietz and Shirley Hanson.

In memory of Corraine Schock by Duane and Faye Wangen.

In memory of Ida Nordvall by Wayne and Marie Levang.

### GRIEFSHARE

In memory of Corraine Schock, Bob Hayes by Lorri Mittleider

### TARTU

In memory of Pat Moos by Arlan and Linda Okerson.

## TRANSFORMATIONAL PRAYER

### Summer Schedule

Tuesday and Wednesdays  
4: p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Call 258-1228 to schedule

Mike Fluharty – Vision Council President

# July Vision Council update

Greetings from the Vision Council.

I am happy to announce that Dennis Simenson is our newest member of the Vision Council. Thank you, Dennis, for accepting the position, and I know it will be great working with you.

Most of you know that Pastor Brad started his Intentional Interim Position on June 1. He will be with us for the next year, helping with the transition to our next called senior pastor. I have had the opportunity to preview his newsletter submission for this month, and I suspect many of us will find it quite controversial.

Right after reading Pastor Brad's newsletter article, I spent a little time with Marian reading our daily devotional.

A brief excerpt from that was as follows "a trusting response includes Me in your thoughts as you consider strategies to deal with a situation. My continual Presence is a promise, guaranteeing that you never have to face anything alone. My children teethe on the truth that I am always with them, yet they stumble around in a stupor, unaware of My loving Presence all around them. How that grieves Me!"

What a powerful reminder. Am I forming my strategies in His Presence, or am I charging ahead with thoughts independent of His Presence?

I am also reminded of many occasions where a spouse or a friend has held up a mirror for me to look into. Often, I did not like what I saw, but instead of seeing the true image of myself and dealing with that, I lashed out at the person simply holding the mirror.

I feel like Pastor Brad is holding the mirror in front of Charity Lutheran. We all have a choice on how we respond to that. We need to be focused on what we see in the mirror and humbly ask for our Lord's Presence as we look to strengthen, unify, and discern God's will in what is reflected in that mirror.

The man God has sent us is not here to impose his version of the church but to help us navigate through the transition process. There are rough waters ahead, and it will be uncomfortable for all of us. I find peace in the idea that God already knows where we are to land as a church,

and he is putting each one of us through this to allow us to grow in our faith if we engage positively in this process.

We each need to choose how we are going to go forward through this transition we are in. I intend to strive to stay in His Presence. To humbly and as honestly as possible view my past, present and future words and deeds in that mirror. I accept that I will need much grace and also need to extend much grace. I also intend to keep Pastor Brad and Charity lifted up in prayer, as many of you are.

As a final thought, I will close with this. The man holding the mirror before us

is not responsible for what is being revealed. He is simply the man holding the mirror reflecting Charity's past, Charity's Constitution, Bylaws, and if we remain faithful and prayerfully discerning, some of our possible future outcomes. We should not judge him for what we prayed to God to send us.

Thank you.



**Mike Fluharty**  
VC President

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[vision.council@charitylutheran.org](mailto:vision.council@charitylutheran.org)

**Call Committee questions can be emailed to:**

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accepts the canonical scripture of the Old and New Testaments as the divinely inspired, revealed, and inerrant Word of God and the only infallible authority in all matters of faith and life. As brief and true statements of the doctrine of the Word of God, the congregation accepts the following: The Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds; the Unaltered Augsburg Confession; Luther's Small Catechism; and the Book of Concord of 1580. - Charity Constitution Article VI.

Many of you have never read the Book of Concord of 1580. Your next called pastor needs to have both studied, accepted, and pledged faithful adherence to it. As a member of the LCMC (especially a relatively early member), Charity has taken a bold doctrinal stand. Charity's constitution enshrines these credal and confessional distinctives as "unalterable" elements of the constitution - meaning

that they must be preserved perpetually and are not subject to amending.

Are there great leaders, preachers, prayers, and pastoral caregivers who do not fit these criteria? Absolutely! Part of our beautiful confessional heritage is the embrace of the Priesthood of All Believers. We thank God that all disciples have a meaningful role to fulfill in the work of the Kingdom. Pastoral qualifications do not negate the necessary participation of all parts of the Body of Christ. Pastoral qualifications do, however, exist for pastors.

