

# Faith On the rise

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## **Annual Fall Festival**

**Saturday, October 12—10:00am-1:00pm**

- **Craft Sale • Bake Sale • Gift Baskets**
  - **Quilt Sale • Homemade Lefse • Candies**
  - **The Youth will be serving Lunch-To-Go**
- Barbeque - Chips - Bar for a free will offering**



## **Men's Group Pancake Brunch—October 20!**

It's time for the annual Fall Pancake Brunch!

Everyone is welcome to attend the Men's Group fundraiser and enjoy a delicious Brunch and great fellowship. The men will be serving 9:30am-12:30pm. This will be a free will offering fundraiser.

Enjoy Pancakes, Fried Potatoes (a favorite!),

Sausage, Apple Sauce, Milk, Juice & Coffee. To-Go containers are available to those who would like to take their meal home.



## **Celebrate God's Faithfulness!**

Nurtured by faithful parents, encouraged by small group guides and Sunday School teachers, welcomed by many of you, 10th grade youth who have completed the requirements will be make promises to God and our congregation on **Sunday, October 27** at our 9:30am worship service. We give thanks to God for these 10th graders who have open hearts to what God has in store. They have grown in their relationship with Jesus and we celebrate with them!



*Do not speak evil against one another... James 4:11*



The Commandment that get the least attention is eighth. *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.* The reason we neglect to pay attention to the Eighth Commandment is because we do not like to admit we talk about our neighbors far too often. Luther said this about the Eighth Commandment in his explanation in the Small Catechism: *we are to fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to come to their defense, speak well of them and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.* Can you imagine if politicians were to follow this commandment, how different the election experience might be.

The sad fact is we too often, not only gossip about our neighbors but in doing so we judge them. We cannot change politicians from saying bad things about their opponents, but we can try to keep the eighth commandment ourselves. Here are some tips on How To Avoid Gossip.

1) *Determine whether it qualifies as Gossip.*

Gossip involves one party speaking about the other to a third party. The person who is the topic of Gossip is not participating in the conversation. The tone of the conversation is often secretive or negative. The facts expressed in the conversation are often unsubstantiated and have been obtained second or third hand.

2) *Read James 4:11 or Titus 3:2*

*Do not speak evil against another.*

3) *Interject yourself into the conversation politely.*

Ask the Gossiper if they have spoken directly to the one they are gossiping about. If not, politely ask why?

4) *State the facts.*

Gossip withers in the face of truth. Try to separate what is true and what is conjecture. State out loud that gossip is disrespectful and unfair.

5) *Offer an alternative explanation based on the truth.*

Describe other situation that place the Gossipee in a favorable light. Always try to give people the benefit of the doubt.

*Caution:* there is a fine line between helping and meddling. Pay close attention to your motivations. Gossip injures both the gossiper and the person whom rumors are being spoken about.

As you consider the relationships you have with your *neighbors* this October, remember the Eighth Commandment and the advice from Luther. And pray that you do not gossip about your neighbor or fall victim to someone gossiping about you.

(Credit to Rolf and Hans Jacobson on the Eight Commandment)

Peace be with you.

Pastor Jamie



## Message from Our Council President

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you everyone that heard the call to help with Summer Vikes on Central. It sounds like it was a good turnout with lots of people spreading the word of Faith. Thank you all for everything you did to make Vikes on Central a hit.

At the last council meeting Nancy Ost put in her resignation to the council. The call committee is actively searching for her replacement, if you are interested in serving on the council, please reach out to the call committee or anyone on the council. The Call Committee is made up of Tami Kratz, Elise Miller, Sandy Brandvold, Deb Horner.

Tim and Nancy will be missed by all. They will be moving to Moorhead. They are pillars of the community, friends of all, and will be missed so much for who they are and what they do. Tim and Nancy, **I will keep your spot in church saved for when you come back and visit us ☺. Thank you both** for everything you have done for your Faith family, and the community of Valley City.

I have one last thing to report. The vacuum at the church needs to be replaced. The church reached out to several groups and has secured some of the needed funds for a new commercial, heavy use vacuum. We all enjoy a clean and tidy space, so I am asking you to consider making a small donation toward this need if it fits your budget. I am confident that if we all do our share, we will continue to enjoy a well-kept, inviting worship space.

