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## News and Views

November  
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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### ALL SAINTS' DAY

# LUMINARIA WALK

**SUNDAY, NOV. 7, 6PM-7PM**

Join us outside in the north parking lot for a brief candlelight prayer service, as we remember those who have died in the past year. Prayer service will begin at 6pm. Luminaria walk will be open for personal prayer until 8pm.



### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

**Pastor Derek Harkins**  
*(Fridays off)*  
**Pastor Sylvia Bull**  
*(Fridays off)*

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY: 8:30 & 11 AM**  
**WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM**  
Online and Indoor

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Thursday**  
**8:00 AM - 5:00 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 generally open  
during the lunch hour.*



You're invited to a

## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and 75th Anniversary Celebration** Sunday, November 21 at 9:45am

We will approve updates to our constitution and bylaws (copies available at the church for review) and celebrate our 75th anniversary as a congregation.

*Join us!*

The meeting and celebration will also be available to view via livestream on our Facebook page.

*(See page 5 for additional information.)*



## FLC Executive Team

Jennifer Prince, Chair  
Amy Groce, Vice-Chair  
Jim Sheldon, Vice-Chair  
Steve Sundvor, Secretary  
Matthew Nygard, Treasurer

## Pastoral Ministries

### Baptisms

Isla May Moser  
Callie Carlson  
Cullen Michael Herberholz  
Evelyn Helen Kleinjan

### Wedding

Jonathan Roehrich &  
Sydney Hunter

### Funerals

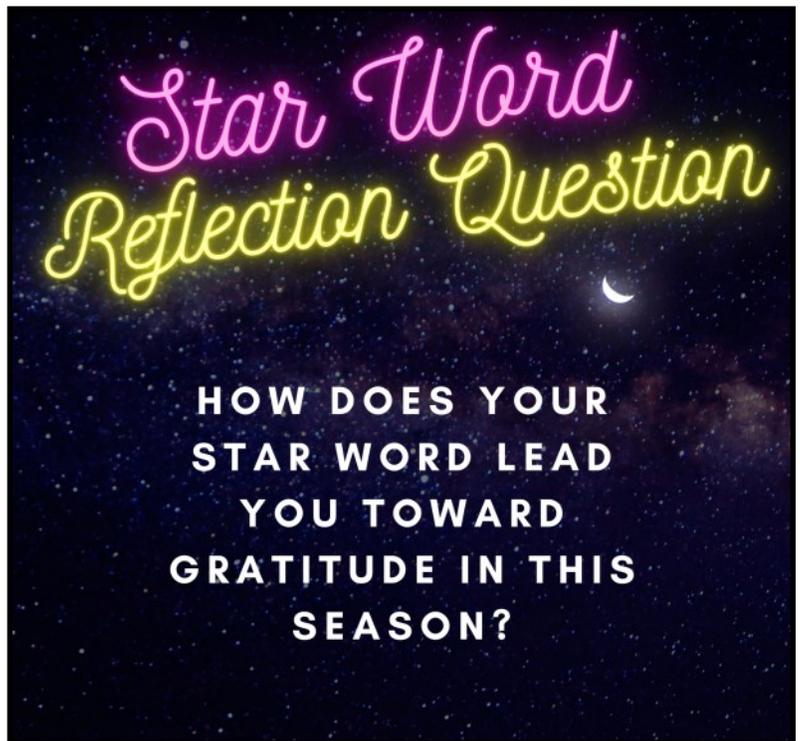
Dennis Klipfel  
Marlene Bender  
Violetta Wilkens  
Lillie Huwe

*The deadline to submit information to the News and Views newsletter is the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month prior to the next newsletter.*

*The Church bulletin deadline each week is at noon on Tuesday for the coming Sunday bulletin. Articles, schedules, etc., can be sent by email to:*

*donna.bisfaith@gmail.com.*

*For additional information, call the church office at 701-223-2236.*



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

*Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*

I don't know about all of you, but November is one of my favorite months for a few reasons. First, it is the month that I first became a father. It is the month of my son's birthday. For that I will always appreciate and look kindly upon the month of November. However, there are so many other things to love about this month and this time of year, too. I personally love the shift of seasons. It's getting cooler. The harvest has come. The leaves are changing and falling. The colors are brilliant. It's the season of apple ciders, hot chocolates, warm hearty soups, and lots of pumpkin spice — all things I love!