One might charitably describe Charity's history of pastoral transitions as "complicated." This is a truthful and objective historical description. I pledge this to you so far as my authority and influence permit, this transition will follow the governing documents, and it will be deliberate and will be obediently guided by the Holy Spirit. I humbly beg that you pray for the same.

# Hersheys to be based in Bismarck

Hi Charity Family,

Emily and I wanted to give you a brief update and thank you for your partnership in ministry. God has chosen us to steward the task of sending, training and mobilizing short-term missions teams across the nation into the hurting world. You can pray with us as we have 1,200 participants this summer on 50+ mission trips from our backyard to overseas countries. Many of these youth have never experienced what it is to have a relationship with Jesus, and our prayer is that they come alive in their faith on these mission trips.

Over the past couple of months, Emily and I trained and certified 55 mission leaders on the field with each team. We have traveled far and wide, visiting youth pastors at churches, pioneering new ministry locations, and praying for our nation's youth. We were ordained and commissioned with Adventures in Missions on April 25, and they have given us the official approval to be based in Bismarck. We will be making this wonderful place our home and traveling to and from here as we continue this mission the Lord has us on.

Lastly, we have the opportunity to reach into our community through FOMO 10/40 Creamery. We work hard to mentor high school students, giving them jobs and learning about business, missions, and faith in our marketplaces. We can welcome our New American friends from all nations and help them make Bismarck feel less foreign. We host a missions team that directly helps with the ice cream shop. And, we get to see an impact through launching



**Andrew and Emily Hershey**

small business church plants in the 10/40 window of the world and around the unreached people groups. This allows us to impact individual families, our community, and the world. This is something God has called us to, and we pray that it can be a light in the darkness here in our community as well.

We are blessed to serve and can't thank Charity enough for the support, encouragement, prayers and love. We especially want to thank those who have decided to follow this mission journey closely and continue to sow into what God is doing through us. We pray blessings over you all today as you read this update and know we are blessed to play a role in the Kingdom of God.

Follow Andrew and Emily's journey with



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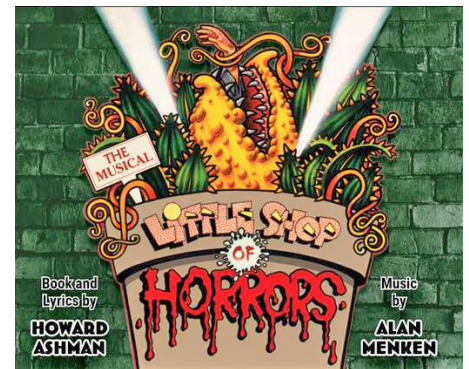
at: [andrewhershey.myadventures.org](http://andrewhershey.myadventures.org)



## Annual Medora Musical trip planned for Amazing Grays

On Tuesday, July 12, the Amazing Grays' will board the bus for its annual trip to Medora for shopping, dining and the musical. Please RSVP to Renee Walz by phone or text at 400-1201 by July 6, for a seat reservation.

The bus will depart from Charity's parking lot at 3:30 p.m. The musical begins at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$52.09. Checks should be given to Renee Walz and made payable to her before leaving for Medora. Dinner is on our own at any of the restaurants in Medora, or you can bring a sack lunch.



## New Rockford Center for the Arts trip planned in August

The Amazing Grays will travel to the Dakota Prairie Regional Center for the Arts in New Rockford to see "Little Shop of Horrors" Wednesday, Aug. 3.

RSVP to Renee Walz at 400-1201 by Wednesday, July 20, if you plan on attending. Tickets are \$25, and prepayment is required. Make checks out to Renee Walz. "Little Shop of Horrors" starts at 7:30 p.m. As in the past, dinner will be at the Golf Course. The bus will leave around 2:30 p.m. and return home after the play.



