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# News and Views

May  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Summer Worship Hours

As a reminder,  
 From Memorial Day to Labor Day, we will  
 have one 9:30 am Sunday service!

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

**Pastor Derek Harkins**  
 (Fridays off)

**Pastor Sylvia Bull**  
 (Fridays off)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

## SUMMER WORSHIP STARTING

SUNDAY, MAY 28  
 SUNDAY: 9:30am  
 LIVESTREAM AT 9:30am  
 WED: 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.

## Looking to connect?

### Visitation and Connection Meeting

Wednesday, May 10 at 6pm OR  
 Sunday May 14 at 9:45am

Are you interested in deeper connection with other people in our church community?

Join us for an informational session about being intentionally connected with another person, couple, or family in our church for visitation, friendship, and mutual support.

All ages are welcome to attend!



*"I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."  
 Romans 1:11-12*

## FLC Executive Team

Jim Sheldon, Chair  
Amy Steiner, Vice-Chair  
Lyla Timm, Vice-Chair  
Mark Schneider, Secretary  
Matthew Nygard, Treasurer

## Pastoral Ministries

### *Funerals:*

Darlene Kilber  
Rodney Bakke

### *Baptisms:*

Kingston Tademy  
Kohen Bennington



## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

### **March General Fund:**

Revenues: \$42,594

Expenditures: \$46,111

### **To Date:**

Revenues: \$135,068

Expenditures: \$146,671

# Star Word Reflection Question

What inspiration has the  
Holy Spirit given you  
through your star word?  
How can you act on that  
inspiration?

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](mailto:communications.bisfaith@gmail.com) For additional information, call the church office at 701-223-2236

## **Church Memorials**

For **Endowment Fund**, in memory of Lucille Kessler and Gus Dockter.

For **General Fund**, in memory of Gus Dockter.

For **Men of Faith**, in memory of Gus Dockter.

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

# Friends in Faith

My Friends in Faith,

On our farm in the 1960s the winter calves of our milk cows were kept in a small pen inside the barn. After the warmth of the spring sun melted the snow of winter, we would release those calves to the prairie pasture. Feeling the warmth of freedom, they would run, kick up their legs, and their tails would wave in a signal of happiness.

The month of May is the month of graduations. We will be watching our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren walk across the stage and receive their diplomas. Like the winter calves who were released to the pasture, our children will now be released to the world. They are heading out on their journey of life away from the protection of the barn (their parents). There will be times when they stumble. When this happens, we will be there to comfort them as Christ comforted us when, as youths, we too stumbled.

Bennett R. Kubischta  
13 April 2023, 8:47 am



## **Library Link** by LeAnn Severson

I find such pleasure in reading well-written children's books like the one I recently purchased for the church library. *THE QUILT MAKER'S JOURNEY* by Jeff Brumbeau tells a touching tale that reminds us of the value of generosity, the spirit of community and the true meaning of happiness.

The detailed illustrations by Gail de Marcken enhance the beauty of this book. In addition to the story, readers are invited to find hidden quilt patterns throughout the book and match them to the ones in the quilt picture guide. The added animal guide is a bonus as well. This team has collaborated on a sequel about the quilt maker that I will purchase soon.

The book is on display in the children's section, but, it along with other delightful selections, brings smiles to the faces of adults as well as children.

# Stewardship Moments



## DREAMCENTER BISMARCK

### CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

**Worship** - Anything/Everything related to our worship services

**Mission/Outreach** – How we serve others / What we do for others

**Youth/Education/Faith Formation** – Learning/Teaching about God

**Community** –Building relationships within our community

**Support** – All administrative or office support that keep our church going

### BIBLICAL TEACHING

*Isaiah 58:10*

“If you give some of your own food to [feed] those who are hungry and to satisfy [the needs of] those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark, and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.”

### STORY

*Category: Mission/Outreach*

Dream Center Bismarck is dedicated to serving the low income and marginalized of our community. Based out of Bismarck, North Dakota, Dream Center Bismarck is currently focused on free grocery distribution, providing assistance 6 days a week to those in need. The money low income families save on groceries can be applied towards rent, utilities, medical bills, education expenses and other essential needs. In just a little over 2-1/2 years, Adopt-a-Block Food Distribution has impacted over **5000 households** containing more than **12,500** children, adults, and seniors.