November also is the month that holds one of my favorite holidays of the year. Yes, ever since I was a young child, when I think of November Thanksgiving is one of the first things that comes to my mind with great anticipation. From the incredible home cooked food, to the fellowship of family and friends, to the football, to a day filled with board games and cards there is absolutely nothing not to like about Thanksgiving, right? There is nothing more satisfying than filling yourself with incredible comfort food, sitting back in your chair with family and friends, and laughing while stories are shared and games are played.

Sadly, Thanksgiving has basically become the holiday that designates the beginning of Black Friday. In years past it was the start of holiday shopping, but the last several years Black Friday deals even started appearing Thanksgiving Eve. Families plan their Thanksgiving around when they need to be in line at the store or when they need to hop online to get that item that goes on sale.

Instead of being thankful for the blessings that we do have on that day, the majority of Americans are busy thinking about everything that they don't have. Gratitude, thankfulness, and love are replaced with greediness, desire, and consumption.

Sisters and Brothers, this November be aware. It has been a long difficult 18 months. We have all lost so much. It can be easy to dwell on what we don't have. It is in our nature to think that getting new things or items will fill the void and make us feel better. Be aware this November and try to shift your mind and heart away from the things we don't have towards those things in your life that you are thankful for. Be aware of the blessing that God has gifted you with each and every day.

Know that I am so very thankful for each and every single one of you, brothers and sisters! May Christ's peace flow through your life like an ever flowing stream. May you be filled with all the abundance of life that God has intended and hopes for each of us.

In Christ,  
Pastor Derek



We are planning to receive new members in worship on **Wednesday, November 17th**, and **Sunday, November 21st**.

New member information meetings will be held on Sunday, November 7th at 9:45am and Wednesday, November 17th at 6pm. Contact Pastor Sylvia or Pastor Derek for more information. We rejoice to officially welcome new members of the community of faith here in this place!



One of the ways we care for one another in the Body of Christ is by holding one another in prayer. In Ephesians 6:18, we read: "Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints."

During our prayers in worship, we lift up the first names of those who have asked for prayer, or for whom prayers have been requested. Some of you have asked to know the full names of those who are held in prayer, so that you can pray more specifically and also reach out to those who are being prayed for.

This is wonderful! While due to privacy concerns, we cannot print this information in the bulletin, we will have a list available in the church office of those names we have permission to share. You can call or stop by the church office to receive these names. If you would like to be included in the email prayer chain where some more urgent requests are shared, you can ask to be included by emailing Office Manager Cheryl Johnson at [cheryl.bisfaith@midconetwork.com](mailto:cheryl.bisfaith@midconetwork.com).

Thank you all for the care you show one another by holding each other in prayer!



### **Library Link** by LeAnn Severson

I recently saw an interview with author Kate Bowler on the Today Show. That prompted me to read her book entitled EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON AND OTHER LIES I'VE LOVED that was donated to our church library by a member who read it with others during a group book discussion at church.

Kate Bowler, a professor at Duke Divinity school was living a blessed life. At age thirty-five, she had a great job, a loving husband, and a new baby. Then she was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. In this book she searches for answers with honesty, bravery, and a wry humor.

By the time this article is printed I will have finished reading the book and it will be available for checkout in the library.

# Special Congregation Meeting and 75th Anniversary Celebration

The Executive Committee of Faith Lutheran is calling a special Congregation Meeting for Sunday November 21st between services to approve updates to the constitution and commence celebrations of Faith Lutheran's 75th anniversary.

The constitution of Faith Lutheran Church of Bismarck has needed updating for some time now. A task force was assembled for this purpose and started meeting mid-June, using the Model Constitution for Congregations of the ELCA as recommended by the WND Synod attorney Murray Sagsveen. By mid-August we had a working draft. Murray had also recommended integrating the bylaws into the constitution and converting some into continuing resolutions.

The Executive Committee certainly saw the benefit of integrating the Constitution and Bylaws into one document for easier reference. It took 2 more months of meetings with the Executive Committee and Murray before he gave the synod blessing to bring it before the congregation for approval.

Constitutional changes approved by the special Congregation Meeting would need to be ratified at our December annual Congregation Meeting.

To view the proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws, visit [faithbismarck.com/forms](http://faithbismarck.com/forms) or pick up a copy in the Gathering Place.

