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Installation of Pastor Jamie Desai Sunday, May 11 at 9:30am service

With great joy we invite you to join us for the installation of Pastor Jamie Desai as our called pastor at Faith Lutheran Church. Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth of the Eastern North Dakota Synod will be installing Pastor Jamie and will be preaching at our worship service on Sunday, May 11 at 9:30am. We will be serving cake and coffee after the worship service.

First Communion Received Maundy Thursday

We welcomed 11 children to the communion table to receive their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday service on April 17. God bless these young ones as they have made this milestone and grow in their faith in Christ Jesus.



Pictured: (back row, l-r) Jack Rohde, Pastor Jamie, Brenton Rittenhouse, Zach Wilmes, Charlie Kohler, Jayce Auka; (front row, l-r) Riley Smith, Oakleigh Johnson, Reagan Holm, Cali Anderson, Taylor McKay, Shay Pilgrim.

Installation Day



I would like to invite you to the Installation of your newest pastor, that would be me, on **Sunday May 11th** at 9:30am. It is kind of a big deal both for me and for Faith Lutheran Church.

The Lutheran Church calls this an *Installation* service. An *Installation* is a formal worship service where a pastor, who has been called to serve a particular congregation is officially welcomed and empowered to begin their ministry there. It is a public act of mutual covenant-making (promise) between the pastor and the congregation, signifying their commitment to service God and one another. The *Installation* formally recognizes the pastor's authority to preach, teach, administer the sacraments and lead the congregation in worship, as well as the congregations' agreement to receive and support the pastor in their ministry. Historically when an Interim Pastor serves a congregation it is only for the period of time between when the previous pastor has left, and a new pastor is called. The mission of the Interim Pastor is to aid the congregation in grieving the leaving of the previous pastor and prepare to welcome the new pastor. The Interim pastor is *not* supposed to stay and become the congregation's permanent pastor. Oops! After serving as your Interim Pastor for the last several years it became apparent to me that I felt called to be your pastor. But rules are rules so what can you do? To make a long story short, a lot of prayer, negotiation, bending of rules and flexibility between the Church Council, the Call Committee, the Bishop, Faith and myself to make this possibility of becoming your next pastor a reality. I would like to thank you and all those involved for making this call come to fruition!



Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth, the bishop of the Eastern North Dakota Synod will be here personally to preach and install me as your pastor. I hope you are as excited as I am for this big day, and I pray that you would join me **Sunday, May 11th** for this special Installation event!

In Christ,

Pastor Jamie Desai

Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly

Would you like to be a part of a fun learning experience? Consider attending the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly as a voting member of Faith Lutheran. The Synod Assembly will be Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND. FLC can send 3 voting member delegates. Brenda Rohde has volunteered to attend so we are looking for one or two more congregation members to take part. Registration deadline is May 20. Faith Lutheran will pay the registrations fee for attending members. Pastor Jamie will be attending also.

If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact the church office—845-4390. More information is on the EaND Synod website: www.eandsynod.org.



Message from Our Council President

Dear Faith Family,

I would like to start by thanking everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to help with the Lenten and Easter services, as well as the meals. I know everyone's time is valuable, so I truly appreciate all of you who contributed. A special thank you goes out to Brynleigh Milbrandt for sharing a beautiful song with us on Easter Sunday. It was such a brave thing to do at such a young age. THANK YOU!



As most of you know, Pastor Jamie has accepted the call to be our full-time pastor here at Faith Lutheran Church. We are grateful for his leadership. His installation as our pastor will take place on May 11th, with Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth officiating. We hope you will join us on this journey together.

My goal as council president is to find ways to balance the budget. I'm open to suggestions and comments, so please feel free to reach out to me or any council member with any ideas or thought you may have. In addition, if you are able and willing, we would greatly appreciate any donations that can help support our efforts to maintain and grow our ministry. Your generosity, in any amount, would make a significant difference. Anything you can do is greatly appreciated, and remember, the Council is here to serve the Faith Family.

I leave you with this quote:

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put in your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

– Luke 6:38

Your Council President,

Amy Pederson

Living Generously

We are thankful for your continued financial support! If you are unable to attend worship and would like to contribute financially you may drop your offering the church office or mail it to Faith Lutheran Church, PO Box 606, Valley City, ND 58072.

Consider setting up online giving on our website:

www.faithlutheranvc.org, click "Give Online" on the

upper right side or scan the QR Code to take you to

there. Electronic Giving is a great way to help support

our church year round since it is a convenient and consistent way to

do it, Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you

from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to

be received. We have an increasing number of congregation members

opting to give online. Thank you!