Faith Lutheran Church hosts The Banquet at the Dream Center 4 times per year, twice in the spring and twice in the fall. As hosts, we furnish all the food and volunteers. On Thursdays, the meal is served banquet style and plates are brought out to the tables. On other days, the meals are distributed at a pick up window. Volunteers 16 and older are able to work in the kitchen and capable school aged children are welcome to help carry plates out to tables on Thursdays.

If you are interested in volunteering, there is a sign-up sheet at the concierge table and/or you may speak to Marlene Adolf. Additional monetary donations are always needed and can be given at the church office.

# *Easter Mums*

Thank you to the following for providing our Easter Mums!

## **Purchased by:**

Kevin & Myra Kosse  
  
Allen & Robin Schumacher  
Sue & Dave Andersen  
Marge Loritz and family  
Ken & Lana Hoffman  
Allen & Diane Dockter  
Ray Utter  
Jenell Loftesnes  
Bert & Sharon Mayer  
Lyla Timm  
Casey, KennaDee and Callie Carlson  
Heather Schmidt  
Dennis & Eileen Fallgatter  
Dwight & Connie Barden  
Connie & Jim Isaak  
Elizabeth Johnson  
John & Jill Power  
Deb & Randy Diede  
Mercy Carkuff  
Rose Watson  
Shirley Schlabsz  
Sylvia Brown  
Colleen Preszler  
Gene & LeAnn Severson  
Gene & Virginia Veil  
Sue Rydberg  
Violet & Sheila Just  
Roberta Modin  
Florence Baesler  
Robert & Judy Hertz, Becky & Max  
Sorch, Laynee & Finn

## **In Honor/Memory of:**

Gwen Egly, Jim & Agnes Harchenko, and  
Ralph Kosse  
Loved ones  
Loved ones  
Loved ones  
Loved ones  
Loved ones  
Bernice Utter  
Howard Loftesnes  
Lucille Kessler  
Loved ones  
Keith Hanson  
Jan Hugh  
Loved ones  
Loved ones  
Jerry Isaak  
Loved ones  
Moms  
Loved ones  
Loved ones  
Loved ones  
Clarence and loved ones  
George  
Herman Preszler  
our parents and Judy Kocis  
Loved ones  
Parents Myrtle Paul & Kleinschmidt  
Leo Just  
Loved ones  
Gordon  
Heather Marie Rydberg



# ***Pastor Derek's Parables***



*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

*He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Spring is in the air isn't it? Finally! Ha! I don't think we ever thought we would see Spring or the grass again. We were to be cursed forever with the feet of snow that covered our ground for the last 6 months. However, they say that in Spring hope springs eternal, and indeed it has. We can actually now see the grass and it is turning green.

By the time you all read this there might not even be any

snow on the ground! I won't get my hopes up that much yet. But I can't help but feel my spirit being lifted by the sun and warmer weather. I think everyone else feels it too.

People are walking, riding bikes, working in yards, and everyone seems to have a smile on their face.

Spring, for me, is such a blatant, in-your-face, reminder of God's gift and promise of new life and rebirth. Every year death comes during winter, and every single year new life springs forth by the grace of God! It is a literal example of God's resurrection power that we get to witness every single year. We see God's gifts abundantly given in the Spring each year. Miracles so tangible and visible that we sometimes take them for granted and forget that they are miracles!

Take some time this Spring, in the next few weeks, to walk around out in God's good creation. Take some time to breathe in the fresh air. Take some time to witness the millions of huge miracles that God makes happen every single day in creation, in our lives. Let that new birth, that renewal, that life fill you, strengthen you, and give you a peace which surpasses all understanding. Know that God is at work here and now, in creation, and in your life!

In Christ,  
Pastor Derek



**The Faith Crafters have handmade Confirmation, Graduation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Wedding and Anniversary cards available for purchase at \$2 each on the Concierge Table in the Gathering Area.**



A Message from the Office of the Bishop

This month's writer: Pastor Mark Nygard

# Come Celebrate a Double Church Birthday!

The Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Cameroon and Central African Republic are 100 years old this year, and we are throwing a double birthday party of them. On July 7-9, 2023, Lutherans from the United States and Canada will be gathering in the Twin Cities to mark the event, and we'd like you to be there.

It was March 8, 1923, actually, when they landed in Douala, Cameroon — Norwegian-Americans with names like Adolphus Gunderson from Stoughton, Wisconsin, his bride Marie Gunderson from Bode, Iowa, and Anne Olsen and Olette Berntsen, Lutheran deaconesses from Brooklyn. Troubled by the lack of Christian witness across a wide band of African geography known as “the Sudan,” they set out to share their faith with those who had not yet heard. After 26 days of walking bush trails and exploring places to begin their work, they settled down in a town called Mboula. Soon dozens, then hundreds, then thousands of African believers joined them, and our Lutheran World Federation companion churches in Cameroon and Central African Republic are the result.

