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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."

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)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:30am & 11 am
WED: 7:00pm
LIVESTREAM AT SUN 8:30
& WED 7:00

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 AM - 12 PM
1:00 PM - 5 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - Noon

Pastoral Care

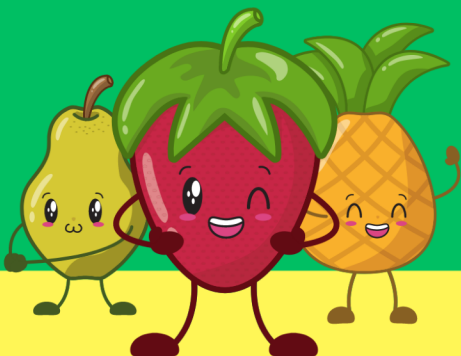
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Answering machine is available
evenings and weekends when
the office is not staffed.

Office is not open during the
lunch hour.

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

FLC Executive Team

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

Pastoral Ministries

Funerals:

Arlan Mann
Clarence Rieger
Errol "Lee" Wood
Mindie Meidinger

Weddings:

Caitlin Angermeyer &
Matthew McCleary



FINANCIAL UPDATE

July General Fund:

Revenues: \$46,726.44
Expenditures: \$42,336.30

2023 To Date:

Revenues: \$327,464.55
Expenditures: \$334,169.78

Star Word
Reflection
Question



How could you use your
Star Word, and your
journey with it, to teach
others?

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** in memory of Clarence Rieger.

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

Friends in Faith

My Friends in Faith,

A while back, my morning walking route took me through a local hotel parking lot. While reviewing license plates to see where the guests were from, I encountered a lady sitting on the curb in front of the front door to the hotel. She was having a coffee and a smoke. During our visit she told me that they were from out of state and she used to live in Bismarck from the late 1960s to the mid 1970s.

She went to her old home and saw how the outside had changed. Then she knocked on the door and it opened. She explained to the lady who answered her knock about when she lived in her house. The lady in the house appeared to be ill at ease with the stranger at her door. Because the owner was hesitant, she never asked to be let in. I, too, am uneasy when a stranger comes to my door. And I believe Jesus wants me to err on the side of safety.

I also believe that Jesus tells me that doors between myself and the stranger are everywhere I go. And he asks me "What kind of stranger at your door would you help?" A question most difficult for myself, and for you, to answer.

Bennett R. Kubischta

8 August 2023, 1:37 pm



Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

When I learned that Lauraine Snelling had written a new 3 book series called Leah's Garden, I purchased the books because so many of our readers enjoyed her other series and stand alone books. Snelling was a writing mentor for Kiersti Gion so the two of them worked together to write this series. The series tells the story of four sisters who travel in a wagon train from their home in Ohio to settle in Nebraska to homestead. The authors combined historical research with fictional adventures, challenges, and hopes for accomplishments. I enjoyed reading these books and will venture a guess that the series will eventually include more books.

These books are on display on the new arrivals shelf in the library.

Welcome Back Men of Faith!

Hey, Men of Faith, summer vacation time is almost over and it's time to get back into the groove. September's meeting date will be held on **Thursday, 14 September at 9:00 am** at which time we will have **Jane Link from the Dakota Children Advocacy Center** provide a presentation detailing the services they provide to our community. I do have some thoughts for future event's, but would ask that you bring your ideas to the next meeting. Welcome back Gents.

New Members!

Interested in becoming a church member, or learning more about it? Please call the church office or let one of the Pastors know! We would like to have new member orientation and a service toward the end of October, so keep an eye out for announcements!

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.

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!



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!**

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Janine Johannes

Music Coordinator

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Allen Dockter will be teaching an **AARP Driver Safety Class**, where you can learn defensive driving techniques, find out how to adjust driving to age-related changes, and get a discount on your car insurance! A **4-hour class will be offered on October 16th at Faith Lutheran Church from 12:30 – 4:30 pm**. The cost of the course is **\$20.00 per person for AARP Members and \$25.00 for non-members**. To register for the class, contact Cheryl at the church office: (701) 223-2236 or Allen Dockter: (701) 255-3715. The class must be taken every three years to get your insurance discount.

