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# News and Views

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*"We are building a welcoming, nurturing faith community guided by Jesus to share the Gospel."*



## SCRIPTURE CIRCLES

Come share in a transformative method of studying the Bible that is accessible to all! No prior experience or knowledge needed; led by scripture teacher U.S. Jones, II. Light supper will be served starting at 5:00 pm, study begins at 5:45pm. A free will offering will be collected, but the events are FREE.

**THURSDAYS FROM 5:00-8:00PM ON:**

**JULY 17 @ McCabe United Methodist Church (1030 N 6th St, Bismarck)**

**AUGUST 14 @ Missouri Slope North Campus Chapel (4916 N Washington St, Bismarck)**



Questions? Call 701-223-2236 for more information

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

**Pastor Derek Harkins**  
(Fridays off)

**Pastor Sylvia Bull**  
(Fridays off)

## SUMMER WORSHIP

### SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

9:30am

WEDNESDAY:

7:00pm

LIVESTREAM AT

SUN 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.

## Summer Worship Hours

As a reminder,

From Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, we will have one 9:30 am Sunday service along with our usual 7:00 pm service Wednesday!

### FLC Executive Team

Jim Sheldon, Chair

Amy Steiner, Vice-Chair

Lyla Timm, Vice-Chair

Mark Schneider, Secretary

Billie Ann Caya, Treasurer

### Pastoral Ministries

#### **Funerals:**

Devin Harter

Connie Skarphol



### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

#### **May General Fund:**

Revenues: \$44,242.62

Expenditures: \$54,896.91

#### **2025 Year-to-Date:**

Revenues: \$258,072.59

Expenditures: \$268,728.34

# STAR WORD

*Reflection Question*

How has your  
Star Word  
surprised you so far?

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 **General Fund**, in memory of Bonnie Maier, James "Jim" Bakko and Connie Skarphol.

For **Endowment**, in memory of Connie Skarphol.

For **Baptism Chests**, in memory of Bonnie Maier and Connie Skarphol.

For **Music**, in memory of Connie Skarphol.

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



## Quilts of Love

Some of them have been dug through the dirt. Some are tattered. Some are still nearly new. Many may have never been laundered because their owners need the little water they have for their survival. What they all have in common is that they are giving comfort and hope to those that have them. They are the quilts made by the Faith Lutheran Quilters.

In our house there are quilts that have been made by three generations of family. Those quilt makers were our grandmothers, mothers, aunts, and siblings. Their quilts will be sent forward to three additional generations. It is very likely that the youngest member of our family will receive a quilt made by her Great-Great-Great Grandmother.

As I was nearing retirement from the NDDOT in 2014 LaDonna Brave Bull Allard, also known as Tamakawastewin (Good Earth Woman), of Standing Rock bestowed upon me a Star Quilt. LaDonna was a tribal historian and protector of the earth. We worked together on projects that helped tell the stories of the people of Standing Rock. My quilt has the colors of the earth and sky, and is a treasure.

Judy's Aunt Kathy, the last of her mother's siblings, like many of the Faith Quilters has been a quilt maker for decades. Her quilts are given to babies and high school graduates. Judy and I have watched mothers and graduates' smiles become wide when they received a quilt from Aunt Kathy.

The quilts of Faith Lutheran are made by people with love for the unknown person who will receive them. Their love enters the quilt from their minds, their hearts, their fingers, and their souls. They have been sent away to points around the world. Where someone's hands are wrapping their quilt around themselves, their children, and their elders.

It is probable the quilts of the Faith Lutheran Quilters have provided comfort to young and old amidst falling bombs. Comfort for when they are being persecuted for who they are. And comfort as they go to sleep wondering and hoping that tomorrow will bring them food to eat.

Thank you Faith Lutheran Quilters.

Bennett R. Kubischta

June 11, 2025, 9:52 am



# Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

My goal in the library is to get new and donated materials accessioned and placed on the shelves. With volunteer assistance, that has been happening.

Children will enjoy reading THE QUILTMAKER'S JOURNEY and THE QUILTMAKER'S GIFT by Jeff Brumbeau. These beautifully illustrated books are touching tales about the value of generosity and the spirit of community. A brave young girl leaves the comforts of her village in search of the true meaning of happiness. When she encounters less-fortunate people outside her village, she is determined to help them. An added bonus is the challenge for the reader to find the 250 quilt patterns throughout the books.

Adult readers will enjoy perusing these books as well. If you are a quilter, these books will be a joyful read. They were for me!

Adult readers who like a good mystery will enjoy the O'Malley series by Dee Henderson. These stories have FBI agents, US Marshall Service agents, firefighters and paramedics as main characters trying to solve mysterious events. You'll find these books on display on the standing rack.

See you in the library!

*Volunteer at the  
Rice Pudding  
Booth!*

**September 12 & 13  
Downtown Street  
Fair**

**In August, look out  
in the Gathering  
Place for Volunteer  
Sign-Ups for our  
Rice Pudding  
Booth! Help us  
continue the  
tradition!**





# SUMMER COMMUNITY POTLUCK

SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 9, 2025

11:30am - 1:00pm  
Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-day Saints  
1500 Country West Road  
Bismarck, ND 58503

Free!  
Bring a dish to share  
if you are able,  
and school supplies to  
donate to area non-  
profits



## CARE KITS

The **lists of items for our Baby, Personal Care, and School kits** are now available on the back counter, and on our website under the Serve tab. With rummage sales in full swing, there may be bargains you can't pass up! All donations can be dropped off at the church office. The final shipment to LWR will be in October, when a final count of all donations for the year will be provided.

# FLC Knit & Crochet Group

Thank you so much for all your yarn donations! We are excited to make hats for local non-profits again this year.

## Interested in attending our group?

Currently, we meet at 2pm on the second Thursday of the month, and 6pm on the fourth Thursday of the month. **Our dates for July are July 10<sup>th</sup> (2pm) and July 24<sup>th</sup> (6pm).** We would love for you to join! We have yarn and patterns for knit and crochet available, but you can also use your own hat pattern, or bring along another project you are working on.

**We also have yarn available for those who would like to make hats but can't join us in person!** Contact Caitlin McCleary in the office at (701) 223-2236 or email [communications.bisfaith@gmail.com](mailto:communications.bisfaith@gmail.com) for more information.

# STAFF EMAILS

**Need to reach one of our staff?  
Emails can be found below!**

## Faith Lutheran's General Email

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# Scholarship Opportunity

**All students who are active members at Faith Lutheran Church may apply for a college tuition scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year. Whether a graduating high school student or already at college, head out to our Faith website [www.faithbismarck.com/forms](http://www.faithbismarck.com/forms) and email the completed form and a current transcript to the office [faith.bisfaith@gmail.com](mailto:faith.bisfaith@gmail.com) by July 15th.**

# Pastor Derek's Parables



Grace and peace to you sisters and brothers in Christ!

Jesus told his disciples in his final conversation with them before being arrested and put to death, *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* (John 13:34-35)

I joked a couple of weeks ago, as we had yet another Gospel reading from Jesus' final discourse with his disciples, that it seemed like we had been in that section of scripture for a very long time. That makes some sense though as it was an incredibly important moment, both for Jesus and his followers. As we were reflecting on this particular teaching of Jesus' this year it made me wonder, what would I want to tell someone, especially those closest to me, before I die?

I have been present at or close to the time of death for many people. If someone is able to still communicate it is almost never wordy, or complicated wisdoms, or family secrets, or anything like that. Without fail, the person tells those closest to them how much they love them and how they want them to continue on living a life of love and joy. Jesus was no different.

On that final night, Jesus ate with his disciples, washed their feet letting them know how deeply he loved them and cared for them. Then he encouraged his disciples to love one another. Jesus could have shared probably a million other things. He could have taught them the secrets of the universe. He could have given specific insights or directions for life. Of everything in all the universe that Jesus could have shared in those final moments, he chose to share with them how much he loved them and cared for them and he encouraged them to love one another, calling it a "New Commandment" even. In fact, he even tells the disciples that the rest of the world will know that they are Jesus' followers, not because the disciples say so, but by how they love others.

We have started our *Faces Of Our Faith* worship series reflecting on individuals in the Bible who had a profound impact on the faith of the church and we will also be reflecting on our own lives and thinking about those individuals who have had a profound impact on our faith from our personal lives. I would venture a guess that the people who had a profound impact on your faith journey were people who showed you and others a great deal of love.

What would it look like in your life if you lived out this "New" commandment? What would

it look like if our primary response to others was love instead of judgment, fear, or disdain?  
May God's love and peace be with you all!

In Christ,

Pastor Derek

## Online Portal Invitations



We are ready to send out invitations to the online portal for our database, ICON! This will provide access to members to see the information for members in their household, change contact information, see donations and giving statements from their household, and view the online directory! We plan to send out emails the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>. Make sure to look out for an email from ICON with a link to set yours up! The link will only last 48 hours, but if you miss that window, you can call the office so we can send you another invitation.

We will be sending these invites to emails we have in our database, so if you don't receive an email by the end of that week, please check your spam folder, and then call the church office so we can help you troubleshoot, or enter your email if we don't have one listed in your file.



## Bouquet Price Increase

Due to increasing prices, bouquets purchased for worship services will go from \$50 to \$60. If you have signed up on the flower chart and would like to opt out for your week, please give the office a call at (701) 223-2236.



7th Annual

# Hillview Cup

Missouri Slope's Golf Tournament



**MISSOURI SLOPE  
FOUNDATION**



Join Missouri Slope on July 10th at Prairie West Golf Course for a fun-filled day of golf, prizes, and purpose - all in support of their mission.

With over 300 seniors relying on their skilled nursing, assisted living, rehabilitation services, and Missouri Slope At Home, this tournament plays a significant role in sustaining and enhancing their care.

#### Event Details:

- Format: Four-person scramble
- Entry Fee: \$600 per team | \$150 per individual
- 9:00 AM – Check-in & continental breakfast
- 10:00 AM – Shotgun start
- Lunch served throughout play
- 3:30 PM – Raffle prizes, awards, early dinner and more

#### Registration Includes:

Continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, golf cart rental, lunch, dinner social, and more!

Visit the Facebook Event at <https://gqr.sh/mRvr> for more information!

# WNC Disaster Relief Trip

Thank you so much for helping us meet our fundraising goal! Please be in prayer for our Mission Trip attendees, including Pastor Sylvia and Kenny, as they prepare to serve in Western North Carolina. Our group will be leaving Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and returning Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We appreciate your prayers for safe travel, for our participants, and for the continued support of those affected by Hurricane Helene.

## MISSION Focus

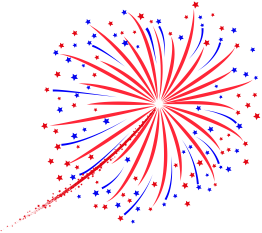




### **JUNE & JULY: COMMUNITY ACTION FOOD PANTRY**

The Community Action Food Pantry provide food baskets, usually filled with enough food to last approximately 4-7 days, to income qualified clients and families in need. They are currently in need of canned soups, pasta and pasta sauce, canned chicken and tuna, pancake mixes, rice, and other non-perishable food items. Thank you for your generosity!

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." - Matthew 25:35*

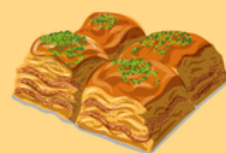
# July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 2:00 Crafts	<b>2</b> 7:00 Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Indep. Day Church Office Closed 8:00 NA	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>7</b> 7:00 AA	<b>8</b> 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts	<b>9</b> 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	<b>10</b> Newsletter Deadline 2:00 Knit & Crochet Group 6:00 Taste of Home	<b>11</b> 8:00 NA	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>14</b> 7:00 AA	<b>15</b> 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 7:00 Scouts	<b>16</b> 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	<b>17</b> 5:00 Scripture Circle (McCabe)	<b>18</b> 8:00 NA	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>21</b> 7:00 AA	<b>22</b> 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 7:00 Scouts	<b>23</b> 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	<b>24</b> 6:00 Knit & Crochet Group	<b>25</b> 8:00 NA	<b>26</b>
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## Faith Lutheran Church July 2025 News and Views

### TASTE OF HOME



Enjoy a delicious variety of homemade dishes from the Middle East, hear personal stories of resilience and hope, and connect with others in the spirit of community.

Freewill Donations go to support Bismarck Global Neighbors (BGN) and their mission to empower and support local newcomers as they build new lives in our community

THURS  
JULY 10

6PM-  
7PM

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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