



Faith Lutheran

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News and Views

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MISSION STATEMENT

"We are building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel."

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

Pastor Derek Harkins
(Fridays off)

Pastor Sylvia Bull
(Fridays off)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:30 & 11am
LIVESTREAM AT 8:30am
WEDNESDAY: 7:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 AM - 12 PM
1:00 PM - 5 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - Noon

**Pastoral Care
Emergency Number
701-595-0223**

Answering machine is available evenings and weekends when the office is not staffed.

Office is not open during the lunch hour.

SKI TRIP



FEBRUARY 18-21, 2022

Bozeman, Montana

**SIGN-UPS OPEN NOW! EVERYONE WELCOME!
CONTACT KENNY OR USE THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE GATHERING
PLACE**

FLC Executive Team

Jim Sheldon, Chair
Avis Pedersen, Vice-Chair
Lyla Timm, Vice-Chair
Mark Schneider, Secretary
Matthew Nygard, Treasurer

Pastoral Ministries

Funerals: Becky Herrmann



FINANCIAL UPDATE
November General

Fund:

Revenues: \$45,496
Expenditures: \$42,359

To Date:

Revenue: \$480,079
Expenditures: \$510,445

Star Word
Reflection
Question

What are your initial thoughts, reflections and prayers about your Star Word?

More information on 2023 Star Words can be found on the back side of the newsletter

The deadline to submit information to the News and Views newsletter is the 10th of each month prior to the next newsletter. The church bulletin deadline is at noon on Tuesday for the coming Sunday bulletin. Articles, schedules, etc., can be sent to: communications.bisfaith@gmail.com For additional information, call the church office at 701-223-2236

Church Memorials

For **ENDOWMENT FUND**, in memory of Donald Wahl
For **VAN/BUS**, in memory of Lois Schock
For **HELPING HANDS/SUNSHINE GIFTS**, in memory of Mary Sherer; Harvey and Shirley Pedersen; Ted, Sally, and Barry Wentz

Details can be found in the Memorial Book in the Gathering Place.



MEN OF FAITH MESSAGES

Thanks to all of you, another successful Men of Faith Christmas Supper has been completed. We served 102 meals and received \$1040.00 in proceeds. After utilizing a Thrivent gift card and some out of pocket expenses for supplies, we will be able to forward approximately \$1000.00 to the Dream Center/Adopt-A-Block programs. I would like to thank Connie Isaak, for being our chief chef, those that helped with decorating and clean-up, Janine Johannes for providing the music, all of you who brought those wonderful bars for prior sampling (remember, the Men of Faith are all about quality control) and further distribution, but most of all, to all who came to join in on the fellowship and to help support such a worthy cause.



Looking for a few good men.....

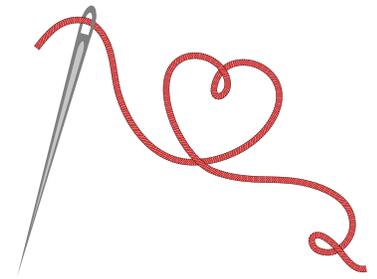


While doing a Google search on this, not only did I find a TV public service announcement for the Marines, but I also found (and had forgotten) about the Tom Cruise, Demi Moore and Jack (You can't handle the truth) Nicholson movie based on a Marine conspiracy and some biblical references (David and Goliath...Gideon's defeat of the Midianites....)

Now, I would never expect any of this from my recruiting effort, but am offering an opportunity for fellowship, interesting presentations, great conversations, project's such as the baptismal chests, historical preservation and various meals that we sponsor. All of this, along with the potential of treats can be had for the small fee, of a few hours of your time, on the first Thursday of the month, from September through May (See, we even give you the summer months off...who does that ?). So I would ask that you please give this some consideration, as we are looking for a few good men.....or a few borderline, like me!

Jim Isaak

FLCW Mission Group



Time again for our fall shipment of kits and quilts to Lutheran World Relief. This year we sent a grand total of over 300 quilts, 174 in October and 126 in May, 104 school kits, 48 personal kits and 14 layettes. We also gave quilts to locals, Ministry on the Margins, Missouri Slope, The Closet, Camp of the Cross and some individuals. Our Little dresses for Africa has donated over 1000 pillowcase dresses over the last several years.

We couldn't have done it without the help of everyone. The sewers and quilters, people who have donated fabric, kit supplies, tape, and blankets for filling of quilts and the group with the truck who always are so faithful to load and deliver all our boxes twice a year. Thank you to the confirmation youth who packed the backpacks and made it look like fun! The FLCW that donates shipping fees and supports our efforts and everyone who has given time, energy, and finances toward this worthy cause.

