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"Rejoice! The Lord is near." *Philippians 4:5*

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Congratulations Class of 2023



Pictured: (l-r) Nick LeMier, Gavin Gerhardt, Wyatt Friestad, Hayden Botz, Haidyn Becker, Abbey Thornton, Joesi Klein. Unable to attend: Tyson Hovland, Kelsey Schulz.

We were honored to recognize this fine group of graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 14th. Each young adult received a homemade quilt made by our own Faith quilters. Thank you Carol Smith for presenting them. Please let them know how proud we are of them and how special they are. We keep them in our prayers as they venture on to the next chapter of their lives.

We Welcome You to Join Us for Worship!



June begins our summer months of worship. We will continue to worship Sunday mornings at 9:30am. During the summer we will livestream the services at least twice a month on our Facebook page: Faith Lutheran Church Valley City. Services may also be found on our YouTube channel: vcfaihlutheran. If we won't have anyone available to run the camera we won't be able to livestream that Sunday. Thank you for your understanding.

During the summer months many of you are out of town on the weekends. Remember you can set up your giving online on our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org. This way you will be able to continue to give your offering even when you aren't here in person. Thank you for supporting Faith Lutheran Church!



For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Congratulations! We made it! Summer is here! And so it is, with the power of God's creation, from death springs life. What may seem like foolishness to the world is the wisdom Jesus proclaims. It is the role of the church in society to tell the truth; to proclaim hope in despair, honesty in denial, life in death. During Jesus' ministry he enraged leaders by eating with tax collectors and other sinners rather than cozying up to respectable and powerful elders and pharisees. He broke the law by healing people on the Sabbath. He touched the unclean. He welcomed foreigners and strangers. He even spoke to women! ☺

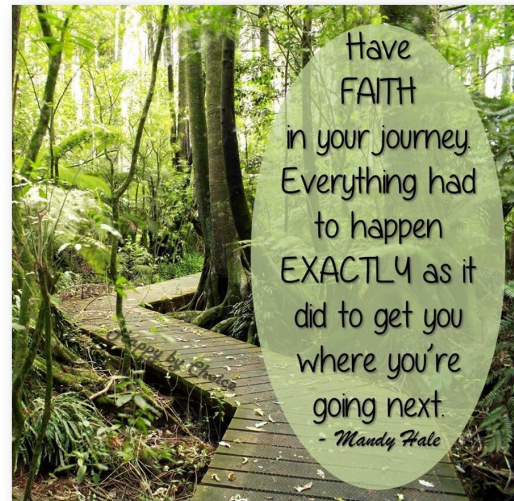
It should not surprise us then that Jesus' life ended the way it did; crucified on a cross alongside the worst criminals. It looks like foolishness to the world, but it is God's wisdom that from Jesus' death, life came into the world.

As the cold and lifeless winter transforms into the warmth of sunlight, the budding of trees and the creation of new life, let us remember that this is how God operates. Things must first die before new life can begin. The only criterion for resurrection is that one must first be dead. What in your life is dead or dying? Where can God begin growing new life into your change of season?

As the seasons change so do the days of our lives. As God transforms you from death to life remember that what often appears to be foolishness to the world may be God transforming your winter into spring.

May God bless and keep you in the transformative month of June,

Pastor Jamie



Welcoming Neighbors Better



You are invited on **Thursday, June 22, 6:30-8pm** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, to an evening of conversation and learning on how we as individuals and as a congregation might *welcome neighbors better*. Gathering with people from multiple churches, we will wonder about how bias impacts our relationships with each other and how we might grow in our capacity to welcome people into our communities.

We are excited to partner in this opportunity with our neighbors from multiple VC churches, and encourage you to invite your friends to the table for conversation.

Youth News

Confirmation Information

A new Acolyte Schedule for June-September should have been received by confirmation parents/students. Please make a note of when you are scheduled. We know summers are busy but we hope to see you in worship when you can be here.

2023 Summer Confirmation Mentor Program—the 10th grade youth that will be confirmed this fall are to meet with their mentors 4 times between now and August 431st. If you have misplaced your packet and need a new one stop by the office and Julie can give you one.



Boundary Waters Trip

Scott Tichy and John Samuelson are leading a Boundary Waters trip for kids in 7th-12th grade! This year's adventure will be **July 25-31**. Cost for the trip will be \$160 person. Please contact Scott Tichy at 840-8561 or John Samuelson at 490-2888 if you are interested in participating!



Tactical Action Gaming!

