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16th Annual Back to School Luau!

Our Evangelism Team will be holding their 16th Annual Luau meal on Wednesday, August 19, 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall! This has become a great community event to celebrate the beginning of the school year and is an important fundraiser for our Faith Lutheran Ministries.

Volunteers are an important part of making this such a success each year. we will need volunteers for serving food and ticket taking. A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering area. We also rely on our 7th-9th grade youth and parent to assist with this event. Thank you for your help!

Each member's household of our congregation should receive a letter and 5 tickets in the mail the beginning of August. We are asking you to sell these tickets and/or purchase them yourself. Invite a neighbor or friend to join you at the meal. Please turn in the ticket money to Julie in the church office either by mail or dropping it off before Friday, August 14. Tickets may be bought the evening of the event also.



The youth will again be doing a cakewalk during the Luau. Please consider bringing a baked good to support our youth. This has been a fun event enjoyed by all ages.



Join Us for Worship and Coffee Fellowship!

We invite you to join us Sunday mornings at 9:30pm to worship our Lord together. We look forward to hearing the Word of God through Message, Scripture,

and Song. If you are unable to attend in person you can watch our livestream from our YouTube channel: vcfaithlutheran. The services are available on YouTube so if you are unable to watch them live you can always watch them at a later date. After worship enjoy a cup of coffee, juice or water and a treat. Enjoy a time of conversation and fellowship. We thank our Service and Care groups for providing the treats we enjoy Sunday mornings as well as serving them!



“Back to School Luau”



Faith Lutheran Church Ministries

Wednesday, August 19

at Faith Lutheran

309 4th St NE Valley City, ND

5pm-7pm



Adults - \$10



Children Grades K-6 - \$6

Preschool & Under - Free

To-Go Available

**Menu: BBQ Pork Sandwich,
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,
Watermelon, Ice Cream
and Beverages**



**Youth Fundraiser
Cake Walk for Everyone!!
\$1 per time on the Cake Walk**



Message from Council President

I would like to begin by thanking all the individuals who contributed items for the bake sale, as well as those who gave their time to make this event happen for our Faith Family, kudos to you! Thank you also to everyone who purchased items at the sale!

Summer has flown by, and soon school and college will be starting up again. The Mission Team has been busy collecting school supplies. If you have any items you'd like to donate, please bring them to the church by the first week of August. THANK YOU to the Mission Team for helping provide much-needed supplies right here in our community! A special thank-you to Elise Miller and Scott Johnson for representing Faith Lutheran on the Bridges Backpack board and for helping with the Summer Grocery Store on Wednesday evenings.

The next big event at Faith Lutheran is the Back-to-School Luau on August 19th. If you're able to help, please let Julie in the office know, we're always looking for volunteers. Pastor Jamie will also be blessing the youth's backpacks on August 16th.

The council has been discussing the possibility of adding a visible outdoor sign, and we are forming a subcommittee to explore this. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please let any council representative know. The council is also preparing the 2027 budget. A few items we will need to consider include replacing some of the chairs in the fellowship area, updating the welcome space as the current chairs are showing their age, and continuing to move forward with technology improvements in our church.

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer with family and friends, but please don't forget about your Faith Family at Faith Lutheran, whether through financial support, helping out in the kitchen, ushering, or simply attending Sunday services. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about anything related to the church, feel free to reach out to any of our council members.

I leave you with this verse:

"For I know the plans I have for you." Declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Your Council President,
Amy Pederson



Red Willow Ministries—

Light the Fire, Celebrating 100 Years

Please join us to celebrate—Saturday, August 8th.

Register on our website redwillowministries.com/100-year-celebration. Registration fee is \$50 per person.

Saturday Schedule: 1pm—Check-in and Ice Cream Social; 3-5pm—Time to Explore Camp; 5pm—Celebration Banquet; 6:30pm—Celebration Program; 8pm—Campfire; 9am—Walk to Cross Hill; Sunday—10am—Worship in the Chapel with Bashop Tessa Moon-Leiseth.

