

From the Pulpit

TAKING A STEP BACK FOR STRENGTH

By Pastor Jeff Williams

Taking a step back can be a difficult choice to make, especially when you're gaining momentum and making progress. A lot of times taking that step back feels like a regression, rather than an advance. However, it's necessary at times to pull back and rethink what's happening before taking the next step.

One of the most powerful passages of Scripture that has helped give me comfort in times of intense trial, times I'm second-guessing myself, times when I don't know what to do or where to go with the next step is found in 1 Samuel 30. For context, David had been on the run from Saul, the king of his own country, and even though David had been anointed to be the future king, he wasn't king yet.

He had just faced rejection from his current "boss," a Philistine king named Achish,

because the Philistines didn't want David as a part of their war party. David ends up going back to his home, only to find another army of enemies had made a raid against his town and taken everyone's stuff and carried off the women and children. David had hit rock bottom.

This is what the Bible says, "And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters." So if it wasn't bad enough, now his own people are talking about just killing him before they start over completely. But the next line in that verse is key and takes us to the point I want to make this week: "But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God" (1 Samuel 30:6, ESV).

David hit the pause button and began to pray. He likely thought of the Scriptures that had encouraged him before and had reminded him time and again of God's character. David, the man who once sang, "Even

though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4, ESV), now had to practice what he preached.

Once David was strengthened, he gathered his men and went to hunt down those who had looted his city, and everything ended up being returned. Now, the hard part to understand is that you and I, we're not David in this story. We're not in the story at all, but the story is given to teach us something. Maybe you're in a spot you don't need to stop and reset, or things are going well, and you don't need encouragement. If that's the case, that's great! Keep on!

But, if you're where you feel defeated, unsure of the next step in life, feeling outnumbered and beaten, take heart. God has not forgotten you, so turn to Him now and be strengthened in prayer and in His word.

Elizabeth Ann Reynolds

Sept. 4, 1939 – Apr. 25, 2025

Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Reynolds, age 85, of Longville, MN, formerly of Champlin, MN, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2025. Betty was born September 4, 1939 in Minneapolis to Russell and Betty Ann (Marrén) Olson. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1957 and married her high school sweetheart, Marvin "Marv" Reynolds, in 1959.

Betty lived a life filled with faith, love, and laughter. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who touched countless lives with her kindness and joy. She loved her family fiercely and welcomed everyone she met with open arms.

She was preceded in death by



her husband, Marv Reynolds; parents, Russell and Betty Ann Olson; son, Timothy Reynolds;

granddaughter, JaeDee Reynolds; and great-granddaughters, Emily Hall and Olivia Reynolds.

She is survived by her children, Mike (Becky) Reynolds and Terese (Jay) Anderson; her brother, Rick (LeNore) Olson; her grandchildren, Jess (Jason) Wander, Jeff (Rose) Reynolds, Guy Norton (Moe McGee), Garrett Reynolds, Katlin (Noah) Hall, and Jake Anderson (Kelsey Roste); and twelve great-grandchildren.

A Rosary will be held at 12:00 p.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Lisbon, North Dakota. Online guestbook signing at www.dahlstromfuneralhome.com.

Notice to Creditors

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RANSOM,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PATRICIA MCDANIEL, DECEASED.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Monte McDaniel, personal representative of the estate, 570 13th St NE, Valley City, ND 58072 or filed with the Court.
Dated this 21st day of April, 2025

/s/
Monte MacDaniel
570 13th St NE
Valley City, ND 58072

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Petition for Name Change

IN DISTRICT COURT, RANSOM COUNTY,
NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR
NAME CHANGE OF
KAYLEE ELIZABETH WALTON
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

1. Please Take Notice that a Petition will be filed with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the Petitioner's name of KAYLEE ELIZABETH WALTON (current full, legal name) to KAYLEE ELIZABETH JENSEN (requested full, legal name).
2. Notice Is Further Given that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a Petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the Petitioner's name. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.
Dated 05/08/2025

/s/
Kaylee Walton
13234 Highway 27
Lisbon, ND 58054

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Notice to Taxpayers

NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS RANSOM COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Equalization will meet on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Commissioners Room of the Ransom County Courthouse, Lisbon, North Dakota. At this time, each taxpayer has the right to appear before such board and petition for correction of the taxpayer's real estate assessment. Dated this 13th day of May, 2025.

