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Affirmation of Baptism Sunday—October 27



Pictured (back row, l-r) Ayden Ness, Owen Tichy, Pastor Jamie;
(front row, l-r) Kylie Van Bruggen, Brayden Klevgaard, Morgan Larson.

A Prayer for our Confirmands:

You are becoming the person God designed you to be, a person of faith—a person with strong values—a person who loves God and other people.

As you confirm your faith in Christ, may God's Spirit of love, joy, peace and grace become more and more a part of your spirit. In every situation and relationship be the person you believe Jesus wants you to be, trusting, always that Christ will be with you—no matter what! Be strong in the knowledge that you are deeply loved by God, your Creator, and deeply loved by all of us, too! God bless you in Christ forever! Amen.



All Saints Sunday—November 3

We celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. We celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. During the worship service we will remember those who have died in the past year. A candle will be lit for each person as their name is read. Those at worship may also light a candle in remembrance of loved ones that have went on before them.



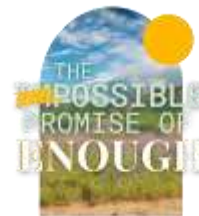
God's promises are at the core of the witness of Scripture. Our promises back to God are also at the heart of our Christian faith. At baptism we entrust families with these responsibilities for their children:

To live among God's faithful people, to bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the creed and the Ten commandments and place in their hands the holy scriptures, to nurture them in faith and prayer so that they might learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace in all the earth.

Again at Confirmation we ask our Tenth Graders to reaffirm these promises. But do we ever consider that these promises are to be re-affirmed not only at baptism and confirmation but for every day of our lives?

This November we are going to examine God's promises to us and our affirmation of these promises back to God. I'm calling this series *The Promises of God*. Each Sunday we will tackle a promise and see how we can apply it to our lives.

- 11/3—The Promise of Provision
- 11/10—The Promise of Resources
- 11/17—The Promise of Rest
- 11/24—The Promise of Enough



At the conclusion of this month of Promises we will consider what promises we want to recommit our lives to and how we will keep those promises in the future.

Come join us this November for these four *Promises of God* and decide how you may adopt them into your life of Faith.

God bless and happy November.

Pastor Jamie



Pastor Appreciation

Sunday, October 13th, we celebrated Pastor Jamie and thanked him for all he does among us and continues to each day. We enjoyed coffee and cake during fellowship hour.

We also blest Pastor Jamie with a song "Thank You Pastor Jamie" words by Nancy Ost to the tune of 'How Great Thou Art'.



Bible Presentation

Sunday, October 13th our third graders received their first reader Bibles and a blessing during the worship service. When they met with Pastor Jamie the third graders learned how to look up the book, chapter and verses in the Bible. When they received their Bibles they were asked to read the book of **Mark at home**. Good bless these young people as they read God's Word and grow in their faith.



Pictured (l-r, 3rd graders bold print): Samantha & Drake Carlson; Katie & Charlie Kohler; Kara & Jeremy Wiebe, Amelia, Emery, Gavin; Heather & Riley Smith; Mark & Krista Johnson, Owen; Pastor Jamie; Scott & Wendi Wilmes, Zach; Michelle Patraw and Seth Auka, Jace; Jake & Brenda Rohde, Jack.

Message from Our Council President

Dear Faith Family,

I would like to thank Amy & Scott Johnson family for organizing the fund raiser for the beautiful organ that is now in our church. The plan is to use the organ on the third Sunday of each month.

I would like to welcome Kalyn Botz to the church council. Kayln is stepping in to fill Nancy Ost's open position on the council. Thank you, Kalyn.

Blessings to this year's confirmands, Brayden Brian Klevgaard, Morgan Diane Larson, Ayden Douglas Ness, Owen Christopher Tichy, Kylie Grace Van Bruggen. May God bless your life with happiness, devotion and love as you continue your spiritual journey and grow in faith.

