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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."

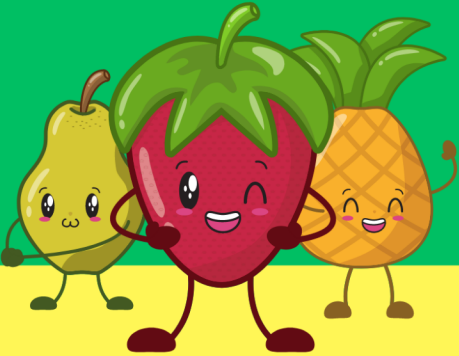
RALLY WEEK 2023!

2023-2024 Church School Theme:
Fruits of the Spirit!



Join us for the first week of Church School! We will have special services on Wednesday September 6th and Sunday, September 10th, where we will install Church School Teachers!

Don't forget to sign your child(ren) up for Church School and Confirmation!
faithbismarck.com/forms



REGULAR WORSHIP HOURS

We will be returning to our Regular Worship Hours

the week of September 6 & 10!

Wednesday: 7:00 pm (Livestream)

Sunday: 8:30 am (Livestream) & 11:00 am

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

Pastor Derek Harkins
(Fridays off)

Pastor Sylvia Bull
(Fridays off)
On Sabbatical until August 14)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUMMER WORSHIP

SUNDAY: 9:30am

WED: 7:00pm

BOTH SERVICES

LIVESTREAMED

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.

FLC Executive Team

Jim Sheldon, Chair

Amy Steiner, Vice-Chair

Lyla Timm, Vice-Chair

Mark Schneider, Secretary

Matthew Nygard, Treasurer

Pastoral Ministries

Baptisms:

Jaycee Carol Erickson



FINANCIAL UPDATE

June General Fund:

Revenues: \$35,484.36

Expenditures: \$43,360.90

2023 To Date:

Revenues: \$281,539.69

Expenditures: \$291,833.48

*Star Word
Reflection
Question*



Who have you shared your star word with? What were their initial thoughts and questions? How has that impacted your thoughts on your word?

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 **General Fund** in memory of Harold & Sarah.

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

Friends in Faith

My Friends in Faith,

This past June I presented the Little Missouri River Lost Bridge story to the Barnes County Historical Society in Valley City. One of Judy's comments was "It took us two hours to get to Valley City and seven hours to get home." She knows that travelling with me there are many roads home and that the shortest route is quite often not the one I take.

On our return to Bismarck from Valley City we followed the Sheyenne River to Lisbon. Then we motored to Oakes while observing the fertile farmlands of LaMoure and Dickey counties. At Ellendale we visited the campus of Trinity Bible College and then headed west. About ten miles west of Ellendale I turned south on a gravel road and we soon found ourselves at the South Dakota border. Heading west on a state line road we encountered cattle country and viewed the quartzite border markers that were installed in 1891. Reaching a paved road, we headed north to Ashley and then to Hague where we visited St. Mary's Catholic Church. Then to Linton and on to home.

Throughout my career with the ND Department of Transportation I learned that there are many roads home and whichever one I took was the right one. I have also learned that there are many roads to Heaven and the one that you take is the right road home.

Bennett R. Kubischta

7 July 2023, 8:19 am



Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

I recently watched a television interview with Gretchen Stenehjem from Watford City who has written a children's book entitled BUDDY THE DOG. This short story is about Buddy, the golden retriever, who has so much love to give. But after his accident, he no longer looks like the other dogs. Through Buddy's difficult search for friends, readers will learn to look past their fear of someone who looks different and learn to embrace each other's differences. The book is beautifully illustrated by Emily Hagen. Proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to Anne Carlsen School in Jamestown, North Dakota.

Bring your children and grandchildren to the church library to find other great books to read or to have read to them.