Thank you, thank you from the
FLCW Mission Group

MISSION Focus



JANUARY: FURRY FRIENDS & CENTRAL DAKOTA HUMANE SOCIETY

Local animal rescue programs are in need of supplies to help keep the animals happy and healthy! Donations can include treats and toys for dogs, cats & birds, Frontline flea and tick collars, free and clear laundry detergent, paper towels, and 30 gallon lawn and leaf bags. A more detailed list can be found at their websites and on the Concierge table. Both organizations also have Amazon Wishlists. Let's help care for animals in our community!

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." -Genesis 1:28

Pastor Derek's Parables

*"A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots." - Isaiah 11:1*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, sisters and brothers!

Jesus has many names and we heard most of them throughout the Advent and Christmas season. Prince of Peace. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Messiah. Christ. My favorite name for Jesus is Emmanuel. We sang verses of the hymn, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel at every Advent worship service.



Christians have sung this hymn going back to the 15th Century preparing for the coming of the Christ, celebrating that long expected birth of a baby boy named Jesus. It is a beautiful melody, perhaps even haunting, bidding Emmanuel to come. We have perhaps gotten used to singing the hymn, or maybe in its familiarity we fail to think about the words that we are actually singing...the words that we are in fact praying. Has it crossed your mind wondering what that name means?

Emmanuel literally means 'God with us.'

God with us.

Think about that for a moment. It doesn't just mean some abstract thing that "Oh, yeah, I know God is here with us..." It literally means God is here! Now! In this place! With you. With me. God is here. In Jesus Christ, God has done something that no one ever thought was possible, something that no other world religion thinks that God would do. God became human in order to be with us. Emmanuel!

This is what we celebrate. This is what we remember each and every Christmas. That God did the impossible. God did the unthinkable. God came to us! And everything changed.

In the end, this story, the story of Emmanuel, is the most amazing, miraculous story to ever be told and we get to share it with the world! As we begin a new year and our minds shift away from Christmas and the celebrations and nostalgia, remember that Emmanuel isn't just for the month of December. Emmanuel is for the entire year. God came to us. God is with us. God will continue to be with us in the days ahead, the months ahead, and the years ahead. Keep that name upon your lips always remembering God is with you. Now. Forever. Always.

God is with you,

Pastor Derek

Aardahl Update!

Greetings!

Many life changes have occurred for us. At Thanksgiving, we are especially thankful for Wes's good cancer numbers in October and pray for that same good news at his next appointment at UC-Health Anschutz in Aurora, CO.

We now are "under one roof" since my (Rebecca's) retirement on November 15 from serving as pastor at Ascension St. Matthews Church in Price, UT. It was difficult to say goodbye, but easy to look forward to retirement!

Wes and I will spend Thanksgiving in Kansas City with our younger son, Nils, now 26. Kristian (28) remains in Oslo, Norway where he continues to await visa approval as he applies for positions in the global health field of his 2022 degree from University of Oslo (Masters).

We trust this finds you well. We are!

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Wes and Rebecca Aardahl

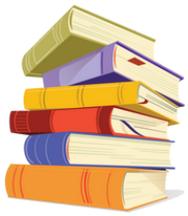


June 2022 in Norway. Tallest is Kristian (28). Nils is 26.

*Join the
Choir!*



If you like to sing, come join our **Faith Lutheran Choir** for fun and fellowship. We would love to have you! We meet Tuesday nights at 5:30. Come and "Sing to the Lord a New Song"! Also on Tuesday nights at 7:00 is **Sounds of Faith** practice. They will be doing a hymn sing service in January.



Library Link
by LeAnn Severson

THERE 'SNO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO READ A GOOD BOOK!

Cold temperatures, snow and dark evenings provide a great invitation to snuggle up with a good book. Your church library has many great selections to check out for those long winter days and nights.

During this month I will be accessioning many new books to place on the shelves for your reading pleasure. The books will be on display on the counter, shelves and new arrivals stand. Come in to the library and check them out.

A comfortable chair, afghan, cup of hot chocolate and a good book—it doesn't get much better than that!

Friends in Faith 

My Friends in Faith,

During the Order of Confession and Forgiveness on December 4, 2022 Pastor Sylvia stated "We cannot ignore painful history as though it does not affect us today."

We do most excellent in remembering the painful times that have fallen upon us. We remember with sadness Pearl Harbor, the Oklahoma City bombing, and 9/11. And we vow to take action to stop those moments of terror from happening again.

We are not good at accepting the terror we have caused others. We do not remember the pain we caused to those whose faith was not that of ours. Or that we have and continue to hurt those who look different than us, those who love differently than us, and those whose social and political beliefs are different than ours.

I had a friend who had ancestors at Whitestone Hill when the US military attacked their village in September 1863 indiscriminately killing men, women, and children, and then destroyed all their provisions for the upcoming winter. She has recently died and I regret that I never asked LaDonna to forgive me.

