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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."

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!

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

Pastor Derek Harkins
(Fridays off)

Pastor Sylvia Bull
(Fridays off)
(On Sabbatical starting June 14)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUMMER WORSHIP

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.

CONSTRUCTION AND NEW MAIN ENTRANCE

Starting this June, there will be construction on N. 14th Street and Avenue C for our concrete project. Due to this construction and an updated door system, we are moving our **main entrance** during the week to the **north door closest to the elevator**. This door will have a similar doorbell system to the one we have currently on our Avenue C doors. **We are scheduled for our updated door system the last week of May!**



FLC Executive Team

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

Pastoral Ministries

Funerals:

Bernadine Preabt
Barb Holwegner
Dean Willnow

Confirmations:

Mylee Foster
Harrison Schneider
Hanna Rydberg
Renee Biederstedt
Willow Davis
Taylor Felchle
Anna Groce
Brayden Keller
Lainey Murray
Ashlynn Rath
Addyson Schriock



FINANCIAL UPDATE

April General Fund:

Revenues: \$60,294.57

Expenditures: \$59,217.47

To Date:

Revenues: \$195,334.81

Expenditures: \$200,274.46

Star Word Reflection Question



Now that we're halfway through,
revisit the initial thoughts,
impressions, and prayers you first
had with your star word. How have
they changed? How have you
grown?

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 Rodney Bakke

For **General Fund** in memory of Leona Fried

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

Friends in

Faith



My Friends in Faith,

In the early 1960s U Thant was Secretary General of the United Nations. A Buddhist and a man of peace he once said “No difficult problem can be solved to the satisfaction of all sides. We live in an imperfect world and have to accept imperfect solutions. Which become more acceptable as we learn to live with them, and as time passes by.”

A half century ago this Catholic boy from Hope, North Dakota fell in love with a Lutheran girl from Makoti, North Dakota. It didn't matter to me where we were married at. It could have been by a Judge or at a wedding chapel in Las Vegas and I would have been happy. However, the Lutheran parents wanted us to get married in their church and the Catholic parents wanted us to get married in their church. One afternoon during this time of tribulation I wondered how this issue could be resolved. No prayers to God for help were given by me.

But God must have been listening. He brought together the Lutheran pastor from Makoti and the Catholic priest from Parshall. Probably, without their knowledge, God gave the pastor and the priest U Thant's message. This resulted in a plan that they would say the words of marriage together. Both sets of parents felt this action would honor their individual faith. That imperfect solution of 1973 became a perfect solution.

Bennett R. Kubischta

9 May 2023, 8:39 am



Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

Looking for reading material to take along to the campground, to read when you are at the lake, while sitting in a lawn chair in your backyard or staying indoors out of the heat and rain?? You'll find a great selection of items for everyone in your family in our church library. Bring your children to the library to find books that will bring them enjoyment as well as helping them to maintain their reading skills during their vacation from school.

My summer reading list is long and my lawn chair in the shade is beckoning! I hope you will keep me busy in the library filing check-out cards and emptying the book return basket!

CARE KITS

Think spring, summer, and rummage sales! While rummaging this summer, if you see items for the baby care kits and would like to help fill them, here is a list of the items needed: Lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies), long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers, receiving blankets, cotton or flannel, between 36" and 52" square, cloth diapers, jackets, sweaters or sweatshirt with a hood, socks, hand towels (dark color) bath size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 pz in original wrapping and diaper pins. Clothes size can be between 6 and 24 months. This list, along with items for the Personal Care and School Kits, will be available at the concierge's desk. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off at the church office. Thank you!

STAFF EMAILS

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

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

Graduating Seniors of Faith Lutheran 2023

Congratulations to our Graduates this year! God's blessings on your new journeys!



Rylee is planning to attend BSC and study psychology. Congratulations Rylee!

*Rylee
DeWall*

Hailey is planning to attend the University of Mary in the fall. Congratulations Hailey!



*Hailey
Dykema*



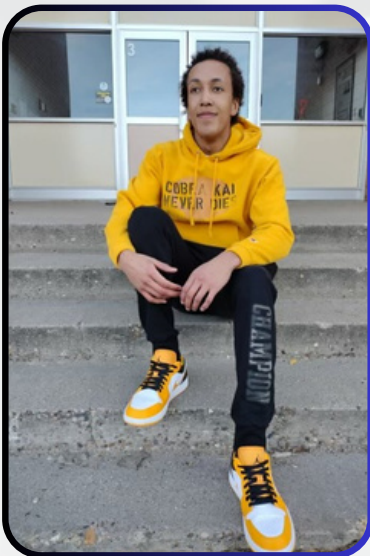
Traci is planning to attend the University of Mary in the fall. Congratulations Traci!

