

COMMENTARY



We the People

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Trump’s Troop Deployment Scrambles Constitutional Arrangements

Since his inauguration, President Donald Trump has engaged in a sustained program to scramble our constitutional arrangements and upend democratic principles. He abandoned respect for The Blue when he pardoned the January 6 rioters and insurrectionists who attacked U.S. Capitol Police as part of a plan to prevent congressional certification of the 2020 election, in which he was defeated by Joe Biden. He has asserted “absolute” authority under Article II of the Constitution, and laid waste to the doctrine of checks and balances through usurpation of the fundamental constitutional powers of Congress, his assault on judicial independence and denial of the authority of courts to exercise judicial review of executive actions. He has struck at the core of due process of law, freedom of speech and freedom of the press, and has marshaled the full force of the federal government against institutions of knowledge and expertise--law firms, American colleges and universities, the media -- created to educate and inform the public and advance and protect intellectual independence and freedom. In an unprecedented effort to control curriculum, faculty hirings, and student enrollment, Trump would enshrine himself as the putative head of Harvard University, just as he installed himself as Presi-

dent of the Kennedy Center. The totality of his efforts to remake our society, culture and government in his image overwhelms measurement. President Trump’s deployment of the National Guard and active-duty Marines—a total of some 4,700 soldiers—to counter protestors, the vast majority of whom were entirely peaceful, over the objections of the Los Angeles Mayor, Karen Bass, and California’s Governor, Gavin Newsom, represents a continuation of his assault on our nation’s laws and norms. Trump, Vice-President J.D. Vance, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, and other members of the administration have variously referred to the protestors as “insurrectionists,” part of an “invasion” and “rebellion.” Hegseth announced the use of federalized troops to protect ICE agents and federal buildings against attacks by protestors, but he refused to answer at a Senate hearing whether the soldiers might be used to enforce American laws. In a rambling speech at Fort Bragg, Trump, the first convicted felon elected to the presidency, referred to dissidents and protestor as “animals” and a “foreign enemy.” The baseless use of these inflammatory words is designed to support Trump’s consolidation of power and provide legal justification for his deployment of military

forces. Since his first term, when he asked General Mark Milley, Chair of the Joint Chiefs, if he could authorize shooting Black Lives protestors “in the legs,” President Trump has long mused about using the military to crush protests. Trump’s order this week did not specify any standards for the use of force by troops. Speaking of the forthcoming June 14 parade in Washington, D.C., commemorating the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, Trump told reporters that protestors would be met by “very heavy force.” Of course, peaceful protestors are protected by the First Amendment under freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, and they constrain governmental actions that would interfere with the exercise of those rights. Consider the crucial question of whether it is legal to deploy troops on American soil. The 1878 Posse Comitatus Act prohibits, with one exception, the use of federal troops on domestic soil for the purpose of law enforcement. However, the 1807 Insurrection Act creates an exception by allowing the president to decide whether “unlawful obstructions, combinations or assemblages, or rebellion

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A Country Kind of Faith

By Lucas Wagner

Tale of a Bottle Calf

The story is told of a poor man who went down to the sale barn in search of a day-old calf. He wanted his kids to learn responsibility by having an animal to love and care for. He was looking for a heifer calf, because he hoped she would grow into a great mother cow that would one day become the foundation of the family’s herd. The man looked at all the calves for sale, and became discouraged because he knew he did not have the money to bring home a real quality calf. There were some Holstein and dairy cross calves for sale that might bring less money, and maybe he could afford to at least buy one of those. As the auction started, the man’s hopes were dashed as prices went even higher than he anticipated. How were people affording these prices? How could he ever hope to bring something home for his kids? Finally, a modest red heifer calf came into the ring, and the man raised his hand. For a moment he thought the calf could be his, but then the auctioneer began to take bids from someone further back in the crowd. The man realized that one of his neighbors was bidding against him. He bid as long as he could but finally had to give up. Toward the end of the sale, a very tiny red and white Holstein calf came in. The poor thing seemed so small and fragile, and yet there was a determination in its eyes that showed a desire to beat the odds and live. The calf was also suffering from scours, and the auctioneer was having trouble getting bids. When the auctioneer said twenty-five dollars, the man raised his hand, and for a final price of fifty, the calf was his. Not even being able to afford a cattle trailer, the man hauled the little calf in the back of his car, scours and all.

