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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE REV. MARTIN R. HALOM ELECTED BISHOP OF THE
NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN – ELCA

The Rev. Martin R. Halom was elected June 8, 2024, to a six-year term as bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at the synod's assembly June 7-8 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

¹*“Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.”* This refrain, from the song, Christ Be Our Light, will be my guiding principle. In all that I do, in all that I say, Christ will be the central purpose.

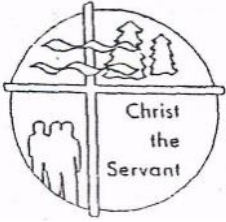


Halom was elected on the fourth ballot receiving 241 votes of 354 votes cast. The Rev. Karen Behling, currently serving Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls received 57 votes and the Rev. Diane House, currently the Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, received 56 votes. The bishop-elect is pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomer, Wisconsin. He has served that congregation since 2012. Prior to that, he was campus pastor at University Lutheran Church, East Lansing, Michigan (2003-2012); associate pastor, American Lutheran Church, Rantoul, Illinois. (1999-2003); youth and family ministries director, Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota (1995-1997), youth ministry associate, Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, Wisconsin (1994-1995), and program associate at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer, Minnesota (1993-1994).

Halom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and a Masters of Divinity at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He and his wife, the Rev. Melinda Halom, have three grown sons, Nicholas, Jaden, and Dylan. His installation as bishop will be September 15, 2024, at Hope Lutheran, Eau Claire at 3 PM.

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The synod is comprised of 192 congregations, over 73,000 members, and over 300 clergy and rostered leaders.

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Pastor Gwen's July Office Hours:



Monday 1-4 PM

Wednesday 2-5:30 PM

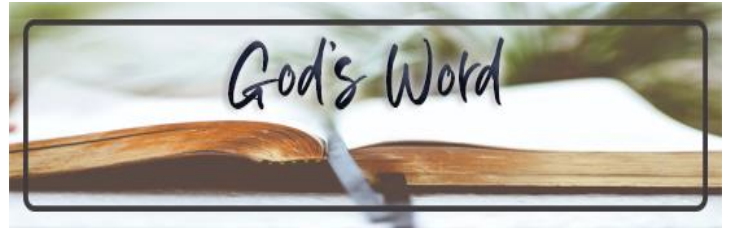


Woman's Group meets every Tuesday from 10AM -2PM.

Not Meeting July 2nd and 16th.



Men's Group will meet Saturday, July 13th at 8AM.



July Bible Readings

July 7, 2024 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123	
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Gospel Reading	Mark 6:1-13

July 14, 2024 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13	
Second Lesson	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Reading	Mark 6:14-29

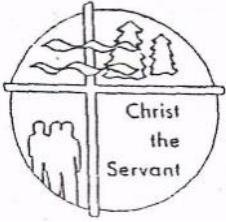
July 21, 2024 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23	
Second Lesson	Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel Reading	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28, 2024 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson	2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18	
Second Lesson	Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel Reading	John 6:1-21

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PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE AND REQUESTS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

I PRAY FOR THEM.
I AM NOT PRAYING FOR
THE WORLD, BUT FOR THOSE
YOU HAVE GIVEN ME,
FOR THEY ARE YOURS.

JOHN 17:16

Health/Concerns: Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Bob, Betty, Tom, Nancy, Carol, Lori, Mary Jo, Debra, Carl and Joe.

Military : Anton, Autumn, and Natalie.

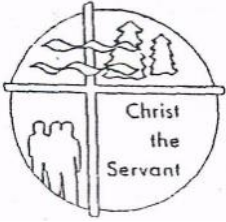
Groups: CTS Church Council, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, those who are struggling with hunger and injustice in the world and the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Ministry.



He brought me out into a
spacious place;
He rescued me
because He
delighted in me.

PSALM 18:19

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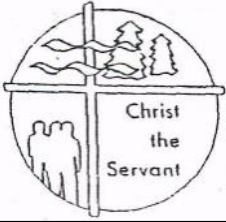
HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Est. 4th of July 1776



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Bible Study: We will be working on a study of the Holy Spirit for the summer. No homework. Come and join the Spirit.

Men's Group: Men's group will be meeting over coffee and pastry on July 13th at 8:00 AM. The topic of study will be on Philip Yancey's *What's So Amazing about Grace*. See Scott Carpenter for a book. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

Special Meeting: Church Council has called a meeting for July 14 immediately after worship. The agenda is posted on the front door. The council needs approval to use reserve money to complete the landscaping and painting the Church's exterior. If you have questions, please see Congregational President Kurt Wolff.

Fellowship Hall: Starting on July 15th, we are planning to paint and carpet the Fellowship Hall. We will need help emptying out the classrooms off the hall and moving tables around. Talk with Beth or Pastor Gwen for details.

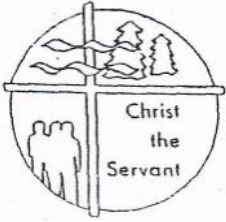
Sleep In Heavenly Peace: This ministry in Park Falls continues to need donations of pillows, beds in a bag, quilts, and sheet sets. They are all twin size beds for youth, age 4 through 17, in our community with no bed of their own. To volunteer in the ministry, please see the Melvolds. To donate money, see Beth Melvold. Bedding can be dropped off any time in the church office.

The Lord's Cupboard: The pantry could use more volunteers to work once a month on a Saturday morning from 8:30 - 11:00 AM. You must be able to lift 35 pounds and work on your weekend! See Pastor Gwen if you are interested.

God Says You are...



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Volunteer Schedule July, August & September 2024

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
July 7th	Mary Rusch		Kathy Amour & Joan Seifert	
July 14th	Jann Clark			
July 21st	Kurt Wolff		Kurt & Sarah Wolff	
July 28th				
August 4th				
August 11th				
August 18th				
August 25th				
September 1st				
September 8th				
September 15th				
September 22nd				
September 29th				

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