First Communion Class Preparation

Here are pictures of the 11 kids painting their Chalices and making the communion bread to prepare for their First Communion. We thank Dennis & Gail Pederson for having the kids out to Pederson Pottery to paint their chalices and firing the chalices in the kiln. The chalices are such a special keepsake for each child to paint the way they would like and to remember their 1st Communion. Thank you Wendi Wilmes, Jessica Johnson, Brenda Rohde, Kayla Holm and Megan McKay for helping the kids with the bread making. Thank you Mary Johnson for providing the ingredients and recipe for the communion bread.



Visitation Ministry

Can you dedicate an hour each week to connect with a member of our congregation who is not able to attend church activities and services? These visits are very informal and allow for you and the **person you're visiting to set your own time frame and find what's comfortable for both of you. I'm sure you'll find yourself looking** forward to these weekly visits and enjoy building this relationship. If you have considered taking part in this ministry or have any questions, please call Val Moritz at 840-1652. Help us maintain and grow this important ministry.



Valley Troubadours 2025 Spring Concert



The Valley Troubadours 2025 Spring Concert will be Sunday, May 4th at 7pm at Valley City Connect Church. (Please note the new location). Admission is free to the event. A free will offering will be taken. The Troubadours hope to greet you there. The Valley Troubadours will also be performing on Thursday, May 8 at 6:30pm at Nome Schoolhouse Thirsty Thursday Event.

Annual Calendar of Cakes

CHI Mercy Auxiliary invites you to their Annual Calendar of Cakes Fundraiser, Thursday, May 15 at Faith Lutheran Church. This is a freewill offering event. Enjoy cake, coffee, punch and lots of visiting! Each table is decorated to represent one of the 12 months of the year and also features a different cake at each table. The doors will open at 1pm with the event starting at 2pm.

Cake tasting is at 2:30pm. Jerry Ness—Carver and Storyteller is the entertainment beginning at 3pm. There is also a Chance Auction with the winners drawn at 3:30pm.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the CHI Mercy Auxiliary please contact Kayla Beilke at 845-6557.



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 Care will meet Thursday, May 22, 1-3pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Coffee and dessert will be served. A brief program will begin at 1:30pm. This month the Valley City Police Department will be here to talk about scams. This will be the last Memory Café until this fall.



WELCA News

WELCA met Wednesday, April 9 at Faith Lutheran.

Thank you to all who have donated to Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. We will put them together and deliver in May, 34 completed kits. We also found we had 20 cloth school bags made by the quilters a few years back **that were in storage. With Cheryl Foell's Thrivent Community Impact card,** purchasing items to finish the personal care kits and school supplies to complete the school bags, we will be sending 20 complete school bags with the personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief.

At the time of this May newsletter, we will have just attended the WELCA Spring Roundup at Stump Lake Village, south of Lakota, ND. We will share more information in the June newsletter.

The EaND Synodical Newsletter CONNECTIONS is no longer going to be mailed out but will be available online at their website: eandwelca.net. This newsletter is produced quarterly, and each president will be notified when available.. The most recent newsletter there now is for Oct 2024-Feb 2025.

Enjoy the busy month of May, or beautiful weather, and our summer season!

Our next meeting is yet to be scheduled as we usually do not meet during the summer. So watch the bulletin and newsletter form meeting dates in the Fall.

May you act Boldly on your Faith,
Elise Miller, WELCA President

WELCA MISSION STATEMENT:
Mobilizing Women to act Boldly on their Faith in Jesus Christ.

CROP Walk for World Hunger—May 7

The 45th annual Valley City CROP WALK for Hunger is set for Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm on the Jefferson School mile. Walkers may start collecting pledges and making donations now. Pledge forms and donor forms are available at the church.

Seventy-five percent of the money raised goes to fight hunger around the world and the remaining 25 percent remains in the local community in a distribution to the Barnes County Food Pantry, the Hi-Liner Food Pantry at Valley City Public Junior/Senior High, and the Valley City State University Food Pantry. In 2024, more than \$5,244.06 was raised for this hunger relief.



The CROP Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Now there are more than 500 communities **across the United States that participate. Valley City's participation in this event started in 1981 with the help of the late Rev. Wayne McKirdy (who was a United Methodist pastor), Kay Kringlie, Myrt Pommeroy, and West Retterath (from St. Catherine's Catholic Church).**

Mission Team News

Mission Team met on Tuesday, April 8, writing on birthday cards, and reviewing upcoming projects.