A group of Youth headed to Fargo on April 29th for a day of fun at Tactical Action Gaming and Fargo Climbing. It's always fun to go on adventures together! Thanks Wendi for planning such fun trips for the youth!



Minneapolis Youth Trip

On **Wednesday, June 21** we will be heading to the Twin Cities to go to Valleyfair, and then on **Thursday, June 22nd** we will be going to an afternoon Minnesota Twins game! This is open to kids who are currently 8th graders up to kids who are currently 11th graders. We have 20 kids signed up to go between Faith, Our Savior, and Trinity. Thanks to Pat Edinger for driving the bus for us!



GO TWINS!



Vacation Bible School - June 28-30!

Once again, we will be partnering with Our Savior's and Trinity to offer VBS through Red Willow June 28-June 30 this summer!

If your child will be going into 1st grade-6th grade this coming school year, VBS will run from 9am-3pm June 28 and 29. If your child will be going into PreK or Kindergarten, VBS will run from 9-11:30am on June 28 and 29. All groups will meet from 9am-11:30am on June 30, with a program starting at noon.



Parents should have received an email from Wendi with the info and the registration sheet. There are also some registration forms on the table by Julie's office.

Faith Kids Club

Faith Kids Club did have one last visit at The Legacy Place until next fall. The kids and residents made crafts together and visited. Their visits will be missed by the residents during the summer.

Faith Kids Club finished off their school year with a trip to the Dairy Queen and then playing in the park.

Our two 6th graders, Grady Samuelson and Kaitlyn Wangrud will be missed in Kids Club next year as they will begin confirmation in the fall.



Faith Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and Our Savior's enjoyed Kids Club together. Thank you Wendi Wilmes for leading them and Rebecca Westman from Trinity Lutheran for helping out as well!

A Message from Our Council President

Summer is here! Our rummage sale was a huge success and we all owe a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Erin Metcalf for organizing it! Also thank you to her parents Al and Nancy Sorensen, Krista Johnson, Nancy Ost, Jerry and Carol Moritz who were at the church all weekend. There was lots of help from other congregation members throughout the weekend as well, you all know who you are, Thank you!

You will notice we will be changing the way communion is done for the summer. Communion will continue to be served at the rail but with fewer servers.

Please remember to keep the church in mind with your time, talents, and tithing as we get busy with our summer schedules! Enjoy the weather while it lasts!



God Bless!

Justin Foell, Council President

Men's Group News

Greetings from the Guys at Faith Lutheran. Our Spring Pancake Brunch is now history. Although our crowd was a little smaller than usual, our Pancake Brunch was still successful. Thank You to Joe Lunde, Al Sorensen and Greg Burchill for doing the preliminary work. Thanks to Julie Moritz for the posters and helping to promote our Brunch and Thanks to Tami Kratz for being our wonderful photographer once again. A special Thanks to the members of our congregation and members from other congregations for the wonderful support given to our group all of the time. Once again we wouldn't be able to do a Pancake Brunch if it wasn't for all of the terrific help from each and all of the guys in our group. So a Heartfelt Thank You to each of the guys for the help preparing the meal and for serving the meal. All of you are appreciated very much!

Faith Lutheran Men's Group doesn't have our regular Saturday morning Breakfast meetings in June, July or August. Instead, we have a Bar-B-Que supper at Mark Brandvold's Cabin at Lake Ashtabula in July and we attend a RedHawk's Baseball Game in Fargo in August. There will be more info about both of these events later on. If you would like more info about either of these events or about our Men's Group, please contact any of our members.

We hope that all of you have an enjoyable summer. May GOD Bless each of you and remember our motto 'Food, Fun, Fellowship'!



Pictured: (back row, l-r) Virgil Kratz, Greg Burchill, Tim Ost, Mike May, Joe Lunde, Bob Green, Ryan Metcalf, Gary Sommerfeld; (front row, l-r) Matt Brandvold, Al Sorensen, Duane Larson. Not pictured: Larry H. Saylor, Larry E. Saylor, Mark Brandvold.

Faith Visits

We continue to enjoy our in home visits with members of our Faith Lutheran family. Please remember them in your prayers.

If you or someone you know would like to be included in these visits, please call Val at 840-1652 or Julie in the church office at 845-4390.



Here are a few more of the smiling faces we are fortunate to visit.



Clara Bredeson



Lois Brandvold



LaVerne Bjornson

Coffee Party at the Legacy Place!

