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Affirmation of Baptism—Sunday, October 26



Pictured (l-r) Pastor Jamie, Audrey Jacobson, Addy Gerhardt, Kassidy Schulz, Ellie Altringer.

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 2

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.



Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Luke 6:20, 21

With winter approaching I have been trying to decide what sort of activity I could do for some exercise. As I was pondering this, I got a flier on a new indoor pickleball facility opening not too far from our house. I thought, *maybe this is a sign from God*. I went for the first time this week and played a sport I have never played before. I was convinced that it would not be too difficult because I used to be an athlete back in the day. After a whole hour of playing pickleball I came home with bruises on both my knee and my forearm. I guess I'm not the athlete I used to be and my mortality has finally caught up with me.

In the Gospel of Luke Chapter six, Jesus proclaims that those who suffer will one day be *blessed*. For those who are *poor, hungry and grieving*, the promise that *you will be blessed* is a moment of grace. In those times of poverty, hunger and death it is difficult to find hope. Poverty, hunger and grief can strip us of our happiness and hope. Jesus wants us to turn our faith toward God, knowing that it is God from whom all blessing flow. There are things that happen to us in life that we have no control over and when our blessings seem to be taken away from us, we can lose heart. We think that today we are *blessed*, but the truth is we are one emergency away from being poor, hungry and grieving. This time of year, it is easy to get caught up in all the activities of life, but Jesus in reminding us that it is from God that all blessing flow.

As you ease into Thanksgiving and begin preparing for Christmas try not to take your blessing for granted. There are those around us who are currently poor, hungry and grieving. Look into the eyes of another and see Jesus staring back to you. For *blessed are you* even though you might not be able to do the things you once did in your youth God is still at work blessing you!

May you be blessed this November,

Pastor Jamie



Pastor Appreciation

Thank you for all the cards and gifts and cake, support and encouragement you gave on Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

Pastor Jamie

Message from Our Council President

Oh, how time truly flies! It's already November.

A special shoutout goes to Tami and Virgil Kratz for making the outside of our building look beautiful and ready for the winter months ahead. Please take a moment to thank them for all they do for us at Faith Lutheran Church.



Photos for our church directory are taking place this month! Please contact Julie to schedule your photo session or you may submit a photo instead. We would love for every Faith Family member to be included in this new directory. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up and big thank-you to Cheryl Foell and Rick Bredeson for joining me to help contact members and reminding them to participate.

Congratulations to this year's confirmands—*Addy Gerhardt, Ellie Altringer, Kassidy Schulz and Audrey Jacobson*. May God bless each of you with happiness, devotion, and love as you continue your spiritual journey and grow in faith.

In October we welcomed and recognized our new members to the Faith Lutheran Family. We look forward to getting to know each of you! Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!

Throughout October and November the Mission Team will be collecting winter gloves, mittens and caps for local elementary schools. A collection container is located under the table in the gathering area.

This month we'll also be preparing the Thanksgiving baskets for deliver and pickup. If you're able to help, please ask Julie how you can get involved with this wonderful event.

As the year comes to a close, the Church Council is diligently working on our 2026 budget. The annual meeting will be held in January. If you're considering year-end giving, please remember Faith Lutheran Church in your plans.



I leave you with this quote:

“For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.” - 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Your Council President,
Amy Pederson

Last Call to Sign Up for Photo Sessions for New Church Directory!

Schedule your professional photography session here at Faith now! The dates are Wednesday, November 5, 2-8:30pm; Thursday, November 6, 2-8:30pm; Friday, November 7, 2-8:30pm; Saturday, November 8, 10am-4:30pm. To schedule your photo session go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography schedule, church code: ND157, password: photos. You can also stop by or call the office and Julie will get you scheduled. If you are unable to be here for a photo session you may also submit a photo for the directory, the cost is \$15 and you will also receive a directory. We will want to be sure we have your correct address, phone numbers, emails and household members.





Handbell Choir

It's not too late to sign up for the Handbell Choir! Jerrold Heide has volunteered to direct the choir and rehearsals will begin Wednesday, November 12, at 5:15pm. To sign up, call or text Val at 840-1652.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in helping when needed to greet, usher, bring treats, help in the kitchen, serve communion on Sunday mornings please contact Julie in the office, 845-4390. If you would like to volunteer to help with extra cleaning in or around the church we would appreciate it. We appreciate your willingness to give of your time and talents.



Community Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Community Thanksgiving Service offered by the Barnes County Ministerial. The service will be held on Sunday, November 23 at 4pm at the UCC Congregational Church, 217 4th St NW. A meal will be served afterwards.



Trinity Lutheran Church Fall Festival—November 8

The Trinity Lutheran Fall Festival will be Saturday, November 8. Bake Sale & Lefse Sale: 10:30am-1:30pm. Luncheon Hours: 11am-1:30pm. Menu: Casserole Extravaganza! served with their famous coleslaw & dessert. Adults: \$10, Ages 6 & Under: \$5. Lunch Pick Up & Delivery available 11:30am-1pm. Call 845-8987.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Annual Lefse & Bake Sale

Quilt Sale & Treasure Sale—Saturday, November 22, 8:30-11:30am

Enjoy a roll and coffee before you check out the freshly made lefse and other baked goodies. Good Samaritan Quilters are offering quilts for sale. They make great gifts and raise money for a wonderful cause. New this year is a holiday themed Treasure Sale—if you are looking for some different decorations for your home. Something for everyone!



NOVEMBER TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets Wed, Nov 12
at 5:15pm at VC Eagles

FLC Staff—Meets Wed, Nov 5
at 1:00pm & Wed, Nov 19
at 1:00pm



Men's Group—Meets Sat, Nov 15 at 8:00am

Mission Team—Meets Tue, Nov 11 at 5:15pm

Dec Service & Care— Meets Sun, Nov 16
after worship & by emails texts/ phone

WELCA—Meets Wed, Nov 12 at 3:30pm

Mission Team News

The Mission Team met on Tuesday, October 14th. We welcomed Kaila Cooley to our group and look forward to having her on our team.

Our Sock Drive was a HUGE success with 328 pairs of socks being collected! This is the biggest sock drive we have ever had. Thank you to Diane Sommerfeld for delivering the socks to APOC (Abused Persons Outreach Center). They are so appreciative. ☺

Our next mission drive will be Hats and Gloves for both elementary schools. When donating, please keep in mind that the gloves/mittens should be waterproof. We will be collecting and gloves during the month of November, and they will be delivered to the schools in December. A container is in the gathering area for you to put the hats and gloves/mittens.



The Mission Team appreciates all of you and your generosity. If you would like to join our fun group, please contact one of the team members or just show up at our next meeting which will be Tuesday, November 11 at 5:15pm in the Fireside Room, we would love to see you.



Noisy Offering—Mission Christmas Fund

We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, November 16 for the Mission Christmas Fund. The Mission Christmas Fund is used to purchase Gift Cards from local businesses for families who have been experiencing something difficult in their lives such as medical/health issues and other struggles. These gift cards are given out in December. The kids will come around with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills during the Children's Word. Your caring and generosity makes a difference in people's lives.

In October we received \$345.93 for the Thanksgiving Baskets! Thank you for your generosity.



Great Plains Mobile Distribution

Thursday, November 6th, 1:30-3pm the Great Plains Mobile Food Distribution will be happening at Epworth United Methodist Church, 680 8th Ave SW, This is a drive thru type distribution. All in need of food assistance are welcome to come and receive the food at no cost! Volunteers are needed to hand out food, distribute intake forms and direct traffic. It's a great way to volunteer and help the community! Intake and traffic volunteers, please arrive by 12:30pm. Food volunteers please arrive by 1pm. Please contact Epworth UMC if you have any questions about volunteering. 845-0340.

Love Your Neighbor—Benefit Night for The Neighborhood Church

Monday, November 17, 6:30-8pm you are invited to a Benefit Night for The Neighborhood Church, 730 27th St N, Fargo, ND. Enjoy a live mini-concert by Nashville recording artist Gina Powers, a tasting of Delectable Desserts, and share support for the important work of The Neighborhood Church! To reserve your seat, go to www.tncfargo.com.



WELCA News



The Faith Fall Festival was held on Saturday, October 11 and was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated in any way. There was an abundance of baked goods, crafts, canned goods, lefse, and beautiful quilts and all that filled the tables in the tables in the fellowship hall and gathering space and the quilts covered the church pews in all their glory! We saw all the talents of our members shining that day. The youth also served a freewill lunch of BBQ, chips and bars for takeout after the shopping was done. This was delicious and well received. Again, thank you all who made the Festival so successful!!

We will have the total amount we received at our next meeting, and we will decide what missions we will disperse these funds to at that time. Following the Festival, 66 quilts were packed up and distributed 22 to Furniture Mission, 22 to Churches United and 22 to Lutheran World Relief to bring blessing and warmth to many.

The next WELCA meeting will be Wednesday, November 12 in the Fireside Room at 3:30pm. All are welcome to join us.

Elise Miller, WELCA President

Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley Thank You

Quilters,

Thanks so very much for the 20+ quilts you dropped off this week. you have there since almost day one. The people we serve seems never ending. We served over 3,350 families with over 45,500 free pieces of furniture. Last year over 850 children have a warm bed and a quilt because of people like you. We are blessed by your support.

Darrell Costain



Pictured (l-r); Leona McPherson, Paulette Everson, Margie Lima

October Memorials & Honorariums

In honor of **Al & Nancy Sorensen's 50th Wedding Anniversary** given by Junette Christianson (Foundation); by Duane & Diana Larson (Foundation).

In memory of Rev. Jim Bjorge given by Cheryl Foell (General Fund); by Virgil & Tami Kratz (Undesignated); by Jack & Val Moritz (General Fund); by Julie Moritz (Undesignated).

In memory of Pat Nielson given by Cheryl Foell (General Fund).

In memory of Latha Pederson given by Joe & Nancy Burgard (Undesignated); by Cheryl Foell (General Fund), by Jack & Val Moritz (General Fund).

Men's Group News

'Feed them and they will come'. Come they did to our annual Fall Pancake Brunch on Sunday, October 19. a special Thank-You to our members of Faith Lutheran, who so graciously supported us. Also, a big Thank-You to members of other congregations, people from our community and people from the surrounding area who came to our Brunch. It is always so Fun to share this fellowship time with all of the people who come to our Brunch. In all, we served around 200 meals.

It would be difficult to continually do these Brunches without all of this support. Also, it would be hard to do without the help from the men in our Men's Group. I don't know how to say Thanks to the guys to truly express my feelings of Gratitude for all of the good help, both in preparing for the Brunch the day before and then serving the Brunch. So to all of the Guys—THANK-YOU!

Like always, there is some preliminary work to be done. So Thank-You to Julie Moritz for printing the posters and promoting our Brunch to other churches. To Joe Lunde for obtaining and providing the potatoes. To Greg Burchill for obtaining the Sausage and making/providing the delicious Apple Sauce. To Al Sorensen for picking up the miscellaneous needed supplies. Finally, Thank-You to Tami Kratz for being our Photographer.

Our Next Men's Group meeting will be on Saturday morning, November 15 at 8am. We invite any of the Men from Faith Lutheran to join us in experiencing the 'Food, Fun, Fellowship' of our group.

May GOD Bless all of you, our family of Faith.

Duane Larson



Pictured: (back row, l-r) Larry H. Sayler, Virgil Kratz, Mike May, Mike Metcalf, Randy McClafflin, Mark Brandvold, Larry E. Sayler, Ron Peterson, Gary Sommerfeld, Pastor Jamie, Duane Larson; (front row, kneeling, l-r) Brent Wallender, Kevin Baasch, Ryan Metcalf, Joe Lunde.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

2. Nick Horner; 3. Brad McKay; 4. Damon Bong;
5. Doug McPherson, Jace Thompson; 6. Lexia Nix;
7. Maverick Ludwig, Mazie Ludwig, Megan McKay,
Stephanie Ness; 8. Duane Larson, Kermit Pederson;
9. Tony Cooley, JeriAnn Everson, Mike May, Larry E.
Sayler, Diane Sommerfeld; 11. Al Adams, Ruby
Hansen, Marlys Hilborn, Ralph Hooper; 13. Larry
Welken; 14. Jenny Roberts; 15. Amanda Pilgrim;
17. Carver Pederson; 19. Ellie Majerus; 20. Devin
Haugen; 21. Teagan Klevgaard, Vicki Pedersen;
23. Kevin Baasch; 25. Ashton Auka, Josh Kratz, Devyn
Thornton; 26. Jace Auka, Kaila Cooley, Rhett Holm,
Ryder Yanish; 28. Joanna Anderson; 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 3 special children. Colter Edward
Schuster, born May 15, 2025 and was baptized on
Sunday, October 5, 2025. His parents are Aaron & Katie
Schuster and big brother is Camden. Arlo Gideon
Horner, born July 14, 2025 and was baptized October
12, 2025. His parents are Nick & Ashley Horner and
siblings are Alexis & Rowan. Alivia Eileen Thomas,
born April 8, 2025 and was baptized October 19, 2025.
Her parents are Dillon & Tiffani Thomas.

God bless these children and their families.

WEDDINGS: Congratulations Spencer & Jazmine
(Schmidt) Heiser. They were married here at Faith
on October 18, 2025 with Pastor Jamie officiating.

God bless this couple as they begin their married life.

CONFIRMED: October 26, 2025, 4 youth celebrated
Affirmation of Baptism—Ellie James Altringer,
Addison Kay Gerhardt, Audrey Jan Jacobson,
Kassidy Jean Schulz. We praise God for each of them.