Thank you for the response to our mission opportunity to provide Celebration Cake boxes again this year for the food pantry and summer grocery store. As I prepare this report, we have about twenty-four cake mixes so we will be able to complete that many and maybe more Celebration boxes at our May mission meeting. We heard from the Food Pantry that they were appreciated as did families at the summer grocery store.



CROP Walk: Our committee will have a table at the CROP Walk at the Jefferson Mile on Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm. Our table will again include education on growing a garden in a planter on your deck and will include handouts and some seed packets for small planter gardens or small garden areas.

The walk will be the Jefferson Mile with registration beginning just before 7pm with fruit and water available during the walk with music to make it a fun time for all. Diane Sommerfeld received a Thrivent card to help purchase fruit and water to give to the walkers.

In May we will celebrate Mother's Day and again offer the opportunity to donate diapers and baby wipes. The Pack N Play will be set up near the Mission closet to place your donations. These will be shared with Community agencies after collected.



Summer is right around the corner, and we do know that the Bridges BackPack Program will again sponsor the Summer Grocery Store Wednesdays to help with increased food needs when children are not in school. Watch for more details in Sunday Bulletins for schedule details and also for food donations. This is open to all, single or family, who find their grocery dollars are not enough to meet their needs.

Again, 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. May's meeting will be Tuesday, May 13 at 5:30pm.**

THANK YOU!!

Faith Mission Team

Written by Elise Miller

Noisy Offering—CROP Hunger Walk



We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, May 18 for the CROP Hunger Walk. 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 April we received \$286.05 for the School Lunch Program! Thank you for your generous giving!



MAY BIRTHDAYS:

1. Karen Nitschke, Harper Van Bruggen; 2. Mark

Brandvold, Mark Hill; 3. Erin Metcalf; 4. Sam Carlson, Darlene Friestad, Wrevyn Friestad; 5. Ryan Johnson, Virgil Kratz; 6. Wyatt Friestad, Keith Hovland, Cheryl Storhoff; 7. Brenton Rittenhouse; 8. Gene Bjerke, Mark Thomsen; 9. Verlynn Christianson, Joe Lunde; 10. Michael Pedersen; 12. Randy Bostrom, Jacob Johnson, Connie Ronholm; 13. Wade Sorensen; 14. Jan Arneson; Jesse Johnson; 15. Morgen Sayler; 16. Mary Ann Anderson, Thomas Houdek; 17. Nicki Brockopp, Rick Idland; 18. Verna Anderson; 20. Alexis Horner, Arlene Larson, Mercidez Lunn; 21. Jere Heide, Tom Kellogg, Kassidy Schulz; 22. Riley Miller, Braeden Schulz; 23. Leona McPherson; 24. Doreen Vangerud, Laurette Zachrison; 27. Jeremy Smith; 28. Ethan Miller; 31. Devin Anderson, Austen Dahl, Debbie Eggert, Owen Houdek, Janie Larson.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

3. Mark & Sandy Brandvold; 17. Russ & Mabeth Kudrna; 20. Jeff & Jennifer Bergner; 24. Dave & Carol Smith; 25. Dan & Emily Thompson; 27. Jarin & Gina Thornton; 28. Ryan & Michelle Trzpuć; 31. Rydell & Suzie Becker.

May Service & Care

**Doug & Leona McPherson

Randy & Kay Bostrom
Brent & Lynn Gustafson
Deb Horner

Nick & Ashley Horner
Lance & Elaine Jenison

Doug & Becky Kratz
Virgil & Tami Kratz

Mike & Julie May
Bonnie Schumacher

Jeremy & Kara Wiebe

*Thank you for serving!

April Attendance

April 6	150	54+ online
April 9 (Lent)	62	
April 13 (Palm Sunday)	197	47+ online
April 17 (Maundy Thursday)	135	
April 18 (Good Friday)	44	
April 20 (Easter Sunday)	333	114+ online
April 27	89	

Offering

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

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



April Memorials

In memory of **WE. "Windy"**
Rohwedder given by Family and

Friends (Undesignated); by Doreen Vangerud (Undesignated).

In memory of Terry Sorensen given by Jerry & Carol Moritz (Undesignated).

Thank You

The family of W.E. "Windy" Rohwedder would like to thank everyone for your prayers, expressions of sympathy, cards, memorials, for attending Windy's Celebration of Life in December 2024.