Red Willow Ministries—39th Annual Quilts & More Auction

Support Red Willow Bible Camp by attending the Annual Auction! Enjoy Food, Bouncy Houses for Kids as well as the Live and Silent Auctions by beautiful Red Willow Lake. You can also participate by bidding for the Online Auction items.

Online Auction is open August 7-14 (Link on Camp's Website: www.redwillowministries.com)

Bidding opens 8am, August 7 and closes 8pm, August 14.

Live & Silent Auction—Saturday, August 22 at Red Willow Bible Camp, 1651 Jacob Drive, Binford, ND 58416

Quilt Viewing in Gym—10am

Luncheon in the Retreat Center Dining Room—11am

Silent Auction—10am-2:15pm

Live Auction in the Chapel—12:30pm

Raffle Quilt “Lakota Star” is donated by the family of the Janice Thykseon. Raffle Tickets for the raffle quilt are \$10 each. These can be purchased on their website as well. The Raffle drawing will be held during the Red Willow Quilt Auction.



Faith Lutheran Coffee Club at SMP Health—St Raphael

Pictured: Ruby Hansen, Cheryl Foell, Marlys Freadhoff, Val Moritz, Arlene Larson. Cheryl and Val enjoy visiting these members of Faith Lutheran Monday afternoons and Marlys, Arlene and Ruby look forward to their visits!



Valley City Community Closet

The Community Closet will be open **Monday, August 17th, 5-7pm** at Our Savior's. This is a **free** resource the community has for anyone who is in need of clothing, all genders and sizes, shoes, blankets, and other household items.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up on **Sunday, August 16, 6-8m** and **Monday, August 17, 7-8pm** to help with clean up. This is a great opportunity to volunteer to help our community.

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café will meet **Thursday, August 27th, 1-3pm** at Faith. The program will be “Leave a Legacy, Not a Chore” presented by Professional Organizer, Ashley Strukel.

This is a free & supportive space for individuals with memory loss and their care partners to connect with others and learn practical tips. Learn more on facebook.com/sheyennevalleymemorycafe or 701-253-6396

Men's Group News

It was a warm, almost hot, mid summer evening, the wind softly blowing through the tree tops then down across the deck, the water on the lake stood calm with little activity. There was conversation happening across the table with occasional interventions of laughter mixed in. The Pork Chops and Potatoes were heating on the grill with the grill master, Mark, carefully tending their preparation. The counter top was lined with many salads and desserts prepared/provided by the men from the group. All in anticipation of being devoured by the 10 members from our Men's Group in attendance.

All in all, this turned out to be a very enjoyable evening for our Men's Group July activity. Thank You to the guys who took time to take in this potluck meal at Mark's Cabin. Also, a Special Thank You to Mark Brandvold for hosting our group once again. this always turns out to be a very enjoyable evening and hopefully we will be able to do it again next July.

Next up for our Men's Group will be a RedHawks baseball game in Fargo. This is our annual August activity and it will be scheduled for Wednesday, evening, August 12th. It looks like the cost should be around \$16 per person. Once again, we will meet around 5pm at Faith Lutheran to share rides to Fargo. Please let Duane know if you plan to attend s tickets can be purchased a couple of days in advance. We always have an enjoyable time when we take in a game, so come joy us for this event.

In September, we will be back to our regular Saturday morning Breakfast meetings.

Once again we close by asking GOD's Blessing on our Men's Group and all of the members in our Family of Faith.

Duane Larson

Right Picture: Duane Larson, "Grill Master" Mark Brandvold.



Left Picture (l-r):
Doug Kratz, Brent Wallender,
Gary Sommerfeld,
Larry E. Sayler,
Ron Peterson,
Larry H. Sayler,
Kevin Baasch, Joe Lunde.



WELCA News

WELCA will again meet this month on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 3:30pm at Faith. All women of Faith are welcome.