**Don't forget Sunday, October 13th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday.**

Stay Safe and God Bless.

Mike May, Council President

### *Pastor Appreciation Sunday—October 13*

*“As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you.” 2 Corinthians 9:13-14*

We will be celebrating Pastor Jamie on Sunday, October 13th for all his prayers, love and dedication to our congregation. The church council will have a collection basket for cards that day if you wish to extend thanks or share stories of how he has impacted your life. If you would like to mail a note or card to him, his address is Rev. Jamie Desai, 3811 11th Ave S, Moorhead, MN 56560.



## Faith Visitation Team

On behalf of the Visitation Team, I want to extend a very special thank you to Nancy Ost. She has been a faithful and joyful member of the Visitation Team since its inception. Nancy and Tim will be relocating to Moorhead this fall and we, along with the individuals she visited, will miss her. God bless Tim and Nancy in their new home.

**We're always open to including others in our visitation schedules.**

If you or someone you know would like to be included, please let us know. Also, if anyone is interested in joining the Visitation Team and has a couple hours a week to dedicate to this mission, please give me a call at 840-1652.



Val Moritz

## Year Round Stewardship

We thank you for your continued financial support, active participation and prayers to help our congregation thrive. There are several ways you can give financially. You may place your offering envelope, check or cash in the offering plates Sunday mornings. You may mail your contributions to our church, PO Box 606 or drop it by the office. You may also give online. This is a great option especially for when you are unable to make it to worship because of illness, travel, or other circumstances. To set up online giving go to our website: [www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org). You may use your QR Readers to take you to the website as well. Click on the button in the upper right corner that says Give Online. Then follow the prompts to set up your log in and password. The General Fund donations button is what you would choose for your regular offering. There are also choices for other funds that you may give to as well. We thank you for all that you give to Faith Lutheran and hope that you prayerfully consider your ability to give a little more.



## Offering Connections

**Together we respond to God's provision by sharing of our financial gifts, both as an act of worship and in support of our mission and ministry as Christ's Church. Our shared gifts support ministry of our congregation, in our community, across the Eastern North Dakota Synod, throughout the ELCA, and around the globe.**

Here are a few of what your financial support does amongst our Congregation, Eastern North Dakota Synod, Churchwide, and Globally:

**Congregation:** Your financial offering supports our worship life including bulletins, musicians, technology, and licenses.

**EaND Synod:** Our generosity supports Churchwide staff that support Campus Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, and Children's Ministry.

**Churchwide:** With our gifts, the Eastern North Dakota Synod and our Churchwide organization create resources, curriculums, and other documents to support congregational ministry.



*"United in Christ, we dare to invite, connect, and act"*



## OCTOBER TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets Wed, Oct 9 at 5:30pm

FLC Staff—Meets Wed, Oct 2 at 1:30pm  
& Wed, Oct 16 at 1:30pm

**Men's Group**—Meets Sat, Oct 19 at 8am

Mission Team—Meets Tue, Oct 8 at 5:30pm

November Service & Care— Meets Sun,  
Oct 20 after worship & by emails  
texts/ phone

WELCA—Meets Wed, Oct 9  
at 3:30pm



## Community Thanksgiving Baskets

The Community Thanksgiving Basket committee is excited to announce Faith Lutheran Church's participation in this mission for 2024! Baskets will be filled Thursday, November 21 and pick-up/delivery will happen Friday, November 22. Please mark your calendars.



All interested volunteers please contact Julie in the office 845-4390. If you would like to give a monetary donation toward the Thanksgiving Baskets project, you can send your donation to Faith Lutheran—PO Box 606, drop it off at the church or enclose it in one of our offering plate donation envelopes. Please indicate any donation to this mission as "Thanksgiving Baskets".

Thank you for your continued interest and support in this event. Thanksgiving Baskets are provided to local households in need via an application process. More volunteer and application information to come in the November newsletter. If you have questions before that time, please out to Krista Johnson, Erin Metcalf or Mary Rausch.

