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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."

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)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

8:30am & 11am

WEDNESDAY:

7:00pm

LIVESTREAM AT

SUN 8:30am &

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.



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:

MAY 8 @ Faith Lutheran (1402 E Ave C, Bismarck)

JUNE 19 @ Faith Lutheran

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

FLC Executive Team

Jim Sheldon, Chair

Amy Steiner, Vice-Chair

Lyla Timm, Vice-Chair

Mark Schneider, Secretary

Billie Ann Caya, Treasurer

Pastoral Ministries

Funerals:

Dennis Fallgatter

Shyrl Lindteigen

Harold Uttke

Baptisms:

Bodie Alan Barden

Khloe Miller

Nicky Guy Jolliffe II



FINANCIAL UPDATE

March General Fund:

Revenues: \$44,635.49

Expenditures: \$50,157.98

2025 Year-to-Date:

Revenues: \$151,778.28

Expenditures: \$163,978.52

STAR WORD

Reflection Question

How has reflection on your
Star Word impacted your
daily life? Have you started
or dropped any habits?

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 Jean Bull

For **Endowment Fund**, in memory of Jean Bull.

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



Death Along the Missouri River

The Missouri River will not release their bodies to the living until she is ready to do so. The great river flowing past our homes provides us with the water of life that feeds and cleans us. She provides us relaxation and adventure in boating, fishing, hiking, and quite often we just sit and admire her beauty.

The Missouri also holds death. Across the centuries, lives have ended along her shores and within her waters. Some of those deaths were accidental and some were by people who were suffering.

On Easter morning, April 8, 1917, six men got into a row boat on the Mandan side of the river. The Missouri was in flood stage, but these salesmen wanted to get home. The Bismarck Tribune reported that they wanted "to be with their wives and children on the great day of spring- time joy." The current was swift, the winds were strong and about 150 feet from the western shore the boat capsized. Five of the six men drowned. Their bodies were recovered.

In June 1923, Eva Robinson dropped from the North Dakota Liberty Memorial Bridge and was drowned. She had been seriously ill for a year and a half and was enduring intense suffering. The Tribune reported "that the continual pain and hopelessness of recovery led her to take her own life." Efforts to recover her body were fruitless and Eva's body still lies somewhere in the river.

The lives of three of my Department of Transportation friends ended along or in the Missouri River. Don, Rueben, and Sandy were suffering, and death by suicide was the answer to their pain. Don and Rueben died along the shore and their bodies were recovered. Sandy's death was in the water.

Sandy's parents knew she was suffering and were planning to get her help, but she died before they were able to do that. It was a cold November Saturday evening in 1996 when she parked her car in the parking lot below the Grant Marsh bridge. Her young son was with her. It was determined that she held John and walked into the river and drowned. An intensive search occurred and their bodies were not found.

In 2011, the Missouri River once again defied man and flooded. I prayed that the torrent of water would lift Sandy and John up from their resting place and return them to

us. The Missouri was not yet ready to release the bodies of my friend and her son to the living.

Bennett R. Kubischta

April 11, 2025, 9:30 am



Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

In this season of spring we look forward to the many signs of renewal in nature and, perhaps, within ourselves. There is newness in the church library, as well, in the presence of new books that have been and continue to be accessioned and ready for checkout. I am grateful for the assistance of volunteers who are helping me to get new materials ready for the bookshelves. Many of the new additions have been donated along with some newly purchased items.

We started with adding books to our children's section. These range from boardbooks for toddlers to books of interest for older readers. I encourage you to bring your children or grandchildren to the library to find books to read or have read to them.

Spring Congregational Meeting

Join us on Sunday, May 11th at 9:45am for our Spring Congregational Meeting! Come hear how 2025 has gone so far, and help us plan for the future.

Crafter Cards

The Faith Crafters have handmade Confirmation, Mother's Day, Graduation, Father's Day and Wedding cards available for purchase on a table in the Gathering Area.



Offering Plate Restoration

Patience and talent, virtues that some possess and many wish they did. There are at least two among us who are blessed with this, especially in the form of refurbishing. Take a look at these before and after pictures of offering collection plates that both Vince Berger and Ray Utter have taken the time to repair and restore. Thank you much, gentlemen....now, if only we could find a way to best utilize these....hmm ?