The Faith Lutheran Visitation Team is hosting a coffee party at the Legacy Place on **Thursday, June 1, at 2:30pm**. We're hopeful that we can bring our members who reside at Bridgeview Estates and the Rudolph Square to the Legacy Place that day, also. Please feel free to join us and enjoy the fellowship.



Summer Grocery Store

The Summer Grocery Store will again be open once a week this summer and can only be open with the supplies from Great Plains Food Bank and generous donations from community neighbors. If you would like to donate, we will have a drop box at Faith for the following items that would supplement items from the food bank.



Food Donations

Here is a list of needs: Peanut Butter Jelly Cans of Tuna & Chicken Soups—Cream of Mushroom, Chicken Noodle, Tomato Spaghetti Sauce Pasta Noodles Canned Spaghetti-o's Cans of Fruit (variety) Monetary Donations to purchase frozen meats or fresh breads, etc.

Faith Lutheran will also like to have 2 volunteers for at least 2 of the Wednesdays. Please contact Elise Miller, 840-0687 if you would like to help.

FLC Spring Rummage Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and assisted with our FLC Rummage Sale. We raised close to **\$5,000** for our general fund and welcomed many new faces into our beautiful church building. What a great success and it's all due to the hard-work and dedication of our wonderful congregation members.



God Bless!
FLC Council

Sunday School Teachers and Confirmation Guides—Thank you!



Pictured (l-r): Kylie Van Bruggen, Amanda Pilgrim, Julie May (Guide), Brenda Rohde, Angela Van Bruggen, Jessica Jenrich, Megan McKay, Wendi Wilmes and our Sunday School children who sang for Mother's Day. Unable to attend are Ellie Altringer, Audrey Jacobson, Cassidy Schulz, Abby Wilmes, Alyssa Wilmes, Patty Gronlie (Guide), Tyler Van Bruggen (Guide).

May Memorials



In memory of **Stan Horst** given by Dean & Amy Pederson (General Fund).
In memory of **Darrell Machtell** given by Al & Nancy Sorensen (General Fund).

In memory of **Bob Maresh** given by Gene & Nancy Bjerke (Undesignated); Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated).

In memory of **Marlys Peterson** given by Illa Glandt (Undesignated); Julie Moritz (Undesignated); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated); by Cindy Waagen (General Fund).

In memory of **Landon Storley** given by Jack & Val Moritz (Youth).

JUNE JUNE BIRTHDAYS:



1. Bud Anderson; 3. Ella Radke, Grace Struble; 4. Alice Bergan, Megan Jacobson, Matt Jenrich, Aaron Larson, Gavin Thoreson; 5. Kathy Holm; 6. Kelly Mallette, Maddie Smith; 7. Mike Schmidt; 8. Gloriann Gaarder; 10. Brandon Larson; 11. Derik Brockopp, Cheryl Foell, Brent Gustafson, Wanda Haugen; 12. Jack Altringer, Gunner Holverson; 15. Tyson Hovland, Ellie Larson; 16. Quinton Thoreson; 17. Scott Brockopp, Deb Shape, Gavin Welken, Halle Welken; 18. Brooklyn Botz, Paige Fischer; 20. Richard Anderson, Becky Kratz; 22. Don Burke, Oakleigh Johnson, Cole McGough; 24. Kaycee Smith. Travis Thoreson; 25. Sandy Brandvold, Mary Stearns; 26. Aanen Gjovik, Dan Johnson; 27. Ray Haugen, Jackson Larson; 28. Hadley Rischmiller, Max Rischmiller, Peggy Williamson; 29. A.J. Kotta; 30. Junette Christianson, Bill Friestad, Kathy McGough.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

3. Larry & Delores Welken; 5. Aanen & Carroll Gjovik, Mark & Patty Lloyd, Roger & Sandy Mulvaney; 6. Colten & Jenny Roberts; 7. Steve & Tara Nelson; 8. Andy & Sam Carlson, Warren & Brenda Ventsch; 12. Scott & Deb Beilke, Zach & Jill Rischmiller; 24. Jeff & Ashley Roe; 27. John & Jennifer Kohler, Jake & Brenda Rohde; 28. Bud & Verna Anderson.

May Transitions in Our Parish

DEATHS: Our sympathies to the family & friends of **Landon Storly**. Landon died Sunday, May 7, 2023. His funeral was Tuesday, May 16, 2023 here at Faith Lutheran with Pastor Jamie officiating.