## PIE / LEFSA / KNOEPHLA SALE



What a great opportunity to purchase some home-made goodies for the upcoming holidays.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**4:30 to 6:30 PM - or until sold out**

Apple and Pumpkin Pies - 8"-9"	\$10.00
Lefse - 3 sheets / bag	\$ 6.00
Knoephla - 4 cups per bag	\$ 6.00

*Enter the east parking lot from 15th Street to pick up and drive through. This will be on a first come, first basis until the supply is exhausted.*

*If you would like to provide any of these four items, please contact Mercy Carkuff (258-6262).*

*All funds will be used to support local mission ministries.*



# CAMPUS TOUR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | 1:00 PM

4916 N. WASHINGTON STREET

**You are invited to tour the new north Missouri Slope campus.**

If you plan to attend, contact Cathy Anhalt at 221-9349 to register. Meet at the west main entrance of the north campus by 1:00 pm. *Face masks are required.*

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## LIVINGWORKS SAFETALK SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH  
8:30AM-12:30PM

LivingWorks safeTALK is a four-hour face-to-face workshop featuring powerful presentations, audiovisuals, and skills practice. At a LivingWorks safeTALK workshop, you'll learn how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, engaging someone, and connecting them to an intervention resource for further support.

COST: \$10  
SPACE LIMITED  
TO REGISTER, CALL  
701-223-2236  
THIS TRAINING MADE  
POSSIBLE THROUGH THE  
GENEROSITY OF THE FAITH  
LUTHERAN ENDOWMENT.

## Look What the Faith Crafters Have Been Up To

**Thank you** to all who helped make the LWR Health, School, Baby Kits and Little Dresses for Africa a great success.

**Thank you** to the Confirmation class that filled all the school kits and the men who loaded the trucks and took care of the shipping.

The grand total for 2021 was 129 quilts, 37 layettes, 55 personal care kits, 100 school kits and 225 dresses for Africa.

Of these items Ministry on the Margins received 65 quilts, 32 personal health kits,



*Faith Lutheran Church's Confirmation Class*

100 school kits and 18 baby kits. Also sent to Ministry on the Margins were four quilts and four afghan blankets.

So far over the years the ladies have sewn 1059 little dresses for Africa.



## Camp of the Cross Ministries Annual Scandinavian Supper

**Saturday, November 20th**

Join us for our Annual Scandinavian Supper.

One seating at 5:30 pm

**\$35 per adult reservation**

**\$10 for children under 10**

Guaranteed reservations by Monday, November 15th.

To make your reservation call our office at 701-337-2246

*We hope you can join us for the delicious annual event!*

*many  
thanks*

*Thank you to my friends and family for all of the beautiful cards and well wishes I received for my 90th birthday. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. ~ Lu Miller*

*Thank you to everybody that sent me good wishes, cards and phone calls, while I was recovering from surgery.  
~ Marlene Adolf*



*Thank you to all that celebrated our 60th anniversary with us. Also, thank you for all of the beautiful cards and gifts.  
~ Herbert & Crystal Martin*



# COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 24 - 7PM

Faith Lutheran Church  
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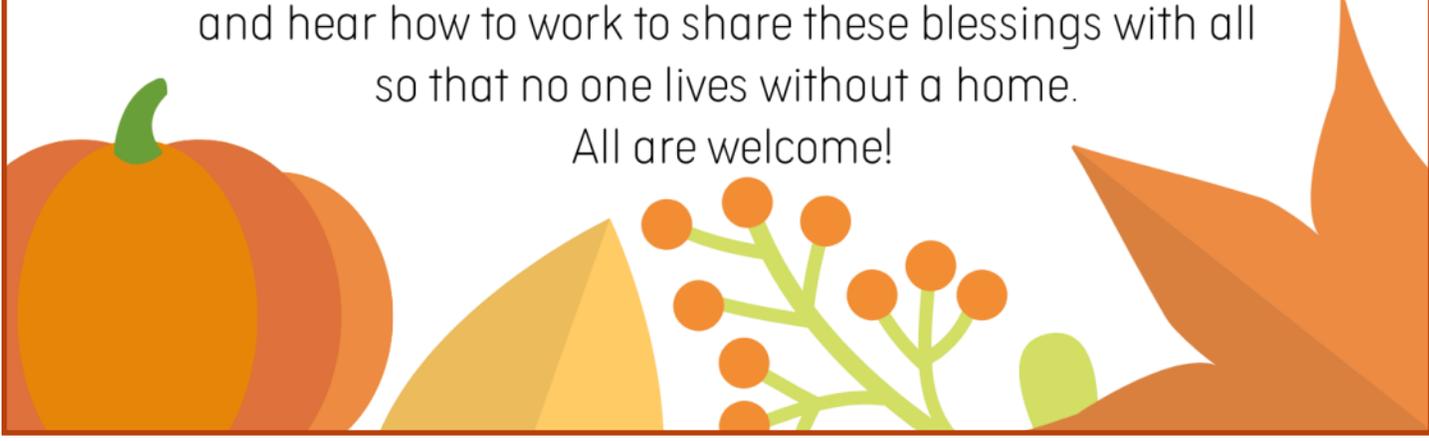
**Speaker:** Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People  
(MVCHP)

**Offering:** Monetary offerings will go to MVCHP; people are also invited to bring NEW pillows or new or gently used bedding marked with size.