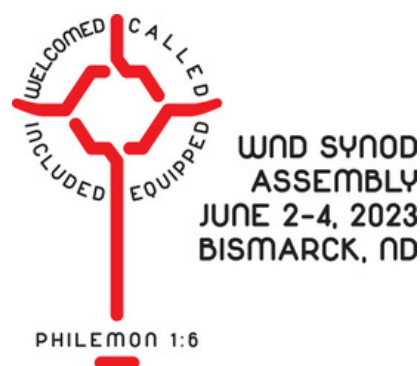
And it all began 100 years this year. How often do you get to celebrate an event like that? This summer is the time.

We'll be arriving in the Twin Cities Friday, July 7th, and staying in the Hilton Garden Inn in Minneapolis, just across the street from Central Lutheran Church. Saturday morning we'll be bused to Luther Seminary for A Day of Song and Seminar. The five North American companion synods have invited Cameroonian church president Baïguele Jean, Central African church president Ngoe Joseph, and two women's leaders, Sodea Joëlle Kyria and Francine Grace Yaimann, to be present. You will hear them talk about current opportunities and challenges in their home churches. You will get to ponder how they do evangelical outreach so effectively in their context and wonder how we might do it better in ours. You will have a chance to be part of a missionary supper that evening before being bussed back to the Hilton. Sunday morning festal services at Central Lutheran will

include ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as preacher. And we will conclude our weekend over coffee and fellowship at Central before saying our farewells.

It's the event of a century. Again, we'd like you to be there. Two online registration sites are available: <https://sdsynod.org/sudanmissioncentennial> for general registration, and <https://sdsynod.org/glocalyouth2023> for a unique program for youth. Check them out. And welcome!

Pastor Mark Nygard, retired ELCA missionary  
on behalf of the organizing committee



## **Synod Assembly 2023**

Saturday June 3 and Sunday June 4, 2023

Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center

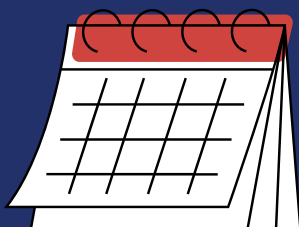
Pre-Assembly Workshops: Friday, June 2



## **Men of Faith**



**A huge THANK YOU to all who attended this years BAKED POTATO/CHILI FEED. Your generosity and support for the Camp of the Cross has made available \$1911.84 in funds that can be used to further promote their ministry. Thank you to the Men of Faith crew for all their hard work and a special thanks to those who donated chili and bars...the consensus from the taste tester's was an A+.**



## **Save The Date!**

**Please join us for Faith Lutheran Sunday at Camp of the Cross on Sunday, June 11! More information to come!**



# Faith Lutheran Cookbook

As a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering, the youth are looking to put together a Faith Lutheran Cookbook!

## Ingredients

We need your favorite recipes! We are looking for all kinds of recipes, like drinks, appetizer, soup, salads, main course, sides & desserts!

## Instructions

Submit your recipes to Kenny by emailing [kenny.bisfaith@midconetwork.com](mailto:kenny.bisfaith@midconetwork.com) by July 1st.

More information to come!

# MISSION Focus

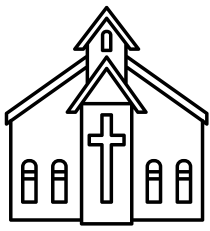


## **MAY: HEART RIVER FRESH START KITS**

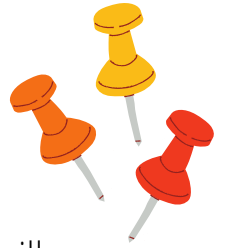
Heart River Bridges of Hope could use some donations for their Fresh Start Kit ministry! These kits allow women and youth transitioning from incarceration to experience the love and care of the community and God while navigating their new lives. Bring donations of neutral or solid colored backpacks or small duffle bags, hygiene products, small notebooks/pens, & Walmart/Target Gift cards (labeled with the amount on the card). A link to other needed donations can be found on our Facebook page, as well as a printed list on the Concierge Table.

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your well-being and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*

*- Jeremiah 29:11*



# Church School News



Thank you for your gifts in church school! This quarter all money collected will go towards items needed for updating church school materials.