When the council met on October 9th it was decided to go ahead and pick up a new vacuum cleaner for the church. **Thank you Men's Group and WELCA for donating funds so the vacuum could be replaced.**

One last thing I would like to bring up is there will be three spots open on the council for next year. If you are interested in serving on the council, please contact Julie at the church or Tami Kratz.

Stay Safe and God Bless.

Mike May, Council President

Men's Group News

Many Thanks need to be said now that our Fall Pancake Brunch is over. Thank You to Joe Lunde for obtaining and providing the potatoes, for distributing the posters and for the help preparing for the Brunch and serving the Brunch. Thanks to Al Sorensen for gathering materials, for help doing the Brunch and for doing a wonderful job as Treasurer. Thanks to Greg Burchill for providing the delicious Homemade Apple Sauce and for ordering sausage/syrup. Thanks to Julie for always being **our guiding force and for printing our posters.** Thanks to the guys from Men's Group for all the wonderful help preparing for the Brunch and serving the Brunch. Thanks to Tami Kratz for being our photographer. Most important, Thank You to the members of our Congregation, members from other congregations and members from the community in general for supporting us to make our Brunch successful. It is so nice to see so many people both preparing the food and enjoying the food so that we can raise some funds to be used for our church and other activities. May GOD Bless all the wonderful help and for the support of our Pancake Brunch.

Our next Men's Group Breakfast meeting will be Saturday morning November 16 at 8am. We would like to extend an invitation to any and all of the men in our congregation to come join us for a good time. Our motto is 'Food, Fun & Fellowship', and we usually accomplish all three. If anyone has any questions about our Men's Group, Please feel free to contact any of our members.

May GOD Bless all of our Family Of Faith.

Duane Larson



THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank the Men's Group and the WELCA ladies for purchasing our new vacuum. This new vacuum should last us 10-12 years, is easy to maintain and will be used by Mark and Sandy for janitorial purposes only. We still have the old vacuum that will be used by groups to clean up after they have used the Fellowship Hall for their events.

Thank you again ☺ ~ Mark & Sandy Brandvold

Community Thanksgiving Baskets



The 2024 Community Thanksgiving Basket event will be taking place again this year! Basket assembly is scheduled for Thursday, November 21st 5:30-6:30pm at Faith Lutheran. Basket deliveries are scheduled for 5pm Friday, November 22nd and pick-ups will begin at 5:30pm, also at Faith Lutheran. Friends from **Our Savior's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Churches** will be joining us. We are thankful to share this ministry with them.

All age and ability volunteers needed. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering area, please indicate what day(s) you are available. Please contact Julie in the office or Erin Metcalf if you have specific questions about this event. Confirmation students, this is a great service project to be involved in!

These Thanksgiving boxes are filled with items to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Each basket cost around \$55 and includes turkey, potatoes, vegetables, pie and more.

We have posters up at Social Services, City-County Health, Skyline Villa and other select locations around town. If you or someone you know would like to receive a basket please call the office to get on the list. The deadline to sign up is Friday, November 8th. We will be giving out 125 total baskets this year. What a wonderful way to serve our community.

We are beginning this year with a zero dollar balance in this mission account so we hope you will consider giving a monetary donations of any size toward the Thanksgiving baskets. You may send your donation to Faith Lutheran—PO Box 606, drop it off at Faith, enclose it in one of the donation envelopes and mark it Faith Lutheran Thanksgiving Baskets and put it in the offering plate. You may also give online on our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org.

Volunteers are an important part of this project. We are grateful to all who give of their time, talents and monetary gifts so others may enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with their families.

Thank you for your support of this very important community mission.

- The 2024 Thanksgiving Basket Committee
(Krista Johnson, Mary Rausch, Brenda Rohde, Erin Metcalf)

Noisy Offering—Thanksgiving Baskets

We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, November 17. The offering received will be going to the Thanksgiving Baskets. This is such an appreciated community project. The kids will come around during the Children's Word with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills. **In October \$326.72 for Alzheimer's Awareness was received for the noisy offering! Thank you for your generous giving!**

Contact Information

Please let the office know if you have moved or have new phone numbers. We try to keep our system up to date as much as we can. Also if a birthday or anniversary is wrong please let Julie know so she can correct that.