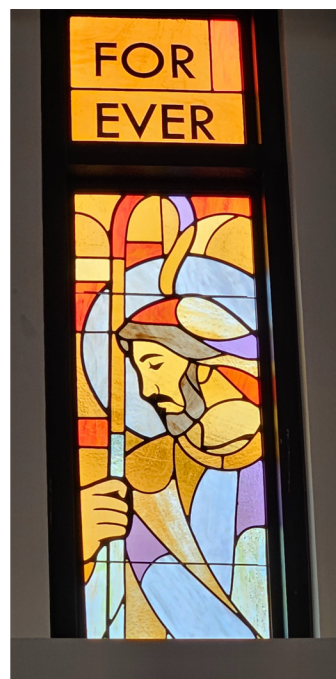
Pastor Derek's Parables



Grace and peace to you, sisters and brothers!

Many of you have been to the new North Washington Campus of Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center. It is an amazing facility that was only made possible through the support of the charter congregations and donations from many, many members. Many of you personally contributed to the care center. Last Fall we had a matching campaign where we challenged the congregation to match the proceeds brought in from the Rice Pudding Booth to go towards furnishing the new chapel in the new building. We raised over \$20,000 for the new chapel during that campaign! This is what it means to be the church. To rally together using our shared resources for a common mission to help and be Christ's presence where we see need or where God calls us to act.

This past week I got a call from Cathy Anhalt, the Development Officer at Missouri Slope. She wanted to share that they had received a gift from Diane Laub's Estate. She had left a substantial gift both to Faith Lutheran and Missouri Slope. The gift to Missouri Slope was intended specifically to help with the cost of the stained-glass windows in the new chapel. Cathy let me know that the windows had been completed and she invited me to come and see them. They are an incredible work of art! The pictures I took do not do them justice and Cathy wanted to be sure everyone knew they could stop by and see them anytime.



For the many of you that knew Diane, this won't come as any surprise. She was a woman who lived her life out of God's abundant generosity and love and that continues even after her death because of her incredible stewardship. She knew and understood that everything we have is a gift from God and she lived her life that way. The benefits of her life and generosity continue to help the community and give God praise even after her death.

Stop by and see the windows. Lift a prayer of thanksgiving to all of those who generously contributed to a space that will proclaim God's love and grace to its many residents. Consider how you might live your life out of the abundant gifts and generosity that God has given to us all.

In Christ,
Pastor Derek

Missouri Slope Stained Glass



Thanks to the generous donations of many of our church members, these stained glass windows can be enjoyed by people visiting, living and serving at Missouri Slope's North Campus for many years to come. Thank you!

New Worship Team Schedule

The Worship Team Schedule for September through December is now available! Copies were mailed to households in Worship Teams, and can also be found online. Let us know if you would like to join a team!





ANNUAL CONFERENCE

With Help There is Hope: Providing Hope Across Generations

September 14, 2023
8 am to 4:30 pm (registration begins at 7:30)
Bismarck Career Academy and Virtually

FREE with lunch provided
FREE CEUs available for North Dakota Social Workers, Nurses,
Certified Peer Specialists, EMS, and Law Enforcement

Objectives for the Conference Include:

- Recognize the importance of mental health screening across all generations
- Identify tips and resources that promote positive behavioral health in the adolescent population.
- Incorporate strategies for decreasing suicidal ideation among all generations.

*Vendor space available - contact ndspc.kora@gmail.com

In-Person



Virtual



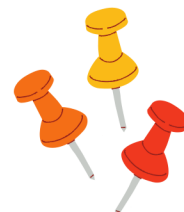
Click or scan either
QR code for more
information and
registration

Please join us at the Annual Conference for the North Dakota Suicide Prevention Coalition!

Pastor Sylvia will be giving a presentation on "Suicide Stigma in the Christian Tradition: It's Not Biblical"



Church School News



This is a brand new year and a great time to explain church school giving! Kids are encouraged to bring money every week to donate to various causes. The tradition here at Faith Lutheran has been to select three projects to donate to and collect over three quarters (3 months in a quarter). This fall (our first quarter) we plan on **donating to South Central High School!**

Acolyting Schedule

Sundays

8:30- Keagan Isaak

11:00- June Robinson

Wednesdays

Sydney Lacher, Cash Klein, Riley Hoff

Confirmation News

Confirmation at Faith Lutheran is based on Lutheran tradition. Confirmation is also known as Affirmation of Baptism. What I like to explain to all sixth graders is that, according to our Lutheran tradition, since we were baptized by our parents, confirmation is the moment where the confirmand "affirms" the promises their parents made in baptism. Or, another way of saying that is the confirmand is confirming the Christian faith publicly. So, yes, youth do get the chance to choose this for themselves!

Here at Faith Lutheran, this is a three year long process. In seventh grade, the process is weekly, like church school. In eighth and ninth grades, confirmands work directly with the pastors once a month for two years.