**Sponsors:** St. George's Episcopal Church,  
Lutheran Church of the Cross, Faith Lutheran  
Church, and Bismarck United Church of Christ.

Join us as we give thanks to God for our many blessings  
and hear how to work to share these blessings with all  
so that no one lives without a home.

All are welcome!





### **Church School Offerings:**

For the first quarter offerings they are going towards the Dream Center. This is the new building that is currently under construction that will serve the community. One of those programs is the banquet which our church has been a part of for years in which we prepare dinners for the hungry. Currently we have raised \$390.36.

### **Christmas Program:**

Practice will begin soon. Please help your youth practice the songs that we have sent home.

### **Pizza on Wednesday:**

When we are able to eat in the church again, I will be trying to make pizza work again by taking orders. I will have you send me your pizza order by 12PM on Wednesdays and I will place the order.



## **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

### **Acolyting:**

A valuable part of the confirmation program is acolyting. I am having scheduling difficulties for Sunday as more of my youth have moved to Wednesday. If you are currently on Wednesday but wouldn't mind attending with your acolyte on a Sunday, please let me know. Thanks.

### **Mentor Program:**

The Mentor Program be established very soon. So be ready for your 8th/9th Grade youth to discuss and talk with their mentor. Worship notes are also due by December 31. If your child is in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade Pastor Sylvia has requested that they have at least 6 worship notes done by 12/31.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **Volunteer Opportunity:**

We are looking for youth or even adults to volunteer to be trained to work with the new camera system. If you have a passion for technology come be a part of our television ministry.

### **Activity:**

If any youth has any ideas of what they what like to do for a gathering activity please let Kenny know. We are trying to brainstorm activities to get our youth involved again.

### **Ski Trip:**

I am awaiting approval for the 2022 Ski Trip. If the trip is approved it will be over President's Day weekend in February. Start to look at your calendars so you can sign up when (and if) it gets approved.



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

**September Revenues: \$39,161**  
**September Expenditures: \$43,408**

**General Fund Revenues to Date**  
\$383,583+  
\$70,600 PPP Loan Forgiveness

**General Fund Expenditures to Date**  
\$420,405

### CHURCH MEMORIALS

For **Endowment Fund**, in memory of:  
Craig Laub, brother of Diane Laub  
Corinne Renner  
Michelle Skaley  
Dennis Klipfel

For **Capital Improvements**, in  
memory of: Corinne Renner

For **Bus Fund**, in memory of:  
Craig Laub

For **Music**, in memory of:  
Dennis Klipfel

*Details can be found in the Memorial  
book in the Gathering Place.*

# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u> 9:00 Quilting 7:00 A.A	<u>2</u> 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 1:00 FLC Tour of Missouri Slope 5:30 Stewardship meeting	<u>3</u> 10:00 Bible Study -In person/Zoom 4:30 8th & 9th Gr Confirmation 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship	<u>4</u> 9:00 Esther Circle ER 9:00 Men of Faith GP 1:30 Mary, Martha Circle ER 6:00 Executive Committee 7:15 Ruth Circle	<u>5</u> 8:00 NA	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> Daylight Saving Time ends 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 New Member Session 11:00 Worship 6:00 Lumina via Walk	<u>8</u> 9:00 Quilting 7:00 A.A	<u>9</u> 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 6:00 Elementary Committee	<u>10</u> 10:00 Bible Study -In person/Zoom 5:30 Handbells No Church School 7:00 Worship Newsletter deadline	<u>11</u> 	<u>12</u> 8:00 NA	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> 8:30 Worship No Church School 11:00 Worship	<u>15</u> 9:00 Quilting 7:00 A.A	<u>16</u> 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts	<u>17</u> New Member Wednesday 10:00 Bible Study -In person/Zoom 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Church School 6:00 New Member Session 7:00 Worship	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 8:00 NA	<u>20</u> 8:00 LivingWorks 9:00 WELCA Gathering
<u>21</u> New Member Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Congregation Special Meeting 11:00 Worship	<u>22</u> 9:00 Quilting 7:00 A.A	<u>23</u> 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:00 HR Comm 6:00 Compass Group 7:00 Executive Committee	<u>24</u> 10:00 Bible Study -In person/Zoom 4:30 Pie/Lefse/Knoephla Drive By 5:30 Handbells No Church School 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Eve Service	<u>25</u> Thanksgiving Day 	<u>26</u> 8:00 NA	<u>27</u> 9:30 Altar Guild
<u>28</u> 8:30 Worship No Church School 11:00 Worship	<u>29</u> 9:00 Quilting 7:00 A.A	<u>30</u> 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts	  	   		

