

Lutherans in Indian Communities

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Everything Beautiful Thrift Store

E'mapeva'e Netaa'o Hovea'

**200 E. Medicine Lodge Drive Lame Deer, Montana
(open T-W-Th--12 to 6 PM)**

This store opened in May 2012 and is serving the needs of the people on the Cheyenne Reservation. This thrift store is the beginning of community outreach projects that were the vision of the Northern Cheyenne Ministerial Association. This non-profit organization (NCMA) received a grant to upgrade the old Baptist school where the store is temporarily located. For more information look for them on Face-book and their website: everythingbeautifulthriftstore.com.

Suzette Cain, the business manager, is excited about the number of people visiting the store and the opportunities she has to touch the lives of those who have a specific need. Often, if a person has a concern, the Lord provides a quiet time when there is no one in the store and she is able to listen and pray with them. To enhance her opportunity to witness there are free Bibles and pamphlets available.

Suzette has the help of three seventh grade girls who stop to volunteer after school which gives them something to do as well as experience in business skills and customer relations.

There are two organizations who send people to this thrift shop if they have a need for clothing following a health procedure. Clothing is given to people sent by Healing Hearts or a Community Health Representative.

Many of the items in the store have been given by members of congregations across Montana. Suzette says that small household items like towels, dishes, bedding, small appliances and anything educational would be welcome additions to the inventory.

A fund has been started for a new building since this old one has major repair needs. Suzette is collecting change from people who shop at the store to apply toward the new building. She is committed to this venture in Lame Deer. ***Suzette is a member of Circle of Life Lutheran Church in Muddy Cluster where she works with the youth.***

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Life in Crow Country

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Here in Crow country life has been rough for many. While the U.S. economy rebounds, ours continues to sink. Many struggle with basic living expenses so their families can have food and shelter. The health situation also is declining with chronic illnesses increasing in the population. Also the local IHS hospital/clinic is providing fewer services. So people must travel to Hardin, Billings, or Sheridan for care. That requires gasoline many can't afford. And deaths have been numerous since September. All the old problems that lead to death are still common. The economic and health care issues complicate lives. It can be quite discouraging.

Weather (bad roads and cold) and sickness have impacted church attendance in a negative way. Some Sundays only one person attends. Yet, as a woman said on one such occasion, "You, me and Jesus make three". And of course the Father and the Holy Spirit and the angels are always there. So the Word and Sacraments carry on no matter how the enemy tries to stop us.

And the Lord is faithful. He does provide. The Sunday schoolers come steadily. The youth group finds the Bible interesting and exciting, so they invite friends. The confirmands press on in their studies even when tired.

Also the Lord is using the hardships to awaken some people. Some who have become lost in very dark places are coming into the Light.

A man in his late 20's is growing well. He's not only the spiritual head in his household, but is also seeking to lead his extended family into the Light. The enemy continues to battle him, but he stands his ground in the strength of the Lord by the sword of the Spirit, God's Word.

The Lord also provides some surplus in material things like food, money, blankets and warm clothes so we can share with one another. Thus we can help shoulder each others burdens. We pray for one another. We weep with those who weep. And yes, there are still time when the Lord provides and we all rejoice together.

Is the glass half full or half empty? In reality it is neither; it is full—full of water and air, the basics for life. So too here. It is simply that, like air, it can be hard to see all that the Lord provides.

Walk with Christ in beauty all around.

Pastor Dan Jacobs

A project at Muddy Cluster

A work party is scheduled for April 29th through May 5th at Muddy Cluster on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. The Circle of Life ministry of Pastors Park Timber and Dennis Bauer is constructing a lodge for the youth camp being developed. Three cabins, previously made by youth volunteers, are already in use. The ground for the lodge is cleared and a saw mill is in place with trees from a burn area ready to be milled. No experience is needed, just a willing spirit with the time and energy to help with the construction efforts. This 30' x 50' lodge when completed will have a kitchen, mess hall, bathrooms and shower. The lodge will also serve as a chapel. To be involved in this project, contact: Arnie Gidlow, mobows@mcn.net or Rev. Bauer, circleoflife@rangeweb.net.