END OF SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHT ***WITH FOOD, ACTIVITIES, MUSIC AND WORSHIP***

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Fellowship starting at 5:30

Outdoor Worship at 7:00

**Join us on the West Lawn for activities and food,
followed by outdoor Worship.**

**Featuring music from Sounds of Faith
with Colleen Reinhardt!**

Please bring your own blankets and/or chairs!

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



The National Youth Gathering is a great opportunity for youth to grow in their faith and provide ministry to the New Orleans area! Youth in 8th-12th grades during the 2023-2024 school year are invited!

Travel Dates: around July 12 - July 22, 2024

Location: New Orleans, LA, with a stop in Memphis, TN

Cost: \$250 deposit (we hope to fundraise most of the remaining)

Reserve your spot: Verbal Commitment ASAP, Deposit of \$250 by September 1st. Call the office at (701) 223-2236 to speak with Cheryl or Caitlin, or Kenny when he returns to the office on Aug 1st.

More information: www.elca.org/gathering



SCHOOL KITS

Back to school and school supply sales are right around the corner! If you are shopping and see items to fill a school kit, we would greatly appreciate the donations. Here is the list of items needed for one kit:

70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, centimeter or inch ruler, pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink), box of 16 or 24 crayons and 2 ½ " eraser.

This list, along with items for the Baby and Personal Care Kits will be available at the Concierge's Desk. Items may be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for continuing to support this project!

STAFF EMAILS

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

Faith Lutheran's General Email

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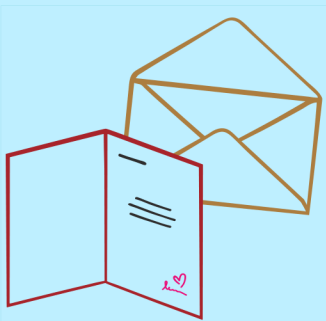
Janine Johannes

Music Coordinator

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FLCW CARDS

Make sure to check out the new location for FLCW cards for sale: In the back corner of the Gathering Place!



Pastor Derek's Parables



Grace and peace to you, sisters and brothers!

I have lived in and visited many different places in the United States. It's interesting how things can be so different and yet things can be so similar. The culture from one coast to another can differ so much that you might feel that you're in a different country altogether. Yet there are also many similarities.

For instances, one of the constants everywhere I've been to: people are familiar with a particular table prayer. "Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let this food to us be blessed. Amen." I'm sure that many of you are at the very least familiar with this prayer and many of you probably actually recite this very prayer every time you sit down with your family for a meal. There are some different variations, but it's mostly the same. Some people might say 'gifts' instead of 'food' and I've even heard some people add on to the ending of it.

I remember growing up with this prayer in my own home as a child. Every meal we would sit down and as a family we would recite this prayer. It became so rote, so common to me that I ceased to think about what I was actually praying for. Do you actually take the time to think about what you are praying for? Just the first three words are incredibly profound, "Come Lord Jesus." Come Jesus. Be present with us. Be our guest. Be here among us. What would it mean if we actually believe that Jesus was our guest and that Jesus did come among us? Would that change anything? Would that change how we ate? Would that change what we talked about? Would that change how we behaved if we knew that Jesus was present with us?

I think this is a deep prayer and not just for meal time. What if we woke up every morning and prayed "Come Lord Jesus, be a part of my day." Or "Come Lord Jesus, help me through this difficult time." Or "Come Lord Jesus, celebrate this moment with me!" This is what a relationship with Jesus is. Wanting and asking Jesus to be present in our lives, not just sometimes, but all of the time.

In Christ,
Pastor Derek

Pastor Sylvia Returns!

We are excited to have Pastor Sylvia back starting Monday, August 14! We are also grateful to Pastor Derek and Pastor Sharon Korsmo for keeping things running during the summer. Thanks!

Ed and Mary Wagner Fire Donation List

Two of our members, Ed and Mary Wagner, lost their home in a fire on July 2.

We would like to share their Go Fund Me page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/wagner-fire> and an Ed and Mary Wagner Benefit

Account open at Gate City Bank to help the family get back on their feet. We are also accepting donations of household items here at Faith Lutheran! You can bring them during office hours or service, just let a pastor or staff know.