Nicole R Gentzkow
Ransom County Auditor

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RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE

Senior life

Lisbon & Enderlin MENU

Monday, May 19 – Pork Wings, Au Gratin Potatoes, Seasoned Snow Peas, Whole Wheat Ciabatta Roll, Honeydew
Tuesday, May 20 – Hot Dog on Bun, Tator Tots, Mixed Vegetables, Cantaloupe
Wednesday, May 21 – Chicken Salad on Wheat, Chickpea Salad, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Watermelon
Thursday, May 22 – Baked Lemon Tilapia, Roasted Red Potatoes, Asparagus, White Bread, Fruited Mallow Gelatin
Friday, May 23 – Beef Marzetti, House Salad, Squash, Garlic Bread, Dressing, Fruit Cocktail in Whip Topping

Please order by 9am! Thank you

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Lisbon Senior Center Activities

EVERY MONDAY & FRIDAY - Chair Yoga 9:00am
EVERY TUESDAY - Balance and Posture Exercises 10:30am
EVERY THURSDAY - Chair Volleyball (with a beach ball) 10:30am

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Grassland

~for Ken Kensinger
*Your eternity will be a dream of grassland natural and wild,
Burgundy, green and barley-gold, color of the sun.
The place you walked between earth and sky,
A space of precious grass you knew as beauty rising high
That also bent the knee in earth's prevailing winds,
Flourishing a common life upon the prairie land.
The land will not forget your footprints here.
The wind remembers even now your laughter
And your shouts of anger and of joy
Throughout the years of grappling with nature's moods,
Dancing through her days and dreaming through her nights
Completely one with her together where you stand.
You are not gone. For as long as earth remains
You will be walking here, and your children's children hear
Your footfall wherever grasses grow. And they will know
You in their hearts and minds and see you in the eyes
Of future lovers of the grass, new beings of the land, birds and horses,
New children with a shadow of your smile. Oak's shade still
along the rise.
~Christin Lore Weber, 1/24/2025*

District Election Notice

**LISBON SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
NOTICE
LISBON, NORTH DAKOTA
APRIL 28, 2025**

Lisbon School District will hold its annual school district election at Lisbon High School on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. The purpose of the election is to elect 2 school board member(s) each for a 3 year term - 1 rural board member and 1 city board member.
City – Lance Gulleeson and Rural – Michael Carter have filed to be on the ballot.
The polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. and will remain open until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
Polls located at:
Lisbon High School
502 Ash Street
Lisbon ND 58054
If auxiliary aids are required to vote contact the HS Office at least 5 days prior to the election. And if you have any questions, contact District Business Manager Kortney Groettum Vesel at 683-4106 or via email at kortney.groettum@k12.nd.us.

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Election Notice

**FORT RANSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
ELECTION NOTICE
FORT RANSOM, NORTH DAKOTA
JUNE 10, 2025**

Fort Ransom School District #6 will hold its annual school district election at the Fort Ransom School office on June 10, 2025. The purpose of the election is to elect 2 school board members for a 3-year term, and 1 school board member to fill a 2-year term. The following question will also be included on the ballot: Shall Fort Ransom School District #6, County of Ransom, State of North Dakota, publish a record of the proceedings of the School Board in a newspaper of general circulation of the school district for the succeeding two years?
Teara Davis, Chelsey Jones and Stacy Ercink have filed to be on the ballot.
The polls will be open from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. Fort Ransom School District #6 – 135 Mill Road, Fort Ransom, ND 58033
Contact the District Business Manager at 701-973-2591, or via email at lynelle.hanson@k12.nd.us if you have questions.

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EYES UP PHONE DOWN

WATCH FOR CHILDREN WHILE DRIVING.