## Bridges Backpack Program

Childhood hunger impacts our community. Many children in our school district qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program; however, on weekends many of these children struggle with hunger. We use the donation funds received to purchase food kits from Great Plains Food Bank for the weekends. There are no income qualification to participate in our programs. To participate in this program, the child's parent/guardian contacts the child's school to enroll.

Checks/donations may be made directly to the Bridges Backpack Program. Mail your donations to: Bridges Backpack Program, 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072. We thank you for your past and continued support of this program that benefits the children in our area!

## Sheyenne Valley Memory Café



If you or a loved one is experiencing memory loss, this is an opportunity to connect and visit with healthcare professionals and individuals, this is for you! The Memory Café meets on the fourth Thursday of each month here at Faith Lutheran, 1-3pm. Thursday, October 24th will be the next session. Coffee and dessert will be available. A brief program will start at 1:30pm. The

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café grew throughout the year and hopefully will continue to grow as more people learn about this opportunity.

## WELCA News



WELCA ladies met on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at Faith Lutheran Church.

Carol Smith and Mary Johnson attended the 37th Annual Fall Convention at Sharon Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, ND on Saturday, September 28.



Sunday, October 6th at 1pm we will be getting together at the church to make lefse for the Fall Festival. Men and Women are welcome to come try their hand at flipping lefse. **It's a fun time and sampling is part of the job.** If you have griddles and misc. items for lefse making, please bring them along.

The Fall Festival is fast approaching. The Fall Festival is Saturday, October 12th, 10am-1pm. We are looking forward to another successful year with lots of crafts, quilts and goodies to be sold. If you would like to contribute baked goods, crafts, candies, please have to the church by Friday, October 11 afternoon if possible. We appreciate monetary donations as well. Inserted in this newsletter is the Fall Festival flyer and on the backside is the suggested bake sale pricing list. Labels will be on the table in the gathering area for you to put your prices and to stick to your items. We ask that you mark your items before you bring them. Thank you in advance for your participation!



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 9 at 3:30pm in the Fireside Room. Ladies of Faith are welcome to join us.

Sincerely,  
Carol Smith, WELCA President

## Respiratory Season Clinic

City-County Health District will be administering Influenza high-dose and conventional Flu vaccinations as well as COVID-19 vaccinations on Sunday, October 6, 10:30-11:30am in the Fireside Room. The flu vaccinations are available for ages 6 months thru adult. Ask them about RSV and Pneumonia vaccine for adults. You must bring your insurance card—Medicare Part B (or other Medicare Advantage Plan), Medicaid, BCBS, Sanford Health, Preferred One, Medica (not Select Care) or Health Partners/Cigna cards with you and these entities can be billed. CCHD cannot bill any other private health insurer for adults. Those who have other private insurance will need to self pay, and a receipt can be issued upon request for possible reimbursement by your insurer.



## Noisy Offering—Alzheimer's Awareness

We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, October 20. The offering received will be going to bring awareness to **Alzheimer's**. **Everyone has known someone who may have Alzheimer's or Dementia.** **The kids will come around during the Children's Word with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills.** Thank you for your generous giving!

## Men's Group News

Fall is officially here and with that our Faith Lutheran Men's Group is back to our regular monthly Saturday morning Breakfast gathering. I wanted to call it a fellowship gathering instead of a meeting because 'meeting' sounds too formal. We really are a 'low key' informal group who gather to have Fun, usually share some food and most important have a lot of good fellowship.



Our next Saturday Gathering will be on Saturday, October 19th at 8am. We want to invite any of the men from our congregation to come and share a couple of hours with us. At our next gathering, along with the meal and fellowship time, we will be preparing for our Pancake Brunch which will be held on Sunday, October 20th. We do need help to get items ready on Saturday and also need help to do the Brunch on Sunday. it isn't hard work either day, we just need bodies to spread out the work load. If you have any questions regarding our Men's Group, please feel free to ask any of our members or talk to Julie in the Faith Lutheran office.

May GOD Bless all of you and we look forward to seeing you at our meeting and/or our Brunch.

Duane Larson



## Mission Team News

Thank you to everyone who donated new socks in September for APOC (Abused Persons Outreach Center). The socks will keep the feet of the young and old dry and warm. They are much needed and greatly appreciated.