Thank you!

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED

Bathroom:

- Body towels
- hand towels
- washcloths
- rugs
- toiletries
- blow dryer
- curling irons
- hair straighter
- garbage can

Kitchen:

- Hand towels
- dish clothes
- rugs
- potholders
- crockpot
- baking dishes
- pots & pans
- garbage can
- drinking glasses

Kitchen Continued

- steak knives & carving knives
- cutting board
- mixer
- baking utensils
- fridge
- stove
- spices
- any cleaning supplies

Bedroom:

- Bedding for 2 twin sized beds
- hangers
- laundry basket,
- nightstands
- lamps
- pillows
- throw blankets

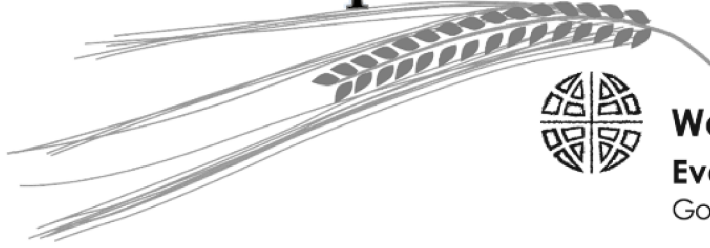
Living room:

- chair
- side tables
- lamps
- clocks
- picture frames
- TV's and TV stands

Miscellaneous:

- Storage totes
- card games
- board games
- books

Any other household items would be greatly appreciated!



A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Sister Congregations and Central African Republic Supporters,

In the April Gospel Seeds, you were invited to the Cities for a Centennial Celebration of our partner church in CAR. Many gathered from far and wide to celebrate, worship together, attend workshops, hear a panel of bishops, participate in a youth event, hear a panel about being a youth in the African church. There was history about the early church in Africa, live messages from their bishops with translation about church life today, and what they envision as we walk forward together in faith into the next chapter.

The celebration continues in Cameroun this October. Later in November Bishop Schweitzer plans to attend the centennial events in the Central African Republic. Here he will present your Synod Assembly resolution as a Certificate they can hang in their church offices, congratulating them as they mark 100 years of life in the Gospel, and recommitting us to future ministry together as companions in the common work to which our Lord calls us.

Year	\$ to CAR
2022	\$8,816.11
2021	\$12,000
2020	\$7,945.32
20219	\$25,313.76
2018	\$25,150.00



We are called to strengthen one another for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, and sharing of resources. Every year we raise funds for CAR, although in recent years we have seen a marked decline.

We could list many heartbreaking statistics about this land-locked country with so many needs, where a quarter of the population is displaced by continuous instability, and where life is so much shorter. As church together, we are called to address the bodily needs. The church there has schools, clinics, and Bible Schools we can support to help do this. As I listened to President Ngoe on the live feed, it was clear to me that even as we support these needs, we are ultimately ministering to the spirit, to those who hunger to meet Jesus. With us walking by them, the church there is best placed to nourish the heart, to strengthen believers, and to help us learn what it means to follow Christ in the midst of struggles.

Metigoshe Lutheran would like to challenge you to match their \$7,500 fundraiser, about the number of miles from Metigoshe to Bangui in CAR.

Acknowledging their blessings and all they have to share, Metigoshe Lutheran launch the "BRING US CLOSER" campaign to support our brothers and sisters of the CAR and give generously that they might be strengthened in God's love through us.

What is it that inspires you to generosity. Is it meeting people's physical and educational needs? Is it the thought of having our bishop there in person to greet them from you, or to help support their celebration of 100 years of hearing and sharing the Gospel? No matter what it is, each dollar sent is life changing and a rare opportunity to inspire them as they receive these gifts from Bishop Schweitzer's hand on your behalf. Join Metigoshe Lutheran in this exciting challenge to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Central African Republic.