As we honor Martin Luther King Jr. this month let us kneel down not to our God, but to those we have offended and are offending. Let us ask them for forgiveness for the pain we have caused them throughout history and still do to them today.

Bennett R. Kubischta, 5 December 2022, 2:17pm



Christmas Poinsettias



Thank you to the following for providing our Poinsettias this year!

Vi Just in memory of Leo Just

Dolores Camp in memory of husband Harry

Orlin and Deb Bensen in memory of loved ones

Allen and Diane Dockter in memory of loved ones

Sue and Dave Anderson in memory of loved ones

Allison Germolus in memory of loved ones

Dave and Rosie Watson in memory of loved ones

Cindy and Duane Sandvick in memory of loved ones

Kevin and Myra Kosse in memory of loved ones

Gene and LeAnn Severson in memory of our parents and Judy Kocis

Marge Loritz and Family in memory of Harold and all loved ones

Crystal Martin and Family in memory of loved ones

John and Donna Gilbertson in memory of loved ones

Bernice Scherer in memory of Allen

Heather Schmidt in memory of Jan Hugh

Casey, KennaDee and Callie Carlson in memory of Keith Hanson

Dennis and Eileen Fallgatter in memory of Dean Fallgatter

Florence Baesler in memory of Florence and Gordon's Anniversary

Robin Schumacher in memory of loved ones

Scott and Jonna Wutzke in memory of loved ones

Ray Utter in honor of Bernice Utter

Pastor Sylvia in honor of FLC

Ron and Mary Schneider in memory of loved ones

Dorothy Grunseth and family in memory of Arland Grunseth and Denise Fuhrman

Billie Ann Caya and Sara Caya Giltner in memory of parents and grandparents

Linda Lueneberg in memory of loved ones

Hertha Adolf in memory of Raymond Adolf

Pat and Gary Ritter in memory of loved ones

Colleen Preszler in memory of Norman Dorgan and Howard & Lilian Dorgan.

Colleen Preszler in memory of Herman Preszler and Emil & Katie Preszler.

Cookie Walk



This year's Cookie Walk was a great success! THANK YOU to all who brought cookies, purchased cookies, or volunteered to help. This is another great opportunity to share our hospitality and talents with our community. This is the 8th year that we have hosted this event and over the years, we have raised over \$16,000. In the past we were able to assist with many projects within our church, such as the staining and lighting project, the HVAC system updating, purchasing new staff office chairs, renovation of the library and purchased a freezer. Again, thank you for your participation!



Flowers for 2023

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary each week are paid for by donations from people just like you and I. Anyone can sign up to provide flowers in honor of someone, in memory of someone, or just because. The flowers, which cost about \$50, are delivered to the church each week by Beyond The Blooms. You would receive a bill from the florist sometime around the week that you signed up. A sign-up sheet is located on a kiosk in the Gathering Place. Please pick a week of importance to you and add your name to the flower calendar. Poinsettias for Christmas and flowers for Easter are also provided by donations. Those calendars are separate from the regular weeks.

Judy Kubischta
Chairperson
Worship and Music



Church School News

We hope everyone had a great Christmas break. We collected for Samaritan's Purse. We collected \$435.40!!!

Confirmation and Youth News

We will be doing a lock in at the church in January. Please be on the look out for a date if interested. It will be for those in 6th grade through 12th grade. Ski Trip will be February 18-21.

Acolyting for Sundays in January

8:30

Micah Nygard

11:00

Jackson Krueger

Acolyting for Wednesdays in January

Sydney Lacher/Maici Zins

TJ Lacher

Worship Assistant

Cash Klein



January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 Worship	2 Church Office Closed 7:00 AA	3 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:30 Choir 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Sounds of Faith Practice	4 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 8th/9th Confirmation 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship	5 9:00 Esther Circle 9:00 Men of Faith 1:30 Mary Martha Circle	6 8:00 NA	7
8 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 5th Grade P/S 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	9 7:00 AA	10 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:30 Choir 6:00 Elementary Committee 7:00 Ruth Circle 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Sounds of Faith Practice	11 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells 6:00 5th Grade P/S 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship	12	13 8:00 NA	14
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Star Word Reflection Information

As we near the feast of the Epiphany, when the wise men arrived to greet the infant Jesus, it is time to receive a new star word to guide your reflection, prayer and devotion throughout the year. Attend worship on Wednesday January 4th, or Sunday January 8th, to receive a word during worship. If you cannot be with us that day, you can use an online generator at www.wordoftheyear.me, or call the church office and we will choose one for you. May your star word be a light of God's love and grace shining for you in 2023!