**July 1**  
Nicky Korsmo  
Khloe Milas  
Thomas Swanson

**July 2**  
Christie Leno  
Brecken Sellers

**July 3**  
Ryan Faragher  
Mitch Kost  
Harper Kuether  
Brandon Schaffer

**July 4**  
Barbara Berglund  
Alayna Bitz

**July 5**  
Harlow Bitz  
Rita Jahner  
Bruce Roth

**July 6**  
Freddy Abbona  
Sarah Erickson

**July 7**  
Elsa Balzum  
Carol Hineman  
Codi Kae Lawler  
Chad Maier  
Kadence McEvers

**July 8**  
Brad Braun  
Liam Lang  
Josh Peshek  
Billy Winterberg

**July 9**  
Bryce Lasher  
Matthew Nisbet  
Lynn Oby  
Jill Trygg

**July 11**  
Isaac Lewis  
Angie Milakovic

**July 12**  
Toni Haider  
Kendyl Milas

**July 13**  
Wyatt Berg  
Felicia Schumacher

**July 14**  
Sarah Coleman  
Harlan Faragher

**July 15**  
Richard Collin  
Wayne Levang

**July 16**  
Derek Hill  
Cambree Milas  
Maew Pukmith

**July 17**  
Sara Coleman  
Mallory Kaldor  
Rupa Kindel

**July 18**  
Matthew Kaldor  
Austin Wiest  
Cordell Wiest

**July 20**  
Erma Roesler

**July 21**  
Byrdi Naasz

**July 22**  
Jaxon Hill

**July 23**  
Kari Leet  
Kara Milakovic  
Amy Simpson

**July 24**  
Nevada Jorgenson  
Lexi Miller  
Lorri Mittleider

**July 25**  
Xander Berg  
Charles Coleman  
Sage Coleman

**July 26**  
Kevin Kindel

**July 27**  
Josie Buntrock  
Stephanie Marrufo  
Jason McEvers

**July 28**  
Nevaeh Milas  
Oaklynn Vincent

**July 29**  
Alyssa Cahoon  
Jaedyn Smith  
Mike Smith  
Hesly Uline  
Jeff Uline  
Renee Walz

**July 30**  
Mikaela Dosch  
Brayden Wahl

**July 31**  
JoDee Bohn  
Micah Coleman  
Barbara Dwyer  
Jocelyn Haider  
Kaydence Haider

## Anniversaries

- July 2** – Jeff and Heidi Brown
- July 2** – Brian and Tamra Churchill
- July 2** – Kyle and Kelli Kuether
- July 3** – Bob and Linda Bucholz
- July 3** – Don and Judy Meidinger
- July 3** – Bob and Melodi Schulz
- July 8** – Marlin and Leanne Fried
- July 10** – Nathan and Sadie Bro
- July 10** – Jeff and Jenn Frankeberger
- July 11** – Judah and Bridget Coleman
- July 13** – Eli and Eliza Bullock
- July 13** – Mike and Marian Fluharty
- July 14** – Randy and Shelley Traynor
- July 16** – Dan and Sherri Samuelson
- July 17** – Brad and Amy Hofmann
- July 19** – Ken and Julie Slag
- July 22** – Fay and Lynn Connell
- July 22** – Norlyn and Patty Swenson
- July 23** – Steve and Joanne Harrington
- July 24** – Duane and Darlene Bentz
- July 24** – Bill and Carol Hineman
- July 25** – Kerry and Mavis Mikkelsen
- July 29** – John and Sandy Erickstad
- July 29** – Kurtis and Melissa Schmidt
- July 29** – Michael and Angela Vincent
- July 30** – Brent and Lexi Allen

# Upcoming Sermon Series

## Authority of Scripture

Sunday, July 3	Inerrant and Infallible	Reliability
Sunday, July 10	Inerrant and Infallible	Canon
Sunday, July 17	Inerrant and Infallible	Mark 16
Sunday, July 24	Inerrant and Infallible	Parables are truth
Sunday, July 31	Inerrant and Infallible	7 Days

## The Book of Concord

Sunday, Aug. 7	1580	Why?
Sunday, Aug. 14	1580	Infant Baptism
Sunday, Aug. 21	1580	Real Presence
Sunday, Aug. 28	1580	The Church
Sunday, Sept. 4	1580	Grace and Works
Sunday, Sept. 11	1580	Creeds
Sunday, Sept. 18	1580	10 Commandments
Sunday, Sep. 25,	1580	Office of the Keys

# SUMMER BONFIRE NIGHTS

[charitylutheran.org/events](http://charitylutheran.org/events)

## What are Summer Bonfire Nights?

Summer Bonfire Nights are a time for snacks, fellowship and fun for singles, married people and families of similar ages. These bonfires are a great opportunity to get to know more people at Charity in similar life stages. S'mores, chips, water, juice etc. will be provided.

