

# Faith On the rise

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## **Congratulations Class of 2025!**



Pictured: Gabe Jenison, Jess Ranisate, Taylor Yanish, Madison Trzpuc,  
**Lacy Majerus (accepting Landon's quilt), Pastor Jamie.**

Not Pictured: Brody Tompt who was unable to attend.

We were honored to recognize this fine group of graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 18. We thank them for greeting, ushering, reading and helping with communion. Each graduate received a homemade quilt made by our own Faith quilters. Thank you Leona McPherson for presenting them. Please let them know how proud we are of them and how special they are. We continue to keep them in our prayers as they venture on to the next chapter of their lives. We pray for the family of Landon Storly. His memory lives on in our hearts.



## **We Welcome You to Join Us for Worship!**

June begins our summer months of worship. We will continue with our 9:30am Sunday morning worship services. During the summer we will livestream the services at least twice a month. Go to our Facebook page: Faith Lutheran Church Valley City and click on the link to watch the service.



*Be still and know that I am God.*

Psalm 46:10

Summer has finally arrived, and we are transitioning from our hectic schedules to our familiar summer routines. This gives us a chance to look at our lives with fresh and new perspectives. How might a fresh look at your spiritual life look for the summer? Let me make a suggestion. The topic I am asked frequently about is prayer. I wonder why prayer? People ask me: *Pastor how should I pray? What ought I pray for? Does God hear my prayers? How come my prayers are not being answered? Does prayer work?* Here's my response to your prayer questions in hopes that you might take some time this summer to focus on prayer.

Prayer begins with a restless ear. Listen to its stirring.

Prayer is like a garden; tend it and it will be fruitful.

Pray where you are. God is everywhere.

Don't worry about words or formulas. God knows what you're trying to say.

If you need something, pray for it. God desires your good.

When your prayer becomes dry or routine, keep at it. Parched earth welcomes the rain.

Bring your anger to God. God can handle it.

As you continue to fail, pray anyway. God keeps on loving you.

Pray when you are worried. Prayer put things in perspective.

When you feel sad, cry. Tears are a prayer of the heart.

Be quiet. Silence draws you closer to hearing God.

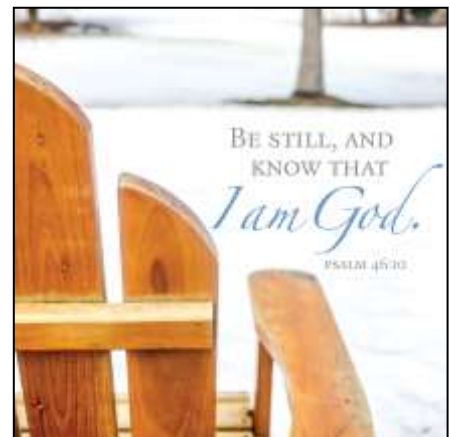
Sometimes prayer is simply listening.

Remember to take some time this summer and pray.

I challenge you to just be still...and listen.

Blessing to you this June,

Pastor Jamie



### **Thank you!**

Thank you everyone for a wonderful day on my Installation! Thank you for the cards with words of encouragement and support, thank you for the delicious cake and fellowship and thank you for the love you've shown me as I have now become your *real* pastor.

We are certainly blessed,

Pastor Jamie

*We Thank God for Pastor Jamie,  
Our FLC Called Pastor*

Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth installed Pastor Jamie as our called pastor here at Faith on Sunday, May 11th. What a wonderful day! We celebrated his installation with a time of fellowship together while enjoying food and cake (of course). We thank our Call Committee for their due diligence and our Church Council also. We are blessed that God had a plan for us and thankful for Pastor Jamie to lead and guide us.



Message from Our Council President

WOW, the month of May has flown by!

It has been a busy month at Faith Lutheran with the installation of our full-time pastor - Pastor **Jamie**, **senior graduation recognition**, **the CROP Walk**, **the Men's Pancake Brunch**, and **appreciation** for our Sunday School teachers and helpers, just to name a few.

Our summer schedule will remain the same, with Sunday worship at 9:30am. Looking ahead to June, we have more exciting events, including Vacation Bible School and a rummage sale on June 13-14 here at Faith. Please look for more details in this newsletter.