At the conclusion of this time, the confirmand will stand in front of the church and declare their faith publicly on Confirmation Day.

Youth News

- High School Coffee Hour will be returning starting September 20!
- National Youth Gathering is July 16th-20th 2024 in New Orleans! All current 8th Graders to Seniors will be eligible to go. As of now we have 4 youth who have signed up. They will be accompanied by Kenny, Brooke Sundvor, and Pastor Derek.
- LYO is coming up in October! Keep an eye out for announcements on how to sign up!
- We will try to have more special events! Feel free to give us ideas, and please pay attention to announcements!

HIGH SCHOOL COFFEE HOUR

Join us the first and third Wednesday of the month for coffee hour!

Get to know other high school age people.
We will pay for drinks!

Please contact Kenny to ask questions, or to let him know you are coming!

Phone: Call (701) 223-2236 and ask for Kenny
Email: kenny.bisfaith@midconetwork.com

1st and 3rd Wednesday
8:00-9:00
Starbucks on State Street
2124 N 12th Street



Western North Dakota Synod of the ELCA

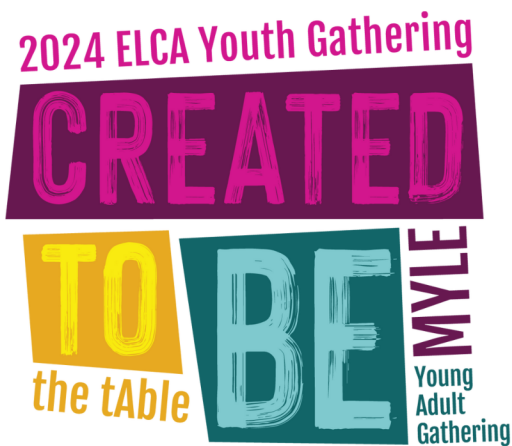


LYO 2023 @ the Baymont Hotel in Mandan

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

LYO 2023 Featuring
Agape* and Joe Davis!





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! Our current chaperones are Kenny, Pastor Derek, and Brooke Sundvor!

Travel Dates: around July 12 - July 22, 2024

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

More information: www.elca.org/gathering

Be on the lookout for various ways to support our youth for this trip!

MISSION Focus

**SEPTEMBER:
GOD'S WORK, OUR
HANDS**



For the month of September, various groups in the church will be working together to collect both homemade and store-bought canned goods to give out to our neighbors during the month of October! Please bring any donations to the church, and keep an eye out for more details!

"In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." - Luke

3:11



September 2023



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | | 1 8:00 NA | 2 |
| 3 Last Summer Worship Service 9:30 Worship | 4 Labor Day Church Office Closed 7:00 AA | 5 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Scouts | 6 Rally Wednesday 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Church School 6:00 Confirmation Opening Session 7:00 Worship | 7 9:00 Esther Circle 1:00 Crafts 1:30 Mary Martha Circle | 8 8:00 NA | 9 10:30 WELCA Fall Cluster Meeting (Wishkek, ND) |
| 10 Newsletter Deadline Rally Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts | 11 7:00 AA | 12 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Elementary Committee 7:00 Ruth Circle 7:00 Scouts | 13 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 8th/9th Confirmation 6:00 3rd Grade P/S 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship | 14 9:00 Men of Faith 1:00 Crafts | 15 Downtown Street Fair 8:00 NA | 16 Downtown Street Fair |
| 17 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 3rd Grade P/S 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts | 18 5:00 Worship and Music 7:00 AA | 19 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Scouts | 20 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 3rd Grade P/S 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship 8:00 High School Coffee Hour | 21 1:00 Crafts | 22 8:00 NA | 23 12:00 Serving the Banquet |
| 24 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 3rd Grade P/S 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts | 25 7:00 AA 7:00 MSLCC Annual Meeting | 26 9:00 Quilting 5:00 HR Committee 6:00 Compass Group 7:00 Executive Committee 7:00 Scouts | 27 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship | 28 1:00 Crafts | 29 8:00 NA | 30 9:30 Altar Guild |

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September News and Views



Save the Date!

Noah and Holly Ullman will be leading a scripture study on Friday, October 20th from 9:30am-12:00pm here at the church, with lunch to follow.

Don't miss this exciting chance to study the Old Testament - all levels of knowledge and experience welcome and encouraged!

PIE AND COFFEE Day



OCT
21
9AM-2PM



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Bismarck, ND 58503**

Save the Date for pie, baked goods, crafts and White Elephant sale. More info coming soon!