Our sympathies to the family & friends of **Marlys Peterson**. Marlys died Saturday, May 20, 2023. Her funeral was Thursday, May 25, 2023 here at Faith Lutheran with Pastor Jamie officiating.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

June Service & Care

**Cheryl Foell
 **Joe & Martee Lunde
 Jan Arneson
 Justin & Brianne Foell
 Aanen & Carroll Gjovik
 James Henderson
 Russ & Marlys Hilborn
 Alan & Janie Larson
 Jamie & Pam Lunn
 Leah Radke
 Chuck & Deb Shape
 *Thank you for serving!

May Attendance

May 7	151	88+online views
May 14	262	198+ online views
May 21	93	84+online views
May 28	61	72+online views

*online views are households watching

Offering

January	\$18,442.00
February	\$15,343.00
March	\$22,544.00
April	\$25,704.00
May	\$12,775.00

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan:
 \$21,265.25

JUNE TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets **Tue, June 6 at 5:30pm**
FLC Staff—Meets **Wed, June 14 at 1:30pm**
July Service & Care— Meets **Sun, June 18** after worship & by emails/texts/ phone



Bridges Backpack Program/Hi-Liner Pantry

Summer Food Assistance
Free to Everyone



We will offer



A Summer Grocery Store

for families to come and grab a variety of;

- Lunch foods items
- Dinner foods items
- Snacks

Day/Dates: Every Wednesday evening

June 7th thru August 2nd

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

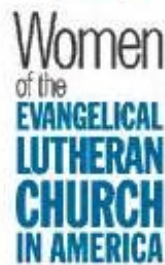
Place: FACs Room at VC High School

-go to door #W6 it's the first classroom on the left
 as you walk in the door.



WELCA News

The WELCA Board met on Wednesday, May 10. Everything was readied for Margie Lima and Paulette Everson to take to the Lutheran World Relief drop point. They delivered 42 health kits and 15 quilts to Lutheran World Relief this month.



Our Spring Luncheon was a great success. Thank you to Brenda and Alex Rohde for their musical entertainment and to Kylie Van Bruggen for a wonderful presentation on the Netherlands and Belgium. We were proud to show off our members' talents. The tables were decorated for spring and each tulip on the tables was given away to one lucky person at each table.



Several WELCA members decided to roam to Nome one Thursday night just for fun. We enjoyed tasty food and many laughs.

Our next meeting will not be until **August 9**.

Everyone have a safe and fun-filled summer enjoying God's magnificent creation.

Cheryl Foell, WELCA president

Noisy Offering—Summer Grocery Store

We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, June 18. The offering received will be going to the Summer Grocery Store to help stock the shelves. The kids will come around during the Children's Message with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills.

In May we received \$104.61 for the Barnes County Food Pantry! Your generosity continues to make a difference in people's lives. Thank you!



Mission Team News

The Mission Team meeting was held May 2 with the final arrangements discussed for the Annual Crop Hunger Walk which was held the following evening May 3. That was a beautiful evening this year with many people attending and walking the Jefferson Mile and stopping and learning at many interesting, informative tables. Be watching the Sunday bulletins for the final count of walkers and donations received to help in Ending Hunger One Step at a time! It was a great community event on such an enjoyable evening. Hope to see everyone and more next year!



Another big thank you to all who filled the Port-a-crib to overflowing with diapers and wipes during the month of May. These will be donated to community agencies for families and will be appreciated. Your kindness is noticed.

Our Mission Team continues to support the Bridges Backpack program that helps to send Backpacks of food home each week with elementary students for the weekend and also with the Hi-Liner Pantry that is available at the Jr/Sr High for those students for food and personal items. The Summer Store program will also continue this year and our Mission Team along with other churches and organizations will be at the store on Wednesday assisting shoppers. There is information in the newsletter on page 4 and 5 about the Summer Store so be sure and get that information. Groceries for the store is another opportunity for congregation donations to that mission. A box will be available at the front of the church and the list of food needed is also listed in the newsletter article on Summer Store and in bulletins.

YOU CAN HELP



Annually, we also do the School Supply Drive for the elementary schools.

We collect school supplies from Faith members and provide those to the schools for the teachers to provide to the students who do not have the supplies that are needed for the classroom. The schools have told us it is nice to have this stock supply for teachers to use when their students do not come with their own supplies, or they run out during the year. watch the Summer newsletters and bulletins for the school supply lists to shop or when you are purchasing for your own kids pick up some extra. We will have collection boxes at the church in July until August and will pack them for the schools at our next meeting, August 8.

If you would like to join the Mission Team, you are always welcome!

Faith Mission Team