Your council has continued to meet monthly, working hard to keep our beautiful church looking **great and feeling inviting**. **We've been discussing repairs to the window leaks, installing a more visible sign, repainting the lines in our parking lots, and addressing general maintenance and upkeep of our facility.** We also continue to work on balancing the general fund. If anyone has suggestions, **please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the council members.**

I would like to thank Kathy Schlotman for all she does with the altar and for preparing communion each week. We are so grateful for her faithful service. I also want to thank Nancy Sorensen for organizing the upcoming rummage sale, and Jody Johnson and Leona McPherson for painting **Pastor's office**. **If you see these individuals, please thank them as they volunteered their time and talents generously.** Finally, I want to thank Pastor Jamie for choosing Faith Lutheran Church. We welcome him with open arms and are grateful he is here with us.

I leave you with this quote:

**"My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak."** – 2 Corinthians 12:9

Your Council President,

*Amy Pederson*

## Faith Lutheran Church Worship Committee

Dear Faith Family,

We hope this message finds you well. You may not have heard of us yet, but we are the Faith Lutheran Church Worship Committee, **and we're excited to share an opportunity with you.** We are currently seeking individuals who feel called to contribute to the musical aspects of our worship services. Whether your interests lie in singing, playing an instrument, operating the sound board, or supporting in any other musical capacity, we would love to hear from you.

We would also like to sincerely thank everyone who currently serves during worship service. You are amazing and appreciated!

If you feel called to share your gifts or time in service to God and our congregation, please reach out to any member of our committee. Every role—big or small—helps create a meaningful and spirit-filled worship experience.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Each of you brings something special to our church community. Let your God-given gifts shine!

With gratitude,

The FLC Worship Committee

Elise Miller, Bri Foell, Matt Brandvold, Erin Metcalf



## Summer Grocery Store

The Bridges Backpack Program/Hi-Liner Pantry Summer Food Assistance will be offering the Summer Grocery Store again this year. The Summer Grocery Store will be open every Wednesday evening June 4-August 6, 5-7pm at the High School.

Enter through VC High School Door #W6 and watch for the OPEN sign by the door.



This is free to everyone to help with the added food need during summer months when children are not in school and school lunch is not available. This grocery store is available for all ages.

The Program does get some food from the Great Plans Food Bank and purchases are made with financial donations and grant funds. Local churches and organizations also donate items. We will have a box at Faith Lutheran for donations that we will bring to the store.

Suggested items to donate:

Canned Items: \*Meat-chicken, tuna, etc. \*Soup \*Vegetables \*Fruit Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc.  
\*Beans—pinto, kidney, baked, etc.

Other Items: \*Cereal \*Pasta \*Spaghetti Sauce \*Alfredo Sauce \*Peanut Butter \*Jelly  
\*Mac & Cheese \*Ramen Noodles \*Hamburger Helper \*Beverages \*Potato Chips  
\*Granola Bars \*Pancake Mix \*Syrup \*Oatmeal \*Desserts \*Cake Mixes  
\*Baking Materials \*Rice

\*Any Fridge/Freezer Items, Fresh Fruits/Veggies, please call the church office to coordinate drop off.



## Men's Group News

**'Food, Fun, Fellowship'** - This is the Motto that our Men's Group goes by. In May, we certainly lived up to our Motto with our Saturday morning Breakfast meeting and our annual Spring Pancake Brunch.

Our Pancake Brunch, once again turned out to be very successful and many thanks need to be expressed. First of all, a big Thanks to the members of our congregation, members of other congregations and the community. Without all of you helping us by graciously giving so openly to our Free Will, the meal would not be so worthwhile.

With a meal like this, there is always a certain amount of preliminary work that needs to be done. So Thanks to Julie for make posters and getting the info to the other churches. Thanks to Joe Lunde for hanging up Posters, to Greg Burchill and Al Sorensen for ordering and picking up the supplies needed. Then on Saturday morning and Sunday for the Brunch, a great Big Thank You to all of the **men in Men's Group for all of their hard work!** Finally, Thanks to Tami Kratz for all of the pictures she takes and for being our Photographer. To Gary and Diane Sommerfeld for finishing our Brunch by washing the towels/aprons and to Mark Brandvold for doing the final kitchen clean up, Thank you!