Before



After

STAFF EMAILS

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

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Pastor Derek's Parables



Grace and peace to you, sisters and brothers!

We find ourselves in the time of the year usually dedicated to celebrating Milestones – endings and beginnings. It is the time for graduations, the end of the school year, the beginning of summer, the beginning of wedding season, among others. For me, this time of year has become the time of transition. All transitions are difficult. It doesn't matter whether they are wanted transitions or unwanted transitions, perceived 'good' transitions or perceived 'bad' transitions – they are all hard to navigate and work through. Trust me when I tell you that I have been through enough of them to know.

Part of the problem with transitions, I think, is that we never feel ready for them. Time is fleeting. The older I get the more I know this to be true. The month of May is the birth month of my two daughters who will be turning 12 and 9. My oldest is now 15. This is the reality and yet my brain and my heart say that can't be true. I find myself looking at my children and asking myself, "Where did the time go?" I remember always being told when I was young that time would do this, and I never believed them. Guess what? I sure believe them now.

I think this is why we don't like transitions very much. Transitions sneak up on us because time is flying by and we never feel prepared. Even though I know my children will and must grow older, transitioning into being independent human beings, I still am not prepared for those moments. I want time to stand still. Transition would be much easier if time stood still!

In the end though, time and transition remind me of one thing — I am not in control. I am not in control of my life. I am not in control of my children's lives. I most certainly do not control time or the many transitions and beginnings and endings that come about in time. If I dwell on my lack of control I will begin to despair. But then I remember one very important fact. I am not God. God is God and thank God for that! Sisters and brothers, while we are not in control and time does run away from us, please know and constantly remind yourself that God is with you! As Psalm 121 proclaims to us, "The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore." God guides you and comforts you. God grieves with you and celebrates with you amidst your

Pastor Derek's Parables Continued

different transitions in life. And through it all, brothers and sisters, God is in control and we are not. We thank God for that!

In Christ,
Pastor Derek

Local Events

Make sure to Save the Date for the following local events coming up this spring and summer!

Bloomin Light: Out of the Darkness Gala

Join Mental Health America of North Dakota and North Dakota Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, in partnership with Ken's Flower Shop, for a gala helping to raise awareness for our communities mental health needs. The event will be held

Thursday, May 22, 2025 from 5:30pm to 9pm at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck, with a silent auction, appetizers, cash bar, speakers and a floral runway show. Tickets are \$40, and can be purchased up to the day of the event. Call Ken's Flower Shop at (701) 255-1130 or Mental Health America at (701) 255-3692 for more details. Tickets can be purchased at donorbox.org/events/747337

Prairie Lake Festival

Join Camp of the Cross for the Prairie Lake Festival on **Saturday, June 21 in the fellowship Center at camp,** with a viewing of quilts **starting at 9:30am,** a live auction at 11am, as well as a silent auction. Purchase some new quilts, and help support our mission partner, Camp of the Cross!

Missouri Slope Hillview Cup

Join Missouri Slope on **Thursday, July 10th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm** for their annual golf tournament! Enjoy a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, golf cart rental, lunch, dinner, social & more! Go to their website to register, and support our mission partner!



Easter Mums



Thank you to the following for providing our Easter Mums!

Purchased by:

Dennis & Eileen Fallgatter
Heather Schmidt
Casey, KennaDee & Callie Carlson
Vince & Dalene Berger, and Carol Subbert
Larry & Shelley Hill
Ileen & Mike Silvernagel
Cheri & Charles Foy
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Crystal Martin and Sherry Richardson
Bonnie Kubler
Jenell Loftesnes
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Roberta Modin
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Sylvia Brown
Jim & Susan Sheldon
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Pat & Gary Ritter
Marge Loritz
Joe & Linda Dietrich
Myra & Kevin Kosse
Deb & Randy Diede
Barb Fischer
Pat & Kent French
Darcey & Clyde Thompson
Sheila Just

In Honor/Memory of:

Loved Ones
Jan Hugh
Keith Hanson
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Verna Bauer
Jody Foy and Jim Goertz
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Beverly & Jerry Zins
Howard Loftesnes
Herbie Gebhart, Ray & Millie Schmidt, Leota
Harkins, Al & Helen Bunning, Chuck Harkins,
Donnie Blankenbeckler
Loved Ones
Lyle
Bernice Utter
Herman Preszler
Emil & Katie Preszler
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Raymond
George
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Lu Miller
Lu Miller
Lu Miller
Leo & Violet Just



Church School News



For the last quarter we will be supporting Friends of Lantern Hill. Lantern Hill provides backpacks, school supplies, tuition fees for high school and college students, holiday celebrations, Christmas gifts, and a summer enrichment program to a community in Baja California, Mexico. Lantern Hill aims to break the cycle of poverty in the community by providing education and other supports.

NC Mission Trip Sponsors

Thank you to everyone that has already become a NC Mission Trip Sponsor! As of April 30th, **we have raised \$4,600 of our goal of \$8,000 for the trip.** If you are interested in contributing to the NC Mission Trip, write out a check with "NC Mission Trip Sponsor" in the memo line, or use this QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity!



Use this QR code to become a
NC Mission Trip Sponsor!

May Acolyte Schedule

Sundays

8:30 - Open

11:00 - Ailee Harkins/Maya Harkins

Wednesdays

7:00 - Sam Guerts (7, 14)

Ryan Zinke/Cash Murray (21, 28)

Tech Assistant - Ethan Hargrove

CARE KITS

Think spring, summer, and rummage sales! While rummaging this spring & summer, if you see items for the baby care kits and would like to help fill them, here is a list of the items currently needed: socks and lightweight shirts, 6-24 months for both boys and girls. We currently have enough pants. The full list, along with lists for the Personal Care and School Kits, will be available on the back counter later in May. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off at the church office. Thank you!

MISSION Focus



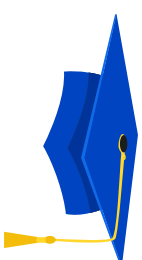
MAY: CAMP OF THE CROSS SHOWER THE CAMP

Camp of the Cross is looking for donations to help jumpstart their busy summer camp season! We will be accepting donations of stamps (regular & postcard), Avery 5160 mailing labels, #10 envelopes, copy paper, white cardstock paper, colored cardstock paper, paint (acrylic or tempera), colored construction paper and embroidery floss (or other bracelet making threads). A full list of needs is available on our website, on our Facebook, and paper copies on the back counter.

"[Jesus] said to them, 'Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'" Mark 10:14-15



May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Confirmation Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Book Study 11:00 Worship 12:30 NC Trip Meeting 4:00 Cub Scouts	5 12:30 AARP Driving Class 5:00 Worship and Music 7:00 AA	6 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 5:15 BIO Girls 7:00 Scouts	7 10:00 Book Study 5:30 Handbells 5:30 BLAST Meal 6:00 Church School 6:00 Book Study 7:00 Worship	8 2:00 Knit & Crochet Group 5:00 Scripture Circle 7:00 Ruth Circle	9 8:00 NA	10 Newsletter Deadline
11 Mother's Day 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Cong. Meeting 11:00 Worship	12 7:00 AA	13 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 5:15 BIO Girls 7:00 Scouts	14 Senior Rec Wednesday 10:00 Book Study 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Church School 6:00 Book Study 7:00 Worship	15	16 8:00 NA	17
18 Senior Rec Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 5th Grade P/S 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	19 7:00 AA	20 9:00 Quilting 25:15 HR Committee 5:15 BIO Girls 7:00 Scouts	21 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Worship	22 6:00 Knit & Crochet Group	23 8:00 NA	24
25 9:30 Worship	26 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 7:00 AA	27 8 th Grade Retreat 9:00 Quilting	28 8 th Grade Retreat 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Worship	29 8 th Grade Retreat	30 WND Synod Assembly 8:00 NA	31 WND Synod Assembly

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8-11

**\$20 per child or
\$30 per family**

**Games, Snacks,
Crafts, Music**

4 year olds-entering 6th grade

**Sunday, June 8th: 5:30pm-8pm
with pizza party**

Monday, June 9th: 6pm-8pm

Tuesday, June 10th: 6pm-8pm

**Wednesday, June 11th: 6pm-8pm with
church service performance at 7pm**

Register at

www.faithbismarck.com/forms