*Traci
Frank*

Aimee plans to study Graphic Design at BSC. Congratulations, Aimee!



*Aimee
Hausauer-
Johnson*



Alvin will be working at Camp of the Cross this summer as a counselor, and then will start classes at BSC this fall. Congratulations Alvin!

*Alvin
Nygard*





*Aidan
Odden*

Aidan graduated early from high school this past fall and is planning to attend BSC this upcoming fall, working towards becoming a Secondary History teacher. Congratulations Aidan!

TJ plans to attend NDSU in the fall.
Congratulations TJ!



*TJ
Olson*

Mya is planning to attend NDSU to major in Psychology. She also will be part of the Bison dance team. Congratulations Mya!



*Mya
Pfenning*





Hailey plans to take next year as a gap year, in order to work and spend time with family. Congratulations Hailey!

*Hailey
Rath*

Kira will be attending NDSU this fall with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Marketing. Congratulations Kira!



*Kira
Schneider*



Cyan has joined the ND National Guard and will complete basic training this summer at Ft. Sill in Oklahoma. He will continue his military training through the ND ROTC program at NDSU in the Fall, where he plans to major in Engineering. Congratulations Cyan!

*Cyan
Sorenson*



Brady will be attending BSC in the fall to work on his Associate Degree. He is currently undecided in his major, but is leaning toward Accounting. Congratulations Brady!

*Brady
Weatherly*

Bridget will be attending NDSU in the fall, with a major in Veterinary Technologies. Congratulations Bridget!



*Bridget
Weatherly*



Pastor Sylvia's Parables



I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6

By my calculations, as of June 1, we will have been in ministry together at Faith Lutheran Church for 2,280 days! Amazing! Much has happened over those days - joy and laughter, tears and sorrow, new life, sickness and death, and

a million other ordinary and extraordinary moments of life together in Christian community. I am so grateful for all that we have shared so far, and all that will we will continue to share together into the future. This past year in particular has been one of great joy for me as your pastor, as we emerge from the constraints of the pandemic and enjoy each other's presence anew.

As many of you know, being a pastor comes with a particular set of joys, but also a particular set of burdens: We carry the knowledge of the cares and concerns of the whole congregation and all its people. Death and sickness (and modern technology!) don't have much regard for days off or established plans. Leadership of any community, but especially of faith communities, can be as draining as it is life-giving at times.

This is why congregations are encouraged to offer sabbatical leave to their pastors after five or more years of service. It is a wonderful gift that enables us to have some respite from the constancy of being on-call, the weight of pastoral care concerns, and the responsibilities of planning, leading, and decision-making. It is an opportunity for us to re-set, to refocus our spiritual lives, and to rest, so that we can return to our beloved communities renewed for the good work of being God's people together.

Faith Lutheran offers three months of sabbatical to pastors who have served the congregation for six years or more. Last year, I was granted a month of my sabbatical early as renewal leave, due to the unusual circumstances of the pandemic, on top of the senior pastor transition that took place in 2019-2020. This summer, I will receive the remainder of that sabbatical. I will be on leave from June 14 through August 13. I will not be answering church-related emails, phone messages, or texts during this time. Pastor Sharon Korsmo will be assisting Pastor Derek in caring for the needs of the congregation while I am away. My plan for these two months is to spend time with family and friends, garden, rest, pray, and read. Seth and I will also be taking two trips: one to Spain in July and another to Montana to spend time with my family at the beginning of August.

As much as I am looking forward to this time away, I am also looking forward to being back with you at its end with new energy, excitement, and resources for our ministry together. While we are apart, know that I will carry you with joy and gratitude in my heart and in my prayers. I ask that you will do the same for me.

Thank you for this gift, and for calling me to be one of your pastors. May this summer be full of blessings for each of you and for our congregation.

In Christ,
Pastor Sylvia

Meet Pastor Sharon Korsmo!



While Pastor Sylvia is on Sabbatical, Pastor Sharon Korsmo will be assisting with various responsibilities around the church. Pastor Sharon grew up in the area, attending Faith Lutheran as a child. Along with her husband, retired Pastor Gayler Korsmo, she has lived all over the Upper Midwest as they both pursued their ministerial callings. Prior to serving in ministry, Pastor Sharon was a Social Worker and a Nursing Home Administrator. Pastor Sharon served for 21 years in various churches! When they retired, they decided to come back to the Bismarck-Mandan area to be near family. She and her husband are also members here at Faith!

Pastor Sharon has been retired for 10 years, but still keeps busy providing pulpit supply and helping various churches in the area. The Korsmos have two sons, one in Murrieta, CA and one in Denver. We are excited to have her!