Thank You First Responders!

Sunday, October 20 we blessed and thanked the Valley City Fire Department, Valley City Police Department, Barnes County Sheriff Department, Barnes County Ambulance First Responders and Barnes County Dispatch for all they do among our community. They also enjoyed the Pancake Brunch compliments of FLC.



WELCA News



WELCA ladies met on Wednesday, October 9 at Faith Lutheran Church.

Our Fall Festival was held on Saturday, October 12 from 10am-1pm. We had a great turnout, things sold out very fast! Baked goods, crafts, home canned goods, homemade crafts, etc. and our own homemade quilts too. Special thanks to all who helped any way with our Fall Festival! It was greatly appreciated! The youth served Lunch-to-Go consisting of a barbeque (winter show recipe), chips and a bar for a free will offering. **I don't think there was much left from the bazaar at the end of the day.** The Fall Festival is the highlight of our year and everyone joins together to help. **We couldn't do it without the help of the whole church community.** Totals for the Fall Festival will be ready at our next meeting. The monies earned at this bazaar are dispersed to various places, many right here in our own community.

After the Fall Festival we packed up the quilts that weren't sold. We donated 39 quilts to Lutheran World Relief and 29 quilts to Furniture Mission. We also will give quilts to the Senior Class in the spring. Our Quilters continue to make and tie quilts so there will more quilts available for purchase. A reminder that quilts may be purchased throughout the year and not just at the Fall Festival.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13 at 3:30pm in the fellowship hall. All women of Faith Lutheran are welcome to join us.

Sincerely,
Carol Smith, WELCA President

Mission Team News



Mission committee met on Tuesday, October 8 and started by counting and packing 175 pair of new socks congregation members donated during September. Kay Bostrom delivered the socks to APOC (Abused Persons Outreach Center). Thank you to everyone who helped warm the toes of so many with the wide variety of socks!! Also, Diane delivered the diapers and wipes we collected this spring to the Barnes County Food Pantry. Thanks also to everyone who provided the diapers and wipes to help parents and babies during May with those much appreciated needs.

CHRISTMAS SEASON PLANS:

The rest of our meeting included making plans for our Team's busy time of the year, which is planning for the Christmas season and bring some mission opportunities for Faith members to help share the Christmas season blessings with others.

We will partner with the VC elementary schools for children on our Christmas Family Giving Tree ornaments, collecting gifts for the Christmas season. Our plan is to have the names from the **school and ornaments on the Tree with child's gift ideas starting on Sunday, November 17 with** gifts returned by Sunday, December 8. Christmas Family Giving Tree will have two Ornaments on the tree for each child: one a clothing wish and one a toy idea. We will also again be including two ornaments for gift cards for the family. Say tuned for more details and exact dates as we get all the gift details from the schools.

Another Christmas mission we will offer this year is collecting for SMP Health-St. Raphael for Christmas gifts given to residents. We have not received the suggestion list from SMP yet so watch the Sunday bulletin for items they will be suggesting for this year. These UNwrapped items can be dropped off in the collection box at church between Sunday, November 24 and Sunday, December 15.

Our third is the Mission Christmas Fund. This is a collection of monetary donations throughout the year and in December, we help families who have been experiencing something difficult. Some of the situations we have helped families or individuals with are travel expenses for medical appointments, long term illness with loss of employment, and many other struggles. The funds are from offerings and **donations we receive from the congregation, memorials, and other committees, including WELCA, Men's Group and Endowment Foundation.** Recipients are identified by Pastor, committee members and other congregation members who may know of a need. If you know of someone, please call Julie at the church office with information.

Thank you to all who find it in your hearts to help bring the message of love and caring for each other, especially during the Christmas season.

