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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."

CONSTRUCTION AND NEW MAIN ENTRANCE

Construction on Avenue C has begun! Please use the North Lot while construction is going on. We are moving our **main entrance** during the week to the **north door closest to the elevator**. This door has a similar doorbell system to the one we have currently on our Avenue C doors. **Once construction is complete, either door can be used to access the building during the week.**



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
(On Sabbatical)

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:

Cove Dylan Martin



FINANCIAL UPDATE

May General Fund:

Revenues: \$39,810.52

Expenditures: \$46,787.68

To Date:

Revenues: \$246,055.33

Expenditures: \$248,472.58

Star Word
Reflection
Question



How can your star word encourage and inspire your times of sabbath and rest? What restorative practices can you participate in during this season?

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 and Barb Holwegner

For **General Fund** in memory of Stuart Pfenning, Dean Willnow and Barb Holwegner

For **Altar Guild** in memory of Barb Holwegner

For **Church School** in memory of Barb Holwegner

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

Friends in

Faith



My Friends in Faith,

This morning, while I was cleaning Grackle droppings from our patios I got to thinking about Lyle Duppong of Glen Ullin. One of my roles with the ND Department of Transportation was managing the rest area construction program. The I-94 Hailstone Creek Rest Areas between New Salem and Glen Ullin were completed in 1996. He began as the caretaker of these sites at that time and he is still there. I like to visit with him when I stop.

Lyle cleans one rest area and then goes to the other to clean it. Quite often, almost as soon as he leaves the one just cleaned a user leaves a mess. Then the next user complains to the NDDOT about the messy rest area.

Grackles do not understand that they leave messes and since I understand that, I will clean the droppings they leave. People get involved in messy situations that we believe they should be able to clean up by themselves. The reality is that they need help. Have we helped them or have we complained about them?

Bennett R. Kubischta

7 June 2023, 10:00 am



Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

If reading mystery books is of interest to you, you'll find several selections available in the church library.

Terri Blackstock, in her three book series entitled IF I RUN, IF I'M FOUND and IF I LIVE, combines intrigue, mystery and spiritual truth to the delight of her readers. The library also has her four book CAPE REFUGE series.

VISIBLE THREAT was written by Janice Cantore, a retired 22-year member of the Long Beach Police Force who now writes suspense novels. This book tells the story of a female police officer who is flung into a dangerous frontier— an organized human trafficking ring. Cantore's career and experiences offer authenticity to her novels.

We have a collection of mystery books for elementary age readers and a few selections for younger readers as well.

Books fitting this genre have been pulled from the shelves and are on display in the library ready for check-out.

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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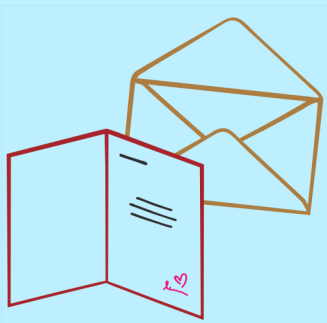
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(Out of the Office until Aug 1)

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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!

FLC Sunday at Camp of the Cross

June 11, 2023



Our Faith Lutheran group who took part in the morning Worship Service enjoyed a delicious noon meal and heard reports about the interesting history of Camp of The Cross Ministries.

Our former pastor, Pastor Erwin Wieland, was one of the signers of the Articles of Incorporation and the first Bible Campers were there in 1954. The question remains: Were the original buildings for the camp brought from the Garrison Dam site over the ice, or were they brought in before the lake filled up to the shores of the Camp?



Pastor Derek's Parables



Grace and peace to you sisters and brothers in Christ!

As I write this newsletter article in my office, I am hearing the work of construction being done outside. The concrete workers are busy and hard at work on our parking lots and sidewalks. By the time you read this I am certain that the work will be done and we will be enjoying the fruits of their labor. However, while it's being done it can make work a little more difficult. It can be loud with heavy machines or yelling from the workers. It is messy work. It also is forcing us to change

some of our habits. For instance, I am still in the habit of driving down Avenue C and parking in the parking lot that is no more. I now have to park in the North lot and enter from the North door which I have almost never done. I am reminded that human beings truly are creatures of habit and that changing habits and routines is difficult, but it's also necessary.

I'm also currently in the middle of some house projects — which means that my whole life is in disarray both at work and at home. Ha! I like to do my own home repairs/projects if I'm able to, because I do like working with my hands and the feeling of accomplishment, but they can also be terrifying to start. You never know how they will turn out or what problems you might encounter. I have learned that projects never go as planned both in scope and duration. While the hiccups, the mess, and the disarray can be frustrating at times, it is always so nice when you are on the other side and you can see the work that has been done and what has been accomplished.