**WND SYNOD
ASSEMBLY
JUNE 2-4, 2023
BISMARCK, ND**

Synod Assembly 2023

Saturday June 3 and Sunday June 4, 2023

Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center

Pre-Assembly Workshops: Friday, June 2

Please be in prayer for our Synod as we vote on various measures for the upcoming year! More information can be found on WND Synod Website.



Confirmation 2023



Congratulations to this year's Confirmands! We rejoice with you as you take your next steps in your faith journey!



Top row L to R: Pastor Derek, Harrison Schneider, Brayden Keller, Ashlynn Rath
Middle row L to R: Renee Biederstedt, Hanna Ryberg, Anna Groce, Taylor Felchle, Pastor Sylvia
Bottom Row L to R: Willow Davis, Addyson Schriock, Mylee Foster, Lainey Murray

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 by July 1st.

More information to come!

Cookbook Update!

We are excited to receive your submissions! We would like to clarify a few things: First, we would like **one** of your absolutely best recipes. This will help us to condense all our great recipes into one volume this year!

Second, we are requesting a **typed copy** be **emailed** to Kenny. This will help us save time on formatting the recipes. If you need help, it could be a great bonding experience with a friend or family member, and the library offers free computer use for those without one at home. Finally, we are looking for individuals to help with **editing and formatting** the cookbook! If you are interested, please contact Kenny.

MISSION

Focus

JUNE:

MOTHER THE CAMP

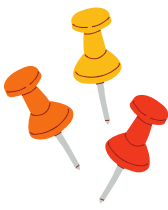


The summer camping season is almost here! As Camp of the Cross Ministries prepares to host campers of all ages this summer, they are asking for donations to ensure camp runs smoothly! Some ideas for us to gather here at the church include non-perishable food supplies (canned items, such as green beans, peaches & pineapples, peanut butter, condiments), napkins, paper towels, paper plates, ziplock bags (1 and 2 gallon, sandwich). Other ideas can be found on the Camp of the Cross website, or a printed list on the Concierge Table. Let's help our ministry partner serve campers this season!

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7



Church School, Confirmation, and Youth News



Thank you for your gifts in church school! We look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

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!

**FAITH
LUTHERAN
VBS 2023**

June 4-7
Sign-up Online
Under the Forms Tab

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Acolyting Schedule

Sundays in June

Volunteer Basis

Wednesdays in June

Hannah Ryberg

Riley Russell

Worship Assistant

Lucas Ryberg

MISSOURI SLOPE
LUTHERAN CARE CENTER FOUNDATION

5TH ANNUAL
Hillview Cup

MISSOURI SLOPE LUTHERAN CARE CENTER FOUNDATION
GOLF TOURNAMANT

July 13th, 2023

PRAIRIE WEST GOLF COURSE
2709 LONGSPUR TRAIL
MANDAN, ND 58554

The graphic has a green background with a white logo at the top. The text is in white and black, with the event name in a cursive font. There are two crossed golf clubs at the bottom.



June 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1 All Day 7th/8th Grade Retreat 9:00 Esther Circle 1:00 Crafts 1:30 Mary Martha Circle	2 All Day Western ND Synod Assembly 8:00 NA	3 All Day Western ND Synod Assembly
4 All Day Western ND Synod Assembly 9:30 Worship 5:30 VBS	5 6:00 VBS 7:00 AA	6 9:00 Quilting 6:00 VBS	7 6:00 VBS 7:00 Worship	8 1:00 Crafts	9 8:00 NA	10 Newsletter Deadline	
11 9:30 Worship 10:00 Camp of the Cross Sunday	12 7:00 AA	13 9:00 Quilting	14 7:00 Worship	15 1:00 Crafts	16 8:00 NA	17	
18 Father's Day 9:30 Worship	19 7:00 AA	20 9:00 Quilting	21 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	22 1:00 Crafts	23 8:00 NA	24 9:30 Altar Guild	
25 9:30 Worship	26 7:00 AA	27 9:00 Quilting 5:00 HR Committee 6:00 Compass Group 7:00 Executive Committee	28 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	29 1:00 Crafts	30 8:00 NA		

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Faith Lutheran Sunday

Sunday, June 11 2023 10:00 am Worship with Lunch to follow

The Men of Faith have arranged a Faith Lutheran Sunday at Camp of the Cross on June 11th. The Worship Service begins at 10:00am with lunch to follow. During and after lunch, we will see the new kitchen and fellowship/dining room named for Victor and Doreen Lemke, get caught up on the history of the camp, and learn how members of our church and our Mission Partner work together to serve our youth and adults. We will have sign up sheets to help match up riders and drivers, and get a head count for lunch. All are invited!