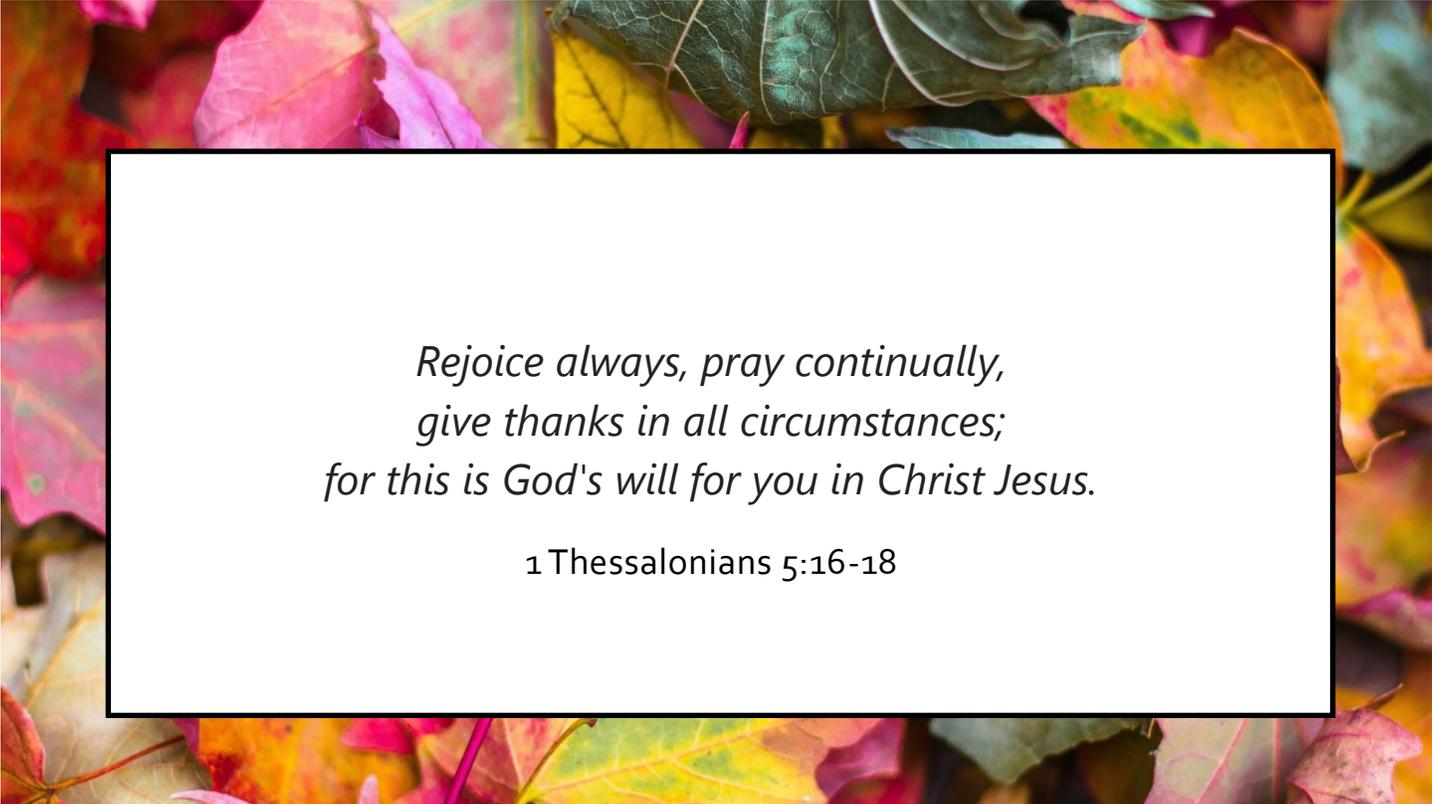
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*Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18