Back at the home place, the tender loving care of the family prevailed, and the calf grew in strength day by day. There was never a calf loved as much as this one was, and everywhere the children went, the calf was sure to follow. Although the man and his family were poor, there was a rich neighbor who was secretly envious of the wholesomeness and devotion the man and his family displayed. The rich neighbor looked for every opportunity to find fault and even turned some members of the community against the poor man. The few possessions the poor man did have were under constant scrutiny by the neighbor, and the neighbor never missed an opportunity to cause heartache and grief for the poor man and his family. One day, the treasured calf wandered from home and found itself in the field of the rich neighbor. Rather than returning it, the rich neighbor hid the calf away in his barn; eventually selling it at a distant sale barn and pocketing the money. The poor man and his family suspected the neighbor was involved but were never able to prove it. This story reminds me of another story found in 1 Samuel chapter 12. I encourage you to read it. Never forget that what might be of no account to you may actually be someone else’s most treasured possession. A fifty-dollar calf might not seem like much by the world’s standards, but it was everything to this man and his family in the story. Matthew 7:12 reminds us: “In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” I could not have said it any better myself. There is also a principle in scripture that says we will reap what we sow. Think about it. Amen.

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Rev. Charles Springer
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Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday youth SCYwalk: grades 7-12; 5-7 p.m.
Free food at 5 p.m.

McClusky Baptist Church
Pastor Lucas Wagner, interim pastor
Church: 363-2264
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church, Goodrich
Pastor Lucas Wagner, interim pastor
Office: 884-2528
Parsonage:
Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:40 a.m.

Martin Baptist Church
701-693-2844
Pastor Tim Houck
Winter Schedule (Dec-March)
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Summer Schedule (April - Nov)
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM

Community Church of God, Bowdon
Rev. Dale Peasley
Home: 547-3596
Church: 962-3681
Sunday School at 9 a.m.
Worship at 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church, Mercer
Pastor Paul Stout
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11 a.m.
WMF, last Sunday of each month at 7 p.m.

Holy Family Parish, McClusky
Fr. Tom Graner
First and third Sundays of the month, 10:30 a.m.

Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 8 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of the month, 5 p.m. Saturday evening
St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church
Fr. Tom Graner
605 1s St. w., PO Box 49
Anamoose, ND 58710-0049
Parish email: stfx@gondtc.com
Bulletin announcements: stfxbulletin@gondtc.com
Phone (701) 465-3780
Fax: (773) 496-3780
First and fifth Sunday of the month, 8 a.m.
Second Sunday of the month, 10:30
Third and fourth Sundays of the month, 5 p.m. Saturday evening
Confessions ½ hour before weekday
Masses and one hour before Sunday Mass.
Baptism: Call Parish for appointment
Marriage: Call 12 months before for appointment

St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church
Fr. Tom Graner
605 Main St., PO Box 197
Drake, ND 58735-0197
Parish email: stfx@gondtc.com
Bulletin announcements: stfxbulletin@gondtc.com
Phone (701) 465-3284
Fax: (773) 496-3780
First and second Sundays of the month, 5 p.m. Saturday evening
Third Sunday of the month, 8 a.m.
Fourth and fifth Sundays of the month, 10:30 a.m.
Confessions ½ hour before Masses.
Baptism: Call Parish for appointment
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St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS), McClusky
Rev. Matt Thompson
701-426-4877
Sunday Worship Service at 11:30 a.m.

St. Martin Lutheran Church Anamoose
Rev. Marschner
Worship at 9 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church, McClusky
402 4th Street W.
Sunday School & Fellowship at 10 a.m. Worship Service at 11 a.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Goodrich
Office: 363-2267
Call for Times of worship

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Rev. Warren Rhodes
363-2420
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Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship at 10 a.m.
Goodrich
Rev. Warren Rhodes
363-2420
Family Worship at 10 a.m.
Sunday School at 11 a.m.
Community Bible Study at 7 p.m.
McClusky
Rev. Warren Rhodes
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Family Worship at 11:15 a.m.
Drake
465-3757
Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Martin
324-2720, 324-2445
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