If you were around on Saturday or Sunday you would have heard much good conversation and a lot of Laughter. We always have so much Fun and good Fellowship when we are together. We would like to invite other men from our congregation to come join us and share in all of the Fun.

**Men's Group doesn't have our regular Saturday morning Breakfast meetings in the summer but we do different activities instead. In June, we will have a Potluck supper at Sayler's Cabin, #132 Sibley on Wednesday evening, June 18th. We will meet at Faith Lutheran at 5:30pm to Carpool out to Sibley. In July we will meet at Mark Brandvold's cabin at the crossing and in August we will attend a RedHawks Baseball game in Fargo.**

**In closing, we ask GOD's blessings for all of you, Our Family of Faith!**

Duane Larson





## WELCA News

WELCA met Wednesday, May 14 at Faith Lutheran.

We assembled 35 personal care kits and 13 school kits that were taken to Fargo for shipping to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks again for all who contributed for this project.

Four Faith members attended the WELCA Spring Roundup at Stump Lake Village south of Lakota, ND. Two speakers, one a Synod Authorized Minister and another a Vicar, Spiritual Director, both are local parishioners with additional training who are serving in their congregations who have been without a pastor, and they can serve those needs, so congregations are not without pastoral care. We also heard from Michelle Ihry, who shared her experience with Lyme disease and long journey, first undiagnosed and now long term treatment. Our last instruction was on Wellness Fitness and staying active and we were entertained by the Dance Performance by Sheyenne Dance Company from the littlest dancers who were so cute to the older teenage young women who did a beautiful ballet dance. Of course, the day started with registration and coffee with goodies and included a delicious lunch of complete meatball dinner with dessert and door prizes sprinkled in throughout the fun day.

Future dates to plan for:

- The EaND SWO Convention will be at St Olaf Lutheran in Devils Lake, ND, September 27, 2025, so save the date if interested in attending.
- Fall Festival will be October 11, 2025

Our next meeting will be August 13 at 3:30pm as we do not meet during the summer. See you then!

**God's Blessing for a relaxing, enjoyable summer,**

Elise Miller, WELCA President

WELCA MISSION STATEMENT:

Mobilizing Women to act Boldly on their Faith in Jesus Christ.

## SMP Health--St Raphael—Volunteers Wanted!



**SMP Health**  
St. Raphael

1. **You'll be a hero! Our residents love volunteers to come see them and you get treated like royalty!**
2. Thinking of a new career? Come volunteer and see if working with our **elders is something you'd love to do.**
3. **Feeling lonely? St. Raphael is like a small town...we've got nearly 170 residents and a bunch of staff that make this place like its own small town. You'll find everyone gets to know your name and is so happy to see you come!**
4. It puts your problems in perspective.
5. You can benefit from the experience of others.
6. **You'll fall in love with a new elder every week!**
7. **Death won't seem so scary after a while, but rather a natural and expected passage.**
8. **You'll get to hear living history every day!**
9. **You can come as often as you want...once a year, once a month, once a week or every day...we'd love to see you as often as you'd like to join us.**
10. **As you are referring to the "nice looking 86-year old lady" and the "handsome new guy on the 2nd floor", you'll realize you don't look so bad either...☺**

Contact Angi Hansen, Activity Director/Volunteer Coordinator at St Raphael, 845-8238.

## Mission Team News

Mission Team met on Tuesday, May 13. Thank you for providing the items needed for the Celebration Cake Kits! Thank you Russ & Mabeth Kudra for bringing 36 kits to the Barnes County Food Pantry. The Summer Grocery Store received 9 and SMP Heath - St. Raphael received a kit to make as well. These are so appreciated by the community.

Thank you for all who participated in the CROP Hunger Walk on Wednesday, May 7. It was a beautiful evening to walk. There were 110 walkers who participated. Thank you Elise Miller, Kay Bostrom, Deb Shape, Sandy Brandvold for setting up the small garden education table and handing out information about it.



Thank you to all who bring Diapers/Wipes in May for our annual Diaper Drive. These will be shared with Community agencies after collected. They are very much appreciated and help with the need for them in the community.