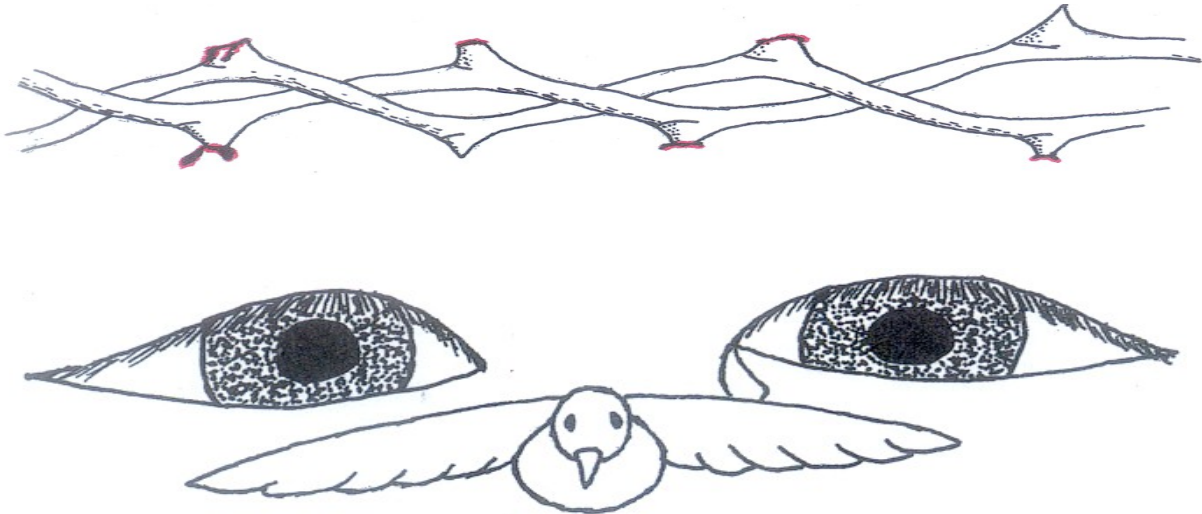
Prayers

We don't fight against flesh and blood but against the dark powers of spiritual evil. Yet those powers often turn us against one another, against our neighbors, against our family members.

Dear Father, have mercy and help us. Fill us with your love that we may love our neighbors as ourselves. Cleanse us by Jesus' blood so we will love our enemies and pray for those who hurt us. As You heal us with Your Word, by Your Holy Spirit, bless us to touch others with the medicine of Your forgiveness in Christ Jesus so they too may be delivered from the darkness into the light of Your Life. Amen



Dear Father, the God of all comfort, the shadow of death lays thick and cold over St. Labre School and the community of Ashland. Have mercy upon these people for whom Jesus died and rose on the third day. Grant them Your peace in the midst of *the chaos and* confusion that the suicides have brought. Gather them close to Your heart. Strengthen them in the truth that Jesus has broken even the power of death, that even now He is with them for Life. Amen



"Be still." That's what they say.
In a world that's crazy, how can that be?
My mind is a swirl; I trip and I stumble.
My spirit's so troubled, I don't know who's me.
Be still? There's just no way.

"Be still and know that I am God."
How can I know whom I can't touch, smell, or see?
It seems so impossible; yet no need to grumble.
He forgets my sin; He forgives. Pure is how I be.
In this I know Him, my God.

Oh, it's not His mind that I need know.
It's His heart; so I need not fear. Here is the courage that I be.
Yes, life is chaotic, confusing, a jumble,
But the Lord saves and rejoices over me.
He rests in His love; thus in His joy I go.

LCMS churches on or near reservations in Montana

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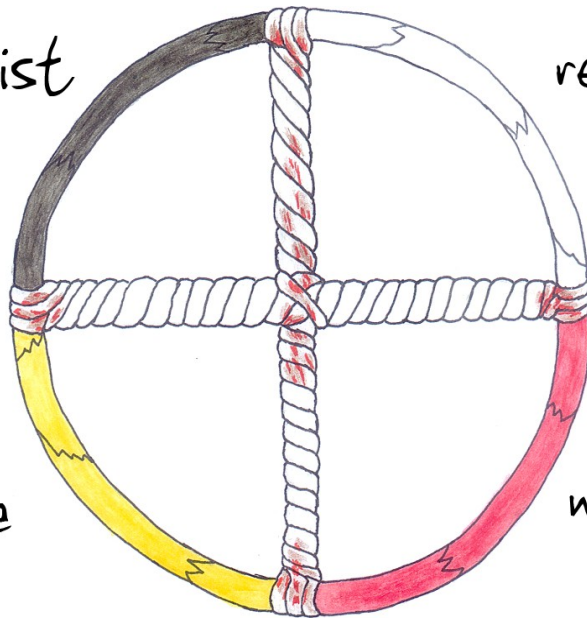
Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. John Vallie
103 Benton St
Wolf Point 59201

Northern Cheyenne

Circle of Life Lutheran Church
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Flathead

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Information about LCMS congregations on the Cheyenne and Flathead Reservations

Mt Calvary Lutheran Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John W Sias
430 Olive Dr -- Box 218
Colstrip, Montana 59323
(406) 748-2516
mtcalvary-colstrip.org

- Sunday Worship 9:00 am
- Bible Study/Sunday School 10:30 am
- Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Study 7:45 pm

Mt. Calvary hosts **Little Lambs Preschool** for 3 and 4 year olds to prepare them for school, introduce them to their Lord Jesus Christ and the life of His church.

[Pastor Sias is available during the week for conversation and instruction.](#)

Mt Calvary Lutheran Church and Preschool

Pastor: Rev. Kyle Whaley
609 Second Street West
Polson, Montana 59860
(406) 883-4041
pastor.whaley@bresnan.net

- Sunday Worship 11:00 am
- Bible Study/Sunday School 9:30 am

Zion Lutheran Church and Child Care Center

Pastor: Rev. Kyle Whaley
300 Second Ave.-- Box 306
St. Ignatius, Montana 59865
(406) 745-4149
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- Sunday Worship 8:30 am
- Tuesday Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- Thursday Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm