



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."

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

Pastor Derek Harkins
(Fridays off)

Pastor Sylvia Bull
(Fridays off)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:30 & 11am
LIVESTREAM AT 8:30am
WEDNESDAY: 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.



**Mark your calendars -
October 22nd is
Pie & Coffee Day!
9am - 2pm**



This is the day to participate in some great fellowship with others from our community as well as a chance to purchase some great items!

Throughout the day, enjoy a piece of pie/muffin/roll with a cup of coffee. There will be a baked goods area where you can purchase a variety of homemade baked goodies. And of course, this will include lefse and knoephla.

Look for the new hand crafted items and browse through the White Elephant rooms. And of course, the youth will be serving homemade soups and sandwiches over the noon hour.



Set up for this fun day will begin on Thursday, October 20th. So please wait until this day to bring your slightly used items. (There is no room at the church to store the items prior to this day.) Please no clothes or shoes.



Put your creative ideas together and help us make this another successful bazaar.

Just like any other great event, many volunteers are needed. Please consider adding your name to the schedule that you can find at the concierge desk. There are various opportunities and shifts available.



Lefse and knoephla making will take place on Thursday, October 20.... No prior experience is needed in creating these coveted items.



Mark your calendars for these special days and come join in the fun!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Connie Isaak (258-2025) or Jill Power (222-8511).

FLC Executive Team

Jim Sheldon, Chair

Avis Pedersen, Vice-Chair

Lyla Timm, Vice-Chair

Mark Schneider, Secretary

Matthew Nygard, Treasurer

Pastoral Ministries

Baptisms:

Leighton Allen Dockter

Laurel Adele Ehrhardt

Palmer June Ehrhardt

Funerals:

Tony Volochenko, Jr

Myron Gunderson

Tammy Huft

Elroy Dockter

Weddings:

Zoya Baker & Damon Wanner



FINANCIAL UPDATE

August General Fund:

Revenues: \$38,146

Expenditures: \$46,670

To Date:

Revenue: \$345,751

Expenditures: \$374,217

ALL SAINTS' DAY

LUMINARIA WALK

SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 6PM-7PM

Join us outside in the north parking lot for a brief candlelight prayer service, as we remember those who have died in the past year. Prayer service will begin at 6pm. Luminaria walk will be open for personal prayer until 7pm.

To submit names of family or friends who have died for the luminaria, email or call the church office. If you are interested in helping set up for the walk, please contact the church office.



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

Pastor Sylvia's Parables

"Jesus said, "Other seed fell into good soil and bore fruit. Upon growing and increasing, the seed produced in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of one hundred to one..."

Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain.

Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime." Mark 4:8, 26-29



I'm relatively new to gardening; this is the first year I've been able to have a full garden, and not just a tomato plant or two in pots. And I have to say, I feel a bit like the clueless farmer in Jesus' parable, who haphazardly scatters some seed and then just hopes for the best. It's harvest time now for my garden, and the miraculous thing is that, despite my general lack of knowledge, a near-total failure to actually plan my garden plot, and being gone for several weeks in the heart of summer - despite all of that, quite a few things actually managed to grow and thrive! Seth and I have been inundated with tomatoes, zucchinis, and acorn squashes - more than I could have possibly hoped for. A harvest of 30-, 60-, and 100-fold!

I don't take much credit for this abundant harvest. Some friends gave us a load of compost at the beginning of the summer, creating good soil. Other growers started most of the plants, nurturing them from tiny seeds into plants that could withstand the stress of moving to the outside world once summer was here. Plentiful rains fell from the sky a lot of the time - not due to any work or effort on my part, but a pure gift from God. Friends and neighbors kept an eye on things and tended the garden while we were away. And ultimately, the earth produced of itself: first the vine, then the flower, then the baseball bat-sized zucchini from the flower.



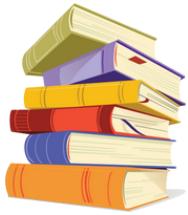
But now the crop is ready, and this "farmer" is reaping a harvest that is pure gift - the result of so much effort and goodness from outside myself.

So many things in life are like this: goodness we receive that we affected not at all or only haphazardly - like the farmer in the parable. Goodness that comes from the labor of others, or from the inherent goodness of God's creation. And yet we have the opportunity to harvest it, to bring this goodness in from the field so that it can bless our lives, nourish our bodies and souls, and be shared with others. What a gift!

What harvests of goodness are ready in the fields of your life? In the life of our community? Can we recognize our call to participate in the gathering and

sharing of that harvest, even as we give thanks for and honor the work and growth that was not our own? Can we embrace the role of the inept and clueless rookie farmer, who nevertheless sees and brings in the harvest? I hope so! For the harvest will surely come, plentifully so, with a need for many hands to share its goodness.

God, your kingdom produces an abundant harvest of goodness all on its own. Help us to recognize its bounty among us, to give thanks for all those who have helped nurture it, and to participate in sharing its abundance with the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

Thank you, Pastor Derek and Jessica, for gifting the book GRACE GALLOPS to our church library. The author, Vicki Vogel Schmidt of West Fargo, is the mother of a friend of theirs.

We often hear the comment, "You should write a book," said to people about their life experiences. That is what Vicki Vogel Schmidt did. In her autobiography she shares her stories of personal pain and resilience as well as the stories of people whose pain became hers. This is the story of her lifelong commitment to justice and peace, care of the neighbor, hospitality and welcome.

As one reader stated, "Vicki shares the stories of people around the world that she has touched, fed, housed, healed, inspired, and shared the love of Christ with as she faithfully and humbly welcomed the stranger and in so doing, welcomed Christ."

I strongly recommend reading this book. As another reader stated, "The world is a better place because of Vicki. We need many more like her".



MISSION Focus

OCTOBER:
**COMMUNITY ACTION
BACKPACKS FOR KIDS**



The Backpacks for Kids program has been serving food- and housing-insecure students in the Bismarck-Mandan area since 2006. Students are sent home with a backpack of food to help supplement meals over the weekends when they are not in school. The program currently serves over 1300 students at 40 area schools.

One pound jars of peanut butter or other nut butters are needed for this program. How many can we collect?

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

Friends in Faith Column

Back in March of 2020 when COVID caused the church to move online, many members faithfully signed up for online giving or mailed their offering into the church. One of those members was the Kubischtas. Every week they would faithfully mail in their offering, and, much to the joy of the FLC staff, Ben would include a handwritten note about his wonderings, prayers, and where he was experiencing God throughout his week. Each week as these notes would be read during our staff meeting we would often be pulled into deeper thought and connection through Ben's writing. I am so pleased to be able to say that Ben has agreed to share his writing in a regular column for our monthly News and Views! I hope you enjoy them as much as we have. -Pastor Derek

My Friends in Faith,

In 1962 Carole King and Gerry Goffin wrote the song Up on the Roof. They told a story about a person who needed their own special place. A place of peace, quiet, relaxation, and contemplation. A place where "all my cares just drift right into space."

We all need our own Up on the Roof place. It could be your room when you get home from school. It could be under your favorite tree or when you're feeding the cows. Your place could be sitting on the shore of your favorite lake while watching your bobber. Or it could be sitting in your favorite chair while your home is quiet.

Mine is on my early morning walks. That time of day when the city is awakening and those that watched over us throughout the night are going to bed. It is my place where I find God's peace and advice as my mind works through tasks ahead of me.

Where is your Up on the Roof place?

Ben Kubischta

5 September 2022, 9:04 am





Church School News



1st Quarter Church School offering is going towards Samaritans Purse. They are an international relief organization. We have teachers in place for both Sunday and Wednesday so that is good news. If anyone would like to be involved I can still find a place for you. Our theme this year is Jesus is my superhero. With the love of God we can all be a superhero to someone!

Acolyting Schedule for Sunday in October

8:30 AM- Conner Kuntz

11:00AM- Betty & Clarence Forward

Acolyting Schedule for Wednesday in October

Acolyte- Avery Brown & Harper Franklund

Worship Assistant- Bennett Brown

Parent/Student Sessions scheduled in October will be for 4th graders

Sunday- 16 & 30

Wednesday- 12 & 26

Confirmation News

We will be contacting people in the future to be a mentor for our youth. It is a great chance to have a few meetings with one of our youth.

Youth News

We would like to have a fun activity. We will need at least 6 people to sign up. We will set up a date to do Trapped in Bismarck. Be paying attention to the blast notifications.

LYO- Lutheran Youth Organization will be Thursday- October 20 for the High School and Friday October 21 for the Middle School. Please contact Kenny if you plan on attending.



The Men of Faith are inviting all to attend the following AARP presentation on the Six Pillars of Brain Health provided by Barb Handy-Marchello from AARP. This event will be held at FLC on Thursday, 6-Oct-2022 @ 9:00AM.

The Six Pillars of Brain Health

It's never too late to take charge of your brain health. In this interactive session, you will learn about the six pillars of a brain-healthy lifestyle, share your brain-boosting activities, and be inspired by others. This session is a good overview for anyone interested in improving their brain health and will provide you with actionable steps you can take along with resources to learn more.

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Star Word
Reflection
Question

What connections do
you see between your
star word and the Holy
Spirit's work of
reformation?