## Where do Summer Bonfire Nights occur?

Summer Bonfire Nights are hosted at various people's homes in their backyards.

## When do Summer Bonfire Nights happen?

Bonfires take place on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, 7-9 p.m., all summer.

## Why should I attend a Summer Bonfire Night?

Summer Bonfire Nights are not only a chance for you to connect with others, but also create an opportunity for others to connect with you. They provide a time for everyone in our congregation to get to know others who are experiencing similar life stages.

## Who should attend a Summer Bonfire Night?

Summer Bonfire Night events are geared toward one of four age demographics.

- 18-29 (young professionals)
- 25-40 (singles, couples and families with young children)
- 35-55 (singles, couples and families with older children)
- 55+ (empty nesters and retirees)

Age ranges are approximate and not meant to exclude. The intention is to guide you towards people who are most likely to have things in common with you and your family. You may fall into multiple categories and we encourage you to attend where you feel most comfortable.

## What should I bring?

Bring yourself and a lawn chair. Everything else is provided.

## Do I need to RSVP?

Some of Summer Bonfire Night events will require an RSVP due to space limitations. Events that require an RSVP will be clearly noted in the announcement slides, bulletin and on the website.

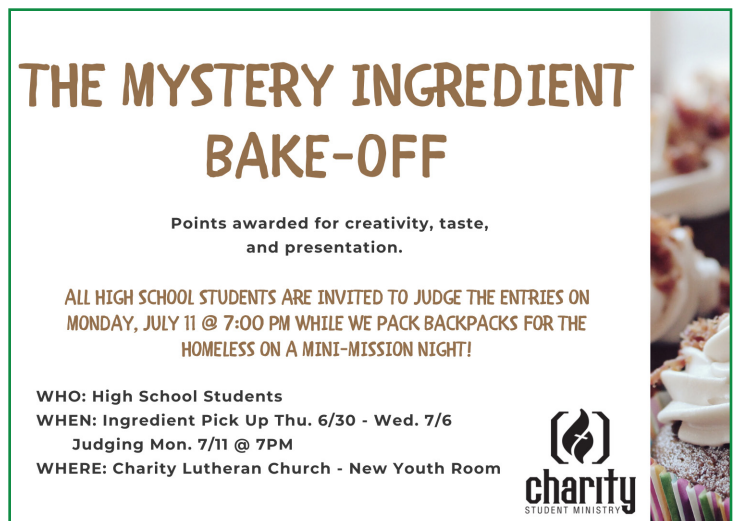
CHECK FOR UPCOMING BONFIRE NIGHTS WEEKLY AT  
[CHARITYLUTHERAN.ORG/EVENTS](http://CHARITYLUTHERAN.ORG/EVENTS)



Charity High School Ministry  
*Homeless Care Package*  
**Mini Mission Night**  
Monday, July 11, 7-9 PM  
*9th-12th Grades*

Help us pack backpacks for the homeless community and judge the mystery ingredient bake-off entries!

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STUDENT MINISTRY




**THE MYSTERY INGREDIENT BAKE-OFF**

Points awarded for creativity, taste, and presentation.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JUDGE THE ENTRIES ON MONDAY, JULY 11 @ 7:00 PM WHILE WE PACK BACKPACKS FOR THE HOMELESS ON A MINI-MISSION NIGHT!

WHO: High School Students  
WHEN: Ingredient Pick Up Thu. 6/30 - Wed. 7/6  
Judging Mon. 7/11 @ 7PM  
WHERE: Charity Lutheran Church - New Youth Room

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STUDENT MINISTRY

# OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

10:30 A.M.

SERTOMA PARK SHELTER 11

*Kids Ministry  
Shelter 10*

**WE NEED YOU!**

*Bring lawn chairs for the service  
and a potluck dish to share.*

*Charity will provide  
burgers, hotdogs, buns,  
chips, beans,  
lemonade, water,  
coffee, plates,  
napkins  
and utensils.*





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**SATURDAY**  
**JULY 16, 2022**  
**10AM-12PM**

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*Charity's 2nd Annual*  
**Tea Party**

*for Charity girls & the women  
who raise & inspire them*