As you are out and about shopping during the summer and start noticing Back to School supplies sales, please consider purchasing some basic supplies. Beginning in July we will be collecting school supplies for our elementary schools. We will have the supply list available in future newsletters and bulletins. The supplies we collect are provided to the schools and the teachers use these as a resource for students who may not come with the items needed or may run out. They also use it for new students throughout the year who join their classes.

The Mission Team will not meet in June or July. We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join our Mission Committee to come to the meetings the second Tuesday of each month.

Have a great summer!



## Noisy Offering—Summer Grocery Store

We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, June 15 for the Summer Grocery Store. The kids will come around with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills during the Children's Message. **Your caring and generosity makes a difference in people's lives.**

In May we received \$334.32 for the CROP Hunger Walk! Thank you for your generous giving!

## Peggy Lee Day in Valley City—Friday, June 20

Enjoy a Free Concert at VCSU Art Center at 7pm performed by Myron Sommerfeld Band featuring Miss Bonnie Lynn. They will be singing the tunes made popular by Miss Peggy Lee. Please bring food items for the Barnes County Food Pantry.





#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

1. Bud Anderson; 3. Ella Radke, Grace Struble; 4. Alice Bergan, Kyzer Hovland, Megan Jacobson, Matt Jenrich, Aaron Larson; 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; 15. Tyson Hovland, Ellie Larson; 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. Della Heide, Kaycee Smith; 25. Sandy Brandvold, Mary Stearns, Kent Swanberg; 26. Dan Johnson, Mabeth Kudrna; 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 & Deloris Welken; 5. Mark & Patty Lloyd; Roger & Sandy Mulvaney; 6. Colten & Jenny Roberts; 7. Steve & Tara Nelson; 8. Andy & Sam Carlson, Warren & Brenda Ventsch; 9. Tony & Kaila Cooley; 10. Bailey & Sarah Duffy; 12. Scott & Deb Beilke, Zach & Jill Rischmiller; 20. Jere & Erin Heide; 24. Jeff & Ashley Roe; 27. John & Jennifer Kohler, Jake & Brenda Rohde; 28. Bud & Verna Anderson.

#### MAY TRANSITIONS

**BAPTISMS:** We celebrated God's promise in Holy Baptism for Atlas Jasper Brant, born on March 25, 2025 and baptized on Sunday, May 4, 2025. His parents are Madison Trzpuc and Hades Brant.

**DEATHS:** Our sympathies to Marlys Hilborn and Family & Friends of Russell Hilborn. Russ died November 20, 2024. His Celebration of Life was held here at Faith on May 10, 2025 with Pastor Jamie officiating.

Our sympathies to the Family & Friends of Illa Glandt. Illa died on May 23, 2025 and her funeral was held here at Faith on May 27, 2025 with Pastor Jamie officiating.

#### June Service & Care

**\*\*Cheryl Foell**

**\*\*Joe & Martee Lunde**

**Matt & Allison Anderson**

**Jan Arneson**

**Justin & Bri Foell**

**Marlys Hilborn**

**Alan & Janie Larson**

**Jamie & Pam Lunn**

**Jordan & Mercidez Lunn**

**Leah Radke**

**Chuck & Deb Shape**

**Brent & Janis Wallender**

**\*Thank you for serving!**

#### May Attendance

May 4	150	54+ online
May 11	197	47+ online
May 18	160	34+ online
May 25	63	48+ online

#### Offering

January	\$19,005.60
February	\$20,335.00
March	\$23,203.07
April	\$21,189.71
May	\$18,830.00

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan:  
\$23,577.58

**New Members:** We would like to welcome to our Faith Lutheran Church Family Kevin & Barb Baasch and Diane Busch.







## Faith Lutheran Church Rummage Sale Notice!

Our Church Rummage Sale is almost here! This is a freewill offering **rummage sale so you don't need to price items.** Cash or checks accepted. If you feel called to participate, below are a few ways you can help. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be placed into the Faith Lutheran Church General Fund. This is the fund that is used for the every day building expenses and employee salaries. Thanks for your time, talents, treasures, and prayers! Contact Nancy Sorensen with questions - 840-8388.

