

2018 May Congregational Updates:

Call Processes:

1. Seeking candidates: Peace, Moosehorn and Grace, Ashern; Gimli, Gimli; Interlake Regional Shared Ministry
2. Completing Congregational Mission Profiles: Trinity, Thalberg and St. Paul, Green Bay; Sherwood Park, Winnipeg

Closure: Emmanuel, Emerson will hold a service of closure of the congregation on Sunday, June 24. Trustees from the congregation will be appointed by synod council. Please continue to pray for the congregation as they make this change in ministry in their area.

Celebrating 100 years of ministry: Zion, Fort Frances will celebrate 100 years of ministry on Sunday, June 24. We rejoice with Pastor Brian Keffer and the congregation as they celebrate this milestone of ministry

We also celebrate with Gethsemane, Inwood as they too mark the milestone of 100 years of ministry. Blessings as they make decisions about the future of the congregation

Prayers and Giving Thanks

Prayers offered to the communities who have been faced with fire that has wreaked havoc in their neighbourhoods. We pray for firefighters and other professionals who take risks to make our homes and our congregations safe.

We remember the congregations of Immanuel, Baldur and Glenboro, Glenboro who have in the past year closed their facilities due to flood damage and structural damages. Please pray for these communities who continue to meet and be the church in their neighbourhoods, and are able to do so because of the generosity of their ecumenical neighbours and the partnership they have with Redeemer, Brandon.

We remember the Ecumenical Shared Ministry of St. John United and Advent Lutheran, Thompson who continue to share ministry together and await a new appointment for pastoral services.

We rejoice with Erickson Lutheran who have renewed pastoral calls to Deacon Hilde Vickers and Rev Jim Vickers. May ministry be strengthened through this continued partnership.

The Interlake Regional Shared Ministry Council received the news that their recent call extension was declined. They have accepted an interim ministry agreement with Pastor Erik Parker, pending approval of Good Shepherd, Selkirk, one of their partners in the shared ministry.

We remember the congregations in Thunder Bay- Pass Lake, ON who are local supports of the CLAY gathering in August. Our Saviours, Hildale and Salem are providing leadership and volunteerism to this huge commitment to youth ministry in our two denominations. We give thanks for their gift to the church in this regard.

We remember our partners in ministry here at the synod office, The Diocese of Rupert's Land who will hold an electoral synod on June 16 to elect their next bishop. It is an exciting time to be the church and to walk with our partners into a renewed future together with two new bishops.

Rostered Leadership

Deacon Kris Taylor has accepted a call to serve as Spiritual Director at St. Boniface Hospital, beginning April 24. We give thanks for her many years of ministry to Faith, Winnipeg.

Rev Courtenay Reedman Parker has done an exceptional job of convention coordinator this past 6 months. We thank her for her gifts of organization. While awaiting a new call, she provides regular interim ministry to Gimli Lutheran, Gimli.

Rev. Lenise Francis and Rev. Stacy Moroz continue to be on leave from call. We ask for your continued prayers for their discernment in ministry.

We rejoiced with Rev. Lisa Janke who accepted a call to Shalom Farm, Windom, MN in February. She is a recent ordinand of the MNO Synod.

We give thanks for those who let their names stand for the office of bishop at the recent synod convention. In particular, please remember Rev. Lynn Hutchison, Rev. Michael Kurtz and Rev. Paul Gehrs who affirmed their continued calls to ministry in the wider church and in local congregations. We also give thanks for the election of Rev. Jason Zinko as the fourth bishop of MNO Synod. In another posting here in this newsletter, please note the transition plans for the synod office.

Further updates will come in early winter as new changes occur in rostered leadership and congregations.

Peace,

Bishop Elaine Sauer