November Service & Care

****Chair Needed**

Rydell & Suzy Becker
Bill & Rhonda Friestad
Darrell & Kathy Holm
Bonnie Kramer
Clint & Natalie Meyer
Mike & Loree Morehouse
Roger & Sandy Mulvaney
Joan Noeske
Elizabeth Oppegaard
Jan Oppegaard
Larry E. Sayler
Larry H. Sayler
Nathan & Marsha Sayler

*Thank you for serving!

October Attendance

October 5	149	28+ online
October 12	170	50+ online
October 19	179	37+ online
October 26	185	59+ online

Offering

January	\$19,005.60
February	\$20,335.00
March	\$23,203.07
April	\$21,189.71
May	\$18,830.00
June	\$17,257.50
July	\$18,689.00
August	\$23,412.00
September	\$17,717.00
October	\$21,782.00

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

Community Thanksgiving Baskets 2025

We're excited to continue the tradition of giving this Thanksgiving! The Community Thanksgiving Basket event is back—and we need your help to make it a success.

Important Dates

Basket Assembly: Thursday, November 20, 5:30-6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church

Basket Deliveries & Pick-ups: Friday, November 21,

Deliveries begin at 5pm and Pick-ups begin at 5:30pm (also at Faith Lutheran).

Volunteers Needed! All ages and abilities are welcome! A sign-up sheet is available in the gathering area. Please indicate which day(s) you can help. *Confirmation students—this is a great service opportunity!* If you have questions, please contact: Julie (Church Office) 701-845-4390 or Erin Metcalf 701-840-8957.

What's in the Basket and How You Can Help

Each Thanksgiving basket is filled with everything needed for a traditional holiday meal—including turkey, potatoes, vegetables, pie, and more.

On average, each basket costs about \$55, and this year we plan to provide 125 baskets to families in our community.



We're starting this year with \$375 in our Thanksgiving account, but the total cost of this project is typically around \$2,000. Your donation of any size can make a big difference!



- Ways to Give:
Mail your donation to: *Faith Lutheran Church, PO Box 606, Valley City, ND 58072*
- Drop off your donation at the church office
- Use a donation envelope mark Other and put "FLC Thanksgiving Baskets" and place it in the offering plate.

Need a Thanksgiving Basket?

If you or someone you know is facing financial hardship or could use a little extra help this holiday season, please call the church office to sign up beginning November 3 to receive a basket. These baskets are intended for individuals and families in need within our community. Sign-up deadline to receive a basket: Friday, November 14 unless 125 baskets total is reached sooner.

Thank You!

We are thankful for the support of **Our Savior's Lutheran** and Trinity Lutheran Churches, and to all who give their time, talents, or resources. Together, we can help families in our community enjoy a warm and meaningful Thanksgiving.

With gratitude,

The 2025 Thanksgiving Basket Committee at Faith Lutheran

Krista Johnson, Mary Rausch, Brenda Rohde, Erin Metcalf

Sunday School News

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

Some important dates for Sunday School:

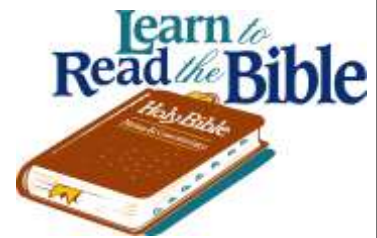
1. We will start practicing for our Christmas Program on November 16th!
(The program is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th)
2. No Sunday School on November 30th due to Thanksgiving!



Our Sunday School kids sang a special song for Pastor Jamie on October 12th in honor of Pastor Appreciation and gave him cards they had made for him.

Third Grade Bibles

Sunday, November 2nd 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. Then on **Sunday, November 9th** these 3rd graders will receive their Bibles at the 9:30am worship service.



Kids Club!

We welcome all kids going into 4th-6th grade to come to our Wednesday Afterschool program called **Kids Club!** Kids Club meets Wednesdays, 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 November

Wednesday, November 5—at Faith
Wednesday, November 12—at Faith
Wednesday, November 19—Service Project Day!
Wednesday, November 26—NO KIDS CLUB

Youth News

Confirmation Information

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 26** due to Thanksgiving break!



Great Food Race

Our Confirmation students from Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity collected 1,480 items for the Barnes County Food Pantry on October 15th! 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 Youth Group

Please come help fill Thanksgiving Baskets on **Thursday, November 20 at 5:30pm**. Please come help pass out the baskets and deliveries on **Friday, November 21 from 5-6:30pm**. After this, we will have pizza, play board games, and have fun! Watch for more information soon!



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