

THE GOOD NEWS

Put Man Back Together

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The world needs fixing. Where do we begin? I came across a story that gives us some bearing.

"A young father was sitting in his favorite chair at the end of a long workday, trying to read the paper. His young, energetic son was bouncing all around him with questions and urging his father to do something. The father spotted a full-page ad inside the news-

paper from a travel agency with a big picture of the earth on it. He decided to create a puzzle for his son by tearing the page into pieces, giving him some tape and challenging him to put the world back together again. He set his son up at the table and then sat back down in his chair to enjoy what he thought would surely be at least an hour of relaxation and quiet.

Ten minutes later the boy showed back up with the puzzle solved and tape holding all of the pieces together, and when his dad asked how he was able to do it so quickly he said, 'It was easy, Dad. On the back side of the paper was a big picture of a man. When I put the man together, the world came together.'" (comealiveoutside.com)

I love that story. It illustrates an important truth. If the world is going to be fixed, it needs to start with man being put back together.

Can we do it on our own? Nope. As we review the history of mankind, we see that we are unable to rescue our-



selves. We definitely need help. Where do we turn?

The apostle Paul told young Timothy, "we have [fixed our] hope on the living God, Who is the Savior (Preserver, Maintainer, Deliverer) of all men, especially of those who believe (trust in, rely on, and adhere to Him)." (1 Tim 4:10b AMP)

Also in the Old Testament we find this word of hope and healing to our sick and troubled world: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV)

Let each one of us repent, turn to God, ask for forgiveness and healing and let Him put us back together again. The good news is ... He has promised to help us if we would seek Him!

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICES

Aneta Community Church
Interim Pastor John Gallagher
10 a.m. - Sunday School
11 a.m. - Worship
Telephone Ministry call 799-0975

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Services on Facebook LIVE:
"Holmes United Methodist Church"

Baldwin Presbyterian, Pillsbury
Pastor Dave Montecucullo
Worship - 9:30 a.m.

Beaver Creek Lutheran
13441 14 St. N., Hatton, ND 58240

Services on Facebook: "Trinity Lutheran/Beaver Creek Lutheran"
(Posted following Holmes' LIVE broadcast.)

Finley Assembly of God/First Presbyterian Church, Colgate
Pastor Mark Flaten, 524-2474

Quad Catholic Parishes
Sacred Heart (Aneta) - St. George (Cooperstown) St. Agatha (Hope) - St. Lawrence (Jessie)
Fr. Brian Bachmeier
701-797-2624
October 5,12,19,26
Saturdays 5 p.m. Hope
Sundays 8:30 a.m. Coopertown
10:30 a.m. Jesse
7 p.m. Aneta

Finley Assembly of God
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday prayer meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday prayer meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. - 6:30 p.m.
Also Worship online on YouTube: "Finley Assembly of God"

First Presbyterian Church, Colgate
Sunday morning Worship - 9:00 a.m.
Also Worship online on Facebook: "First Presbyterian Church of Colgate"

St. Olaf's Catholic Church
Finley, N.D.
Saturdays - Mass 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Parishes
Pastor Jerry Rosin

Finley Lutheran Parish
Finley Lutheran, Ostervold, Sheyenne Valley, Trinity - Sharon
Parish office open Wednesdays 701-524-2369
1st & 3rd Sunday - Ostervold 9 a.m. Finley L 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday - Sheyenne V 9 a.m. Trinity L 10:30 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Sunday School, 9:50 a.m. for 1st grade and older on 2nd & 4th Sundays

Union Lutheran Church, Hannaford
Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov services - Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec services - Sunday mornings at 11 a.m.

Services on Facebook: "Trinity Lutheran Parish Hannaford"

Our Savior Lutheran, Page
Pastor Brian Hansen - Pulpit Supply
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - Worship

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hope
Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov services - Sunday mornings at 11 a.m.

Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec services - Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Services on Facebook: "Trinity Lutheran Parish Hannaford"

Prairie Faith Parish
224 Clark St., Glenfield, ND 58443
Weekly Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Facebook page - facebook.com/prairiefaith

Sundahl and Ottawa Lutheran Churches, Aneta
9 a.m. service at Ottawa
10:15 coffee fellowship at both churches
11 a.m. service at Sundahl

Holmes United Methodist Church
2102 2 Ave. N., Reynolds, ND

Trinity Lutheran, Hope
Worship Services are Mondays at 7 p.m.
Services on Facebook LIVE: "St. John Lutheran Church & Trinity Lutheran Church" at 10:30 am on Sundays.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TRAILL COUNTY FARMLAND FOR SALE

The described Traill County, North Dakota land will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

The Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 145 North, Range 50 West, Traill County, North Dakota; AND

The Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 145 North, Range 49 West, Traill County, North Dakota, LESS part of a 13.08 acre farmstead parcel; AND

The Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 145 North, Range 49 West, Traill County, North Dakota, LESS part of a 13.08 acre farmstead parcel.

TERMS OF SALE: Land to be sold to the highest bidder. Written bids must be emailed or received on or before October 15, 2025. Bids should be submitted on the bid form contained in the bid packet. The top five bidders will be invited to participate in oral bidding to be held on October 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at AgCountry - Hillsboro, ND. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any bidding irregularities, and modify any bidding requirements.

Owner: Heirs of Frances Hage
Further information and a bid packet may be secured from:

Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.
510 West Caledonia Avenue
P.O. Box 220
Hillsboro, ND 58045
Tel: (701) 636-5700
hillsboro@ohnstadlaw.com

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OBITUARY

Jerome L. Bakken 85
Grand Forks, N.D.
October 2, 2025



Jerome L. Bakken, age 85, of Grand Forks, ND, passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at his home.

Jerome Lee Bakken was born on October 15, 1939, in Sharon, ND, the son of Clarence and Bella (Docken) Bakken. Jerome grew up in Sharon and graduated from Sharon High School with the Class of 1958. He joined the United States Army in 1958, where he was stationed in Germany before being honorably discharged in 1961. He would return to Germany many more times, most recently in 2019, and had a deep appreciation for the country and its chocolate.

Following his service career, he attended the University of North Dakota, where he earned a master's degree in German, followed later by a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He taught German at UND for nearly four decades, also running the language lab in Merrifield Hall, before retiring in 2006.

On June 10, 1972, he was united in mar-

riage to Teresa Westrem in East Grand Forks, MN. They were married until her death in 2020. It's rare to meet individuals as kind and gentle as Jerry and Terry each were, much less a pair of them together.

In memory of Jerome, please sit down and read a book about history, take photos of wildflowers or sunsets, plan a train trip, or eat some chocolate, pie, cookies, ice cream, cake, or chocolate.

Family members who survive Jerome include his daughter Anne Bakken (Kevin Dobmeier) of Ambler, PA, and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife Teresa Bakken; son, Steven Bakken; brothers Bruce and Richard; and an infant sister.

Funeral Service was Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, East Grand Forks, MN. Interment and Committal Service was Wednesday, October 8, at Westfield Silent Hill Cemetery, Sharon, ND.

Online Guestbook: www.dandahlfuneralhome.com

Arrangements by: Dahl Funeral Home, East Grand Forks, MN

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