Also, thanks for filling our container with gloves, mittens, and caps throughout October and November. Those will be brought to the elementary schools in December.



Our next meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30pm at the church. We would welcome anyone who wants to joy our fun, busy group to just come to our meeting. Would love to have you join us!

God's blessing to each of you, Faith Mission Committee



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

2. Nick Horner; 3. Brad McKay; 4. Damon Bong; 5. Doug McPherson, Jace Thompson; 6. Lexia Nix; 7. Mavrick Ludwig, Mazie Ludwig, Megan McKay, Stephanie Ness; 8. Duane Larson, Kermit Pederson; 9. Tony Cooley, Jeriann Everson, Mike May, Larry E. Saylor, Diane Sommerfeld; 10. Shelby Thoreson; 11. Ruby Hansen, Marlys Hilborn, Ralph Hooper; 12. Kenadie McCullough, Shane Ost; 13. Larry Welken; 14. Hannah Miller, Jenny Roberts; 15. Amanda Pilgrim; 17. Carver Pederson; 21. Teagan Klevgaard, Vicki Pedersen; 22. Tanner Thomsen; 23. Bria Knutson; 25. Ashton Auka, Josh Kratz, Devyn Thornton; 26. Jayce Auka, Kaila Cooley, Rhett Holm, Ryder Yanish; 28. Joanna Anderson, Sophia Mallette; 29. Joesi Klein, Jack Samuelson, Penelope Williams, Victoria Williams; 30. Greg Friestad.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

4. Mike & Julie May; 9. Joe & Martee Lunde; 10. John & Elise Miller; 21. Greg & Sarah Friestad; 24. James & Janet Thornton; 26. Adam & Amanda Pilgrim; 28. Jordan & Mercidez Lunn; 30. Darrell & Kathy Holm.

October Transitions

BAPTISMS: We celebrated God’s promise in Holy Baptism for Westen John Duffy born December 27, 2023 and baptized on Sunday, October 13, 2024. His parents are Bailey & Sarah Duffy. Bailey was also baptized on October 13th after worship. God bless this family as they grow in faith together
CONFIRMED: October 27, 2024, 5 youth celebrated Affirmation of Baptism—Brayden Brian Klevgaard, Morgan Diane Larson, Ayden Douglas Ness, Owen Christopher Tichy, Kylie Grace Van Bruggen. We praise God for each of them.
WEDDINGS: Congratulations Tanner & Megan (Roswick) Zepeda. They were married here at Faith on October 5, 2024 with Pastor Jamie officiating. God bless this couple as they begin their married life together.

October Service & Care

**needs chairs

Rydell & Suzy Becker
 Bill & Rhonda Friestad
 Darrell & Kathy Holm
 Nickolai & Kayla Holm
 Bonnie Kramer
 Natalie Meyer
 Mike & Loree Morehouse
 Roger & Sandy Mulvaney
 Joan Noeske
 Elizabeth Oppegaard
O’Neil & Jan Oppegaard
 Larry E. Saylor
 Larry H. Saylor
 Nathan & Marsha Saylor

*Thank you for serving!

October Attendance

October 6	105	70+ online
October 13	217	83+ online
October 20	122	78+ online
October 27	167	73+ online

Offering

January	\$16,113.00
February	\$22,023.00
March	\$24,553.00
April	\$14,355.00
May	\$16,831.00
June	\$19,084.00
July	\$13,346.00
August	\$19,604.00
September	\$19,801.00
October	\$16,263.00

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan:
 \$22,752.25



October Memorials

In memory of Betty Bostrom given by Jack & Val Moritz (Undesignated).

In memory of Don Lemnus given by Deb Horner (Undesignated); by Jack & Val Moritz (Undesignated); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated).

In memory of Ginny Nelson given by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated).

In memory of Allen Marler given by Dean & Amy Pederson (Undesignated); by Cory & Alison Rodin (Undesignated); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated).

In memory of Luther Skogen given by Jack & Val Moritz (Undesignated).