Throughout the months of October and November the Mission Team will be collecting new winter gloves/mittens and hats/stocking caps for Jefferson and Washington Schools. Please note that warm, thick, water-proof gloves are best for our schools since students are playing in the snow at recess. Children may forget, misplace or lose their hats and gloves so having extras available for them is a good thing especially when it's cold and snowy. A container will be by the table in the gathering area for these collections.



The Mission Team will have the "Christmas Giving Tree" again this year. They will be collecting items for SMP Health St. Raphael and gifts for local families. After the October meeting more information will be available. Remember our "Mission Christmas Fund. Your loose change each week and the dollar bills on the 1st & 3rd Sundays go into this fun.

The next meeting for the Mission Team will be Tuesday, October 8, at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone who would like to join the Mission Team!

FLC Mission Team—Brenda Bong, Kay Bostrom, Sandy Brandvold, Laney Jenison, Mabeth Kudrna, Elise Miller, Deb Shape, Diane Sommerfeld, Cindy Waagen, Elaine Walls.



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES**

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1. Addalynn Auka, Brooklynn Auka, Dean Pederson, Lincoln Pilgrim, Owen Tichy;
3. Bruce Moritz;
4. Joci Klevgaard, Austin Smith;
5. Zoey Bopp, Mary Rausch, Amy Tichy;
6. Christina Sayler;
7. Mike Nix;
8. Camden Schuster, Scott Tichy;
10. Brody Tompt;
12. Pat Seiner;
13. Bob Hetler;
14. LaVerne Bjornson, Lorraine Nitschke, Cheryl Peterson;
15. Brian Klevgaard, Jennifer Kohler, Tonya Samuelson;
17. Cindy Knudson;
18. Roger Mulvaney, Carol Oppegard;
19. Sara Gilbertson, Mark Lloyd, Nathan Rausch;
20. Haley Dalgliesh, Trierre Smith;
21. Martee Lunde;
22. Anna Metcalf, Julie Moritz;
23. Clint Meyer, Joey Sayler;
24. Brayden Klevgaard, Carol Moritz, Brenda Ventsch;
25. Brody Lindgren, Elise Miller;
26. Dylan Lunn, Dalton Ness, Jan Oppegaard, Brenda Stearns;
28. Tara Nelson, Beth Oppegaard, Olivia Pederson;
29. Melissa Pedersen;
30. Rev. Jamie Desai, Ashley Kellogg, Larry Pederson, Ellie Stearns;
31. Autumn Anderson, Rita Bearman, Gloria Glandt.

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

1. Mikkal & Wanda Auka;
4. Al & Nancy Sorensen;
7. Gary & Diane Sommerfeld;
9. Lance & Elaine Jenison;
17. Merl & Tiffany Greenley;
18. Brian & Georgia Welken;
19. Nick & Ashley Horner;
20. Duane & Diana Larson, Shawn & Karla Ranisate;
21. Randy & Kay Bostrom;
28. Chuck & Deb Shape.

September Transitions

**BAPTISMS: We celebrated God's promise**  
in Holy Baptism for Viola Faye Johnson born December 27, 2023 and baptized on Sunday, September 15, 2024. Her parents are Samantha Ranisate & Braydan Johnson. God bless Viola and her family.

**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.

**October Service & Care**

\*\*needs chairs

- Jeff & Jennifer Bergner  
Gloria Glandt  
Kent & Patty Gronlie  
Dallas & Linda Gruebele  
Ray & Wanda Haugen  
Ralph & JoAnn Hooper  
Mark & Krista Johnson  
Ryan & Jessica Johnson  
Dennis Hoyer & Linda Lane  
Randy & Teri McClafin  
Ryan & Erin Metcalf  
Brandon & Nikki Moen  
Sue Olson & Verlynn Christianson  
Cory & Ali Rodin  
Greg & Kellie Schulz  
Al & Nancy Sorensen  
James & Janet Thornton  
Gary Wieck  
Scott & Wendi Wilmes
- \*Thank you for serving!