Ruth Circle is Back!

One of our women's groups, Ruth Circle, will be starting back to their regular schedule (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm) on **Tuesday, September 12!** Join us as we continue our book study on *From Widows to Warriors* by Lynn Japinga.

Western North Dakota Synod of the ELCA



LYO 2023 @ the Baymont Hotel in Mandan

- High School: October 19-20
- Middle School: October 20-21



**LYO 2023 Featuring
Agape* and Joe Davis!**





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Garrison Golf Club,
Garrison, ND, 58540

PRAIRIE MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration at 10am
Shotgun Start at 11am
Supper to Follow for Golfers



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All proceeds will be used to
provide faith-filled experiences to
our guests. Camp is a place for
people of all ages to experience
Christ, family, grace, & God's call!

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WITH
CHRIST...



FOR
LIVES OF
FAITH...



THERE'S ALWAYS FUN ON AND OFF THE COURSE!



Golfing, Cart, and Supper: \$100

Golfing and Supper: \$80

Guest for Supper: \$20

Looking for more information like Hole
Sponsorships or would like to register?

Check your mail or contact our office!

(701) 337-2246
info@campofthecross.com

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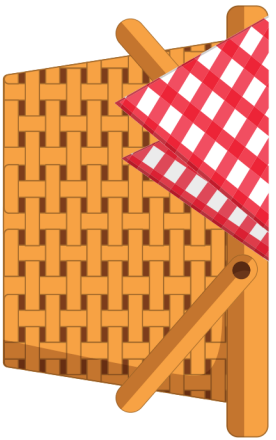
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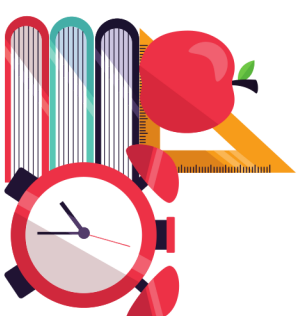
AUGUST: BECEP

BECEP, located across 14th Street from our church, works together with families and the community to support and promote Early Childhood Education. They serve children birth to 5 years old, and work with their families to give young children the best environments to grow and thrive in. We are asking for donations to help them in their mission! A full list can be found on the Concierge Table, and includes Clorox wipes, paper towels, toilet paper and dish soap, as well as some personal care items such as diapers and clothes. Thank you for your generosity!

"[Jesus] said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'" - Matthew 18:3-5



August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 Quilting	2 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	3 9:00 Esther Circle 1:00 Crafts 1:30 Mary Martha Circle	4 8:00 NA	5
6 9:30 Worship	7 7:00 AA	8 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Elementary Committee	9 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	10 Newsletter Deadline 1:00 Crafts	11 8:00 NA	12
13 9:30 Worship	14 7:00 AA	15 9:00 Quilting	16 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	17 1:00 Crafts	18 8:00 NA	19
20 9:30 Worship	21 5:00 Music and Worship 5:45 Stewardship 7:00 AA	22 9:00 Quilting 5:00 HR Committee 6:00 Compass Group 7:00 Executive Committee	23 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	24 1:00 Crafts	25 8:00 NA	26 9:30 Altar Guild
27 9:30 Worship	28 7:00 AA	29 9:00 Quilting	30 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 End of Summer Family Fun Night 7:00 Outdoor Worship	31 1:00 Crafts		

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*Volunteer for Rice
Pudding Booth!*



September 15 & 16
Downtowners Street Fair

We would like a volunteer
head-count by September 3 to
make sure we have enough
volunteers this year!

Rice Pudding Booth is back!
We need volunteers for:
Cooking
Driving
Booth Workers
Set Up and Tear Down.

We greatly enjoy this
tradition, and many hands
make light work! Even a 2
hour shift helps! Look for
sign-ups in the Gathering
Place, right next to the table
where we serve for Coffee
Hour!



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TWO TICKET OPTIONS

**\$15:
TICKET +
HAT**



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