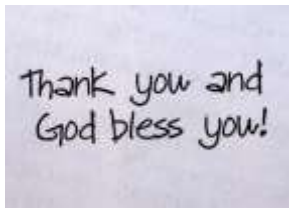
God Bless Pastors Kyle Symanski & Sharayah Robinson

Pastor Kyle and Pastor Sharayah will be moving to Austin, TX where Pr Kyle has taken a new call.

We will miss them both among our community. Pr Kyle has been serving

Our Savior's for the past 6 years. Our Savior's will celebrate him with a farewell fellowship time on Sunday, November 3 at 10:15am. All are welcome.

A farewell for Pr Sharayah will be at St. Petri's on Sunday, November 3 at 10:30am. Pr Sharayah has been serving the Fingal, Nome, Kathryn Parishes. We thank them for their faithful service among us.



We Have a New Instrument!

The music lover in me is very excited to hear organ music in church again. I know many are anxious to hear the organ, but we have a few hurdles to jump over yet. Connecting the organ to our sound system will most likely require **some kind of conversion "kit"**. **The best solution for that is still being sought.** Be patient! All good things take time.

Thank you to all who donated to this fund! Your support is such a blessing. It was a team effort to acquire and place the organ. Thank you to all who helped.

Yours in Christ,
Amy Johnson



NOVEMBER TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets Wed, Nov 13 at 5:30pm

FLC Staff—Meets Wed, Nov 6 at 1:30pm
& Wed, Nov 20 at 1:30pm

Men's Group—Meets Sat, Nov 16 at 8am

Mission Team—Meets Tue, Nov 12 at 5:30pm



December Service & Care— Meets Sun, Nov 17 after worship & by emails texts/ phone

WELCA—Meets Wed, Nov 13 at 3:30pm

Sunday School News

Sunday School runs from 10:45- 11:45am.

Some important dates for Sunday School:

1. We will start practicing for our Christmas Program on November 10th!
2. Kids will sing in church on November 17th!
3. No Sunday School on November 24th and December 1st due to Thanksgiving and Wendi being gone!



Sunday School Children's Christmas Program

Our Christmas Program, "Campfire Carols" is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th after church (around 10:45am)! Parents please watch your emails for more information soon.

We will start practicing on Sunday, November 10th!!



Kids Club!

We welcome all kids going into 4th-6th grade to come to our Wednesday Afterschool program called Kids Club! Kids Club meets Wednesday from 3:15-5pm here at Faith or we go do a service project around the community. The kids are picked up by Wendi with the church van from Washington School and parents then pick them up from Faith.



Kids Club picked the pumpkins for PUMPKIN BINGO

Schedule for November

Wednesday, November 6—at Faith

Wednesday, November 13—at Faith

Wednesday, November 20—Service Project Day!

Wednesday, November 27—NO KIDS CLUB—Happy Thanksgiving!

Time to relax after picking all the pumpkins! Thank you Kent & Patty Gronlie for growing the pumpkins for PUMPKIN BINGO & your hospitality!



Youth News

Confirmation News

Confirmation will now be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
November-January from 6:30-8pm.

A light snack will be offered from 6-6:30pm for kids who are hungry after school and sports.

There is **NO** Confirmation classes on **Wednesday, November 27th** due to Thanksgiving break!



Great Food Race!

Our Confirmation students from Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity collected **1,110 items** for the Barnes County Food Pantry on October 16th! Thank you to all the kids for collecting and our community members for supplying all the food to help others during this holiday season.



Junior High Group

Please come help fill Thanksgiving Baskets on **Thursday, November 21st at 5:30pm**. After this, please stay for pizza and board games!



Come help pass out the baskets and do deliveries on **Friday, November 22nd from 5-6:30pm**. Watch for more information soon!

Senior High Group

Senior High Youth please be watching the Remind App for an opportunity to attend a UND Hockey Game for only **\$10 on Friday, November 22nd!** More details will be coming soon.



Church Staff

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