1. Donate your stuff!
  - Donations accepted Thursday, June 12—8am-5pm
  - Inspect all donations to ensure they are in good working condition and clean
  - Please no televisions, microwaves, outdated infant carriers, no large appliances
  - All donations must be brought into the church, make arrangements for large/oversize items
  - PLEASE no early donation drop-offs as we don't have storage space
2. Volunteers needed to make this a success!
  - There will be a volunteer sign up sheet at the church. You can fill it out in person or contact Nancy Sorensen, 840-8388, to fill a spot or two.
    - Thursday, June 12—Donations accepted 8am-5pm
    - Friday, June 13—Rummage sale open 9am-5pm
    - Saturday, June 14—Rummage sale open 9am-3pm
    - Saturday, June 14—Clean up help needed at 2:30pm
3. Promotion and Marketing
  - Tell all your friends and family about the sale
    - Word of mouth, email, social media, etc.
    - The more people who walk through the door, the more successful the event will be.



## May Memorials

In memory of Iila Glandt given by Cheryl Foell (Undesignated); by Gloriann Gaarder (Undesignated); by Mary Johnson (Foundation); by Jack & Val Moritz (Undesignated); by Julie Moritz (Altar Guild); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (General Fund); by Brenda Stearns (Undesignated).

In memory of Russ Hilborn given by Cheryl Foell (Undesignated); by Jack & Val Moritz (Undesignated); by Julie Moritz (Undesignated); by Joan Noeske (General Fund); by Cindy Waagen (Undesignated).

In memory of Linda Hosse given by Mary Johnson (Foundation).



## JUNE TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets Wed, June 11  
at 5:15pm

**Men's Group**—No June, July  
or August Meeting

Mission Team—No June or July Meeting

July Service & Care— Meets Sun, June 22  
after worship & by emails texts/ phone

WELCA—No June or July Meeting



## Vacation Bible School June 3,4,5—12:30-5pm

VBS is being held for kids that are going into Kindergarten to kids that are going into 6th grade! It is being held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Faith Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran are partnering with Our Savior's Lutheran. If you haven't signed up yet, you may sign up on the 1st day. Kids are welcome to invite their friends! See you on June 3rd!

## Kids Club!

The Kids Club had a blast finishing off their school going to Valley Twin Cinema to watch a movie and also spending a fun time at Wendi's parents' lake cabin at Lake Ashtabula!

Thank you to Wendi Wilmes, Rebecca Westman & Pastor Jamie for leading Kids Club each week!

We look forward to another great year of Kids Club this fall!



## Red Willow Bible Camp—Scholarships Still Available!

Red Willow Ministries, located near Binford, ND has officially opened registration for their amazing list of 2025 Bible Camps. You may still sign your kids up for Bible Camp. Please scan the QR code to visit their website, review camp details and register your kids for a wonderful opportunity to grow in their faith and meet new friends. This year, Faith Lutheran is offering a limited number of \$100 scholarships for those attending any 2025 Red Willow Camps. Contact Julie in the office for a special scholarship code. If you have any additional questions about Red Willow registration, contact Erin Metcalf. Thanks!





# Youth News



## Sunday School Teachers & Helpers—Thank you!

Our Sunday School teachers and helpers were recognized on Sunday, May 4th. We would like to thank them for being a part of our children's lives and teaching them about God and Jesus and the Bible stories. You are helping grow our kids faith! Thank you!

Pictured (l-r):

Maya Van Bruggen, Brenda Rohde, Abby Wilmes, Jessica Johnson, Amanda Pilgrim, Alyssa Wilmes, Angela Van Bruggen, Wendi Wilmes.

Not Pictured: Ashley Horner



## Attention Junior High Youth Group (7th-9th Grade in the fall)!!

We will be going to a RedHawks game on Friday, June 13th! We will leave from Faith at 5:15pm, as the game starts at 7:02pm. The cost per ticket will be \$10. Please bring extra money for food at the game. There are fireworks after the game as well! Watch the Remind app for a text to sign up soon.

## CROP Hunger Walk

All Confirmation Youth from Faith, Our Savior's, Trinity participated in the CROP Hunger Walk on May 7.





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