## Confirmation and Youth News

Be sure to get your **mentor meetings** completed.

Our **High School Coffee Hours** for the month of May will be May 3rd and May 17th, then we'll be taking a break for the summer. Mark you calendars, and let Kenny know if you would like to attend!

On Friday, May 5 (rescheduled from May 12) there will be a **youth event** for 5th-9th graders at Trinity Lutheran Church from 6-10 pm, offering pizza dinner, games and fun! Contact Kenny if you are interested in attending.

Great News! WELCA will pay 40% of the fee for any of our children who want to go to **Camp of the Cross!** Get signed up today!

**National Youth Gathering** is July 16th-20th 2024 in New Orleans. All current 7th Graders to Juniors will be eligible to go. Mark your calendars. More information to follow. Hopefully, we will see you there!

### Acolyting Schedule

#### Sundays in May

8:30 AM- Eden Reinhart

11:00AM- Ailee Harkins

#### Wednesdays in May

Ryan Schmidt, Kingston Tademy,

Ryan Zinke

#### Worship Assistant

Sarah Schmidt

## HIGH SCHOOL COFFEE HOUR

Join us the first and third Wednesday of the month for coffee hour!

Get to know other high school age people.

We will pay for drinks!

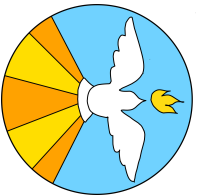
Please contact Kenny to ask questions, or to let him know you are coming!

Phone: Call (701) 223-2236 and ask for Kenny

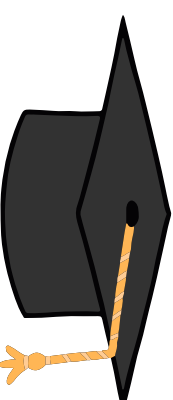
Email: [kenny.bisfaith@midconetwork.com](mailto:kenny.bisfaith@midconetwork.com)

1st and 3rd Wednesday  
8:00-9:00  
Starbucks on State Street  
2124 N 12th Street





# May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:00 AA 7:45 Spring Zoom Book Study (Online)	<b>2</b> 9:00 Quilting 5:30 Sounds of Faith 7:00 Scouts	<b>3</b> Confirmation <b>Wednesday</b> 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship 8:00 High School Coffee Hour	<b>4</b> 9:00 Esther Circle 9:00 Men of Faith 1:00 Crafts 1:30 Mary Martha Circle 5:45 Stewardship Meeting	<b>5</b> 6:00 Youth Event (Trinity Lutheran) 8:00 NA	<b>6</b> 5:00 Missouri Slope Gala (Bismarck Municipal Country Club)
<b>7</b> Confirmation <b>Sunday</b> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	<b>8</b> 7:00 AA	<b>9</b> 9:00 Quilting 5:30 Sounds of Faith 6:00 Elementary Committee 7:00 Ruth Circle 7:00 Scouts	<b>10</b> Newsletter <b>Deadline</b> 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Church School 6:00 Visitation and Connection Meeting 7:00 Worship	<b>11</b> 1:00 Crafts	<b>12</b> 8:00 NA	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Mother's Day 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Visitation and Connection Meeting 11:00 Worship	<b>15</b> 7:00 AA	<b>16</b> 9:00 Quilting 3:00 Blood Drive 7:00 Scouts	<b>17</b> Last Week of Church School/Senior Recognition Week 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship 8:00 High School Coffee Hour	<b>18</b> 1:00 Crafts	<b>19</b> 8:00 NA	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Last Week of Church School/Senior Recognition Week 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Adult Education 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	<b>22</b> 7:00 AA	<b>23</b> 9:00 Quilting 5:00 HR Committee 6:00 Compass Group 7:00 Executive Committee 7:00 Scouts	<b>24</b> 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	<b>25</b> 1:00 Crafts	<b>26</b> 8:00 NA	<b>27</b> 9:30 Altar Guild
<b>28</b> Summer Worship Hours Start 9:30 Worship	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed Memorial Day 7:00 AA	<b>30</b> All Day 8th Grade Retreat 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Scouts	<b>31</b> All Day 8th Grade Retreat 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship			

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## May News and Views

Look for a sign up soon:  
online at [Vitalant.org](https://Vitalant.org) or  
in-person at church

# FLC BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, May 16  
3pm-6pm

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE  
- DONATE BLOOD!**



## FAITH LUTHERAN VBS 2023



June 4-7

Sign-up Online  
Under the Forms Tab