God bless you,



Please let the office know if you have moved or have new phone numbers. Also if a birthday or anniversary is wrong please let Julie know so she can correct that.

CONTACT
information





Men's Group Pancake Brunch—May 18

It's that time of the year again so 'Come and Get It!' Our Men's Group Spring Pancake Brunch will be held on Sunday, May 18th. We hope for a good turnout again so come and enjoy our meal of Pancakes, Sausage and Fried Potatoes.

This means that our May Breakfast meeting will be on Saturday morning, May 17 at 8am. At this meeting we will be preparing the Potatoes, Onions and Green Peppers. We will also be taking care of any other preliminary items that need to be done.

We would like to extend a special invitation to any and all of the Men of Faith to come share some good fellowship with us. We would like to welcome you to come to our Monthly Breakfast Meeting, our Sunday Brunch or both. We are a very 'low key' 'easy going' bunch, so anybody would fit in and feel comfortable.

Our Motto is very fitting for our group—'FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP'.

May GOD Bless all of you, Our Family of Faith.

Duane Larson



Easter Lilies

Thank you to everyone who donated or gave Easter Lilies to adorn our sanctuary for Easter: Randy & Kay Bostrom, Larry Pederson, Sarah, Mark & Christopher Neill, Larry, Latha, Brennan & Therin Pederson, Pat Seiner, Bruce & Julie Moritz, Ron & LeeAnn Peterson, Jody, Jacob, Jesse & Kylie Johnson, Troy & Jodi Miller Family, Mark & Krista Johnson Family, Doug & Leona McPherson Family, Virgil & Tami Kratz Family, Doug & Becky Kratz Family, Gloriann Gaarder, Jack & Val Moritz, Cheryl Foell, Lance, Laney, Kael & Gabe Jenison, Jan and Beth Oppegaard, Lunde Family, Kent & Patty Gronlie, Doreen and Sarah Vangerud, The Majerus & Storly Family, Cheryl Peterson

MAY TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets Wed, May 14 at 5:15pm

FLC Staff—Meets Wed, May 7 at 1:30pm

Men's Group—Meets Sat, May 17 at 8am



Mission Team—Meets Tue, May 13 at 5:30pm

June Service & Care— Meets Sun, May 18 after worship & by emails texts/ phone

WELCA—TBA

Sunday School News

After church, you can grab a treat with your family and then we start Sunday School at **10:45am** and finish at **11:45am**. Each week is a blast together with Jesus.



***Sunday, May 4 will be our last day of Sunday School for the 2024-2025 school year!**

***Sunday, May 4** we will be honoring our Sunday School teachers! Thank you to **Brenda Rohde, Jessica Johnson, Amanda Pilgrim, Angela Van Bruggen, Ashley Horner, Abby Wilmes, and Alyssa Wilmes** for teaching our kids this school year! Also, a special thank you to **May Van Bruggen** for being a great assistant in our PreK classroom!



Palm Sunday

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.

***May 7—Last Day of Kids Club for the 2024-2025 school year!** We will be heading out to Wendi's parents' lake cabin at Lake Ashtabula!

Kids Club rocked picking up trash around Valley City to clean up God's earth!



Youth News

Confirmation Information for 7th-9th Graders

Our final confirmation class for the 2024-2025 year was held April 30.

Crop Hunger Walk will be on **Wednesday, May 7th** here in Valley City! Confirmation youth are required to participate. Meet up at Jefferson School before 7pm.

A new acolyte schedule for the summer will be emailed out soon as well as printed off. Please remember that we would like acolytes throughout the summer for worship services.



Attention Junior High Youth Group!

To celebrate the end of school, we will head to a **RedHawks game** on **Wednesday, May 21st!**

The game is at 7:02pm, so we will plan on leaving at 5pm from Faith! Cost will be \$10 plus bring money for food! Watch for more information soon!



Attention Senior High Youth Group!

On **Sunday, May 18th** come to Wendi's parents lake cabin for outdoor games and a bonfire to celebrate the end of the school year! We will be out there from **5-8pm**. Watch for more information soon!



Vacation Bible School Information will be available soon!

We will put it in the bulletin announcements and June Newsletter email. We will have VBS with Our Savior's and Trinity Lutheran Churches.



Red Will Bible Camp—Scholarships Available!

Red Will 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!



“Rejoice! The Lord is near.” Philippians 4:5

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