Just like our properties and our homes, we too need to be worked on occasionally. Whether physically, mentally, emotionally, and/or spiritually we sometimes need to “demo a room” and make space for some self improvements. If working in the mess of home repair is hard, I have to admit that living amidst the work of “self repair” is even more difficult. But it is also incredibly rewarding. I have found that it is actually in those moments where my life is a little “torn up” that growth happens. It is in those moments of discomfort that we are pushed to grow beyond ourselves.

In so many ways this is what the Holy Spirit is up to in our lives. Causing discomfort and pushing us out of our comfort zones so that we might grow into the people that God has created us to be. I encourage you to step into the discomfort and fear of that difficult work that the Spirit is nudging you to do. And most importantly know that you don't have to do that work alone. You have a faithful community here who will walk with you and cheer you on. More importantly you have God with you. While the Spirit's presence can seem like nagging and prodding, it is also the reassurance that God is with you through it all.

I pray for you as you work through your summer projects, no matter what they may be.

In Christ, Pastor Derek

SAVE THE DATE

**End of Summer Family Fun Night
with Food and Worship**

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Fellowship starting at 5:30

Outdoor Worship at 7:00

West Lawn, Faith Lutheran Church

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 (Kenny will be out of the office until August 1st).

More information: www.elca.org/gathering

Confirmation Retreat 2023

Our pastors and rising 8th and 9th grade youth enjoyed their retreat in Medora!

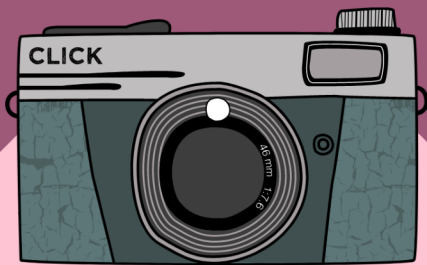


2023 Synod Assembly



L to R: Jim Sheldon, Amy Steiner, Pastor Derek, Matthew McCleary, Caitlin Angermeyer, Lyla Timm, Pastor Sylvia

Our delegates to the 2023 Synod Assembly had a fulfilling time not only voting on business for the synod, but also connecting with other churches in the area and participating in bible studies and worship! A summary of what happened during this years assembly can be found on the Concierge Table, as well as at: <http://wndsynod.org/synod-assembly>.



**PICTURES
NEEDED!**

Send photos to
communications.bisfaith@gmail.com

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!**





VBS 2023

Thank you to our VBS volunteers! Our children had a great time during the super hero themed week, and had a great program to present during the June 7th service!

MISSION Focus

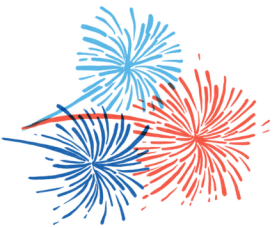


JULY: PROJECT ARMCHAIR

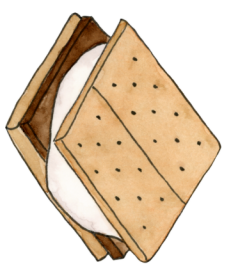
Project Armchair is a local non-profit dedicated to promoting literacy among children going through difficult life events. Professional educators read to children in hospitals and family homeless shelters, using their knowledge and skills to help the children build up their literacy skills and help provide reprieve from difficult situations. The children then receive the book so they can keep reading themselves! They are requesting NEW books for various age ranges. Specific titles can be found on the Concierge table, as well as on their website:

<https://www.projectarmchair.org/wish-list>. Direct financial donations are also greatly appreciated.

"[Jesus] said to them, "Let the little 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." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them." - Mark 10: 14b-16



July 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 Worship	3 7:00 AA	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	6 9:00 Esther Circle 1:00 Crafts 1:30 Mary Martha Circle	7 8:00 NA	8
9 9:30 Worship	10 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 AA	11	12 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	13 9:00 Missouri Slope Hillview Cup (Prairie West Golf Course) 1:00 Crafts	14 8:00 NA	15
16 9:30 Worship	17 7:00 AA	18	19 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	20 1:00 Crafts	21 8:00 NA	22
23 9:30 Worship	24 7:00 AA	25	26 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship	27 1:00 Crafts	28 8:00 NA	29
30 9:30 Worship	31 7:00 AA					

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LUTHERAN CARE CENTER FOUNDATION

5TH ANNUAL

Hillview Cup

MISSOURI SLOPE LUTHERAN CARE CENTER FOUNDATION
GOLF TOURNAMANT

July 13th, 2023



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