**September Attendance**

September 1	52	64+ online
September 8	91	66+ online
September 15	111	67+ online
September 22	98	57+ online
(September 29 not included)		

**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	\$16,498.00
(September 29 not included)	

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





We invite everyone to join us for the 10:30am coffee fellowship on **Sunday, October 6th** to wish **Tim & Nancy Ost** well as they get ready for their move to Moorhead. We will miss seeing them here at church and enjoying our time together!

God bless you Tim & Nancy!

*We will miss you* ♥

**October Family Fun—Pumpkin BINGO!**  
**It's time for our Annual Pumpkin BINGO!**  
 We will be playing BINGO on Sunday, October 13, 6-7:30pm!

Come try to win some pumpkins to decorate your home with! We will be having treats along with our BINGO too! Thank you Kent & Patty Gronlie for supplying the pumpkins and Kids Club for picking them!

**Hope to see you there!**



Thank You from Lois Brandvold

Thanks so much for all the cards and well wishes sent to me on my 90th birthday. It was just like Christmas—I couldn't wait to get the mail each day! I had a wonderful birthday. So thankful God has given me these 90 years. I still have a lot to do, so hope He blesses me with a few more!



My love to everyone.  
 Lois

September Memorials



In memory of Doris (Kahler) Sanden given by Lois Brandvold (Undesignated); by Marlys Freadhoff (Undesignated); by Julie Moritz (Undesignated); by Joan Noeske (General Fund); by Cindy Waagen (Undesignated); by Elaine Walls (Altar Guild).



## Sunday School News

Sunday School runs from 10:45-11:45am. We welcome any child who is 4 years old or close to being 4 up to kids who are going to be 6th graders to come on Sunday mornings to Sunday School!

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, October 20th due to No School on Thursday and Friday due to the Teachers Convention.

## Kids Club!

We welcome all kids going into 4th-6th grade to come to our Wednesday Afterschool program called Kids Club! We currently have 17 kids from Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity signed up. 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.



### Schedule for October

Wednesday, October 2—at Faith      Wednesday, October 9—at Faith  
Wednesday, October 16—at Faith      Wednesday, October 23—at Faith  
Wednesday, October 30—Service Project Day!

## Third Grade Bibles



Sunday, October 6th at 10:45am (during Sunday School time), Pastor Jamie will be leading a class about the Bible for our 3rd grade students and a parent or another adult family member. Meet in the Sanctuary. Then on Sunday, October 13th these 3rd grade students will receive their Bibles at the 9:30am worship service.

The 3rd grade parents should have received a letter in the mail about the class. If you have a 3rd grader and didn't receive a letter please let the office know.

## JH/SH Youth Group You're Invited to Trunk-Or-Treat!

We will be participating in the Trunk or Treat event at Chautauqua Park on Friday, October 25th from 5:30-7pm. We will be decorating a trunk and handing out candy to kids coming through! After the event, we will come to Faith for pizza!

Kids and parents please watch for more information soon!



# Youth News

## Important Info for 10th Graders being Confirmed!

Here are some important dates for the Confirmands:  
**Wednesday, October 2**—Meet with Pastor Jamie at Faith at 6pm.  
**Wednesday, October 9**—Meet with Pastor Jamie at Faith at 6pm  
and then meet for Banner ideas.  
**Sunday, October 13**—Make the Banner at 6pm.



**Banquet for Confirmands will on Sunday, October 20 at 6pm**

(Invite parents, siblings, grandparents, godparents, mentors, and guides to come!)

**Confirmation will be Sunday, October 27 at 9:30am at Faith!**

## Confirmation News

This year, we will be joining together again with Our Savior's and Trinity for our Confirmation sessions on Wednesday evenings!

**Confirmation is here at Faith through October from 6:30-8pm.**  
A light snack will be offered from 6-6:30pm for kids who are hungry after school and sports.

**On Wednesday, October 16 we will be having our 3rd Annual Community Action Night Food Bank Collection!**  
The Confirmation students will be going around with their small group leaders to collect food for our local food pantry!



## Castaway Club Retreat

Wendi Wilmes, Rebecca Westman, and Dale Wangrud took 8 kids who were 6th graders up to 8th graders to Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes the weekend of September 20-22! This year's theme was Hope. We all truly had a blast! It was so much fun to worship God with other youth from around our area, and we had a great time with all the fun activities they had to offer



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