Hope you are having a fun and rejuvenating summer and as we flip the calendar into August we will begin to ease into the fall activities. The following are a couple of fall activities WELCA will have on our planning calendar this fall for all to look forward to and put on your calendars.

Annual EaND SWO Convention at Zion Lutheran in Kulm, ND—*Joy ... Joy of the Lord is Your Strength*” Nehemiah 8:10b. The date is set for September 26, 2026, and planning is underway.

- Registration deadline: Sunday, September 13th *Jeanne Wobbema—mrs wob@gmail.com—701-230-8745. Meal: \$15, paid for at the door. PLEASE REGISTER by the deadline so hosts can plan food quantities.
- IN KIND OFFERINGS:
- Kedish House: are gathering supplies to put in 13 schools for teenage girls. Personal Care
- Items (for high school girls): body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tampons and pads, toothbrush and paste, chapstick.
- Jamestown Correctional Center: yarn and fiberfill and have need for plastic crochet hooks size 5.5mm or size I.

The EaNDWELCA website has also been updated at: eandwelca.net

October 11, 2026—Faith Fall Festival date is set so make your plans now for crafting, canning, and baking for this successful Faith Mission!

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Elise Miller
WELCA President



Faith Lutheran Quilters Care for Others

The FLC Quilters group gave a total of 14 quilts to the Valley City Police Department and Barnes County Sheriff's Department. The quilts will be carried in the squad cars and used in emergencies.

Pictured:
(l) Randy McClafflin accepting quilts for the BC Sheriff's Department.
(r) Quilts are bagged and ready to be carried in the squad cars.





Mission Team News

The Mission Team will be ready at our August 11 meeting to pack up the school supplies that you, our congregation, have been so generously purchasing. The tote is getting full of supplies, and this makes our hearts happy!!

The list of supplies needed has been listed in Sunday bulletins and newsletters. We have collected supplies that, when provided to the two elementary schools, become a resource for the teachers. There students may not come with all the supplies needed, run out of supplies needed, or move into school during the school year. each year we receive thank you messages from the schools telling us that this is very helpful for the students and teachers. We will be collecting items until **August 7th**.

Thank you for participating in all our mission projects! We are truly blessed with our wonderful church family. Hope you are having a fun and safe summer and if you would like to join our fun group, please feel free to join us on Tuesday, August 11 at 5:15pm.

Faith Mission Team.

Bake Sale Thank You!

Thank you everyone who baked and brought items for our Crazy Days Bake Sale! We had an amazing variety of delicious goodies for everyone to choose from! Thank you to all who volunteered to help during the bake sale! Thank you for your monetary donations as well!

This is our second year doing a bake sale on Crazy Days. It's always fun to visit with each other while shopping for our favorite baked goods and while volunteering! The hardest part is deciding what goodies we want to buy and take home

We don't have a grand total of what was made at the bake sale yet. We will share that when we do know. A portion of the total will go toward the purchase of confirmation picture panels and a portion will go South Central Adult Services Transit which is an essential need for our community and utilized by many.

Thank you again for your generosity and support!

Julie Moritz



AUGUST TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets **Wed, Aug 12 at 5:15pm**

FLC Staff—Meets **Wed, Aug 12 at 12:00pm**

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

September Service & Care— Meets **Sun, Aug 23** after worship & by emails texts/ phone

WELCA—Meets **Wed, Aug 12 at 3:30pm**



Men's Group does not meet in August



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

2. Sherri Adams, Mike Morehouse, Janis Wallender; **3.** Gavin Wiebe; **4.** Daniel Biggers; **5.** Penelope

Shape, Mark Svenningsen; **6.** MaKayla Frieze; **7.** Greg Burchill, Reagan Gray, Alice Mallette, Lauren May; **9.** Lance Lukes; **10.** Lexi Hanson, Michael Kratz, Kaleb McClafflin; **11.** JoAnn Hooper, Lincoln Johnson, Axell Lunn, Levi Nix; **13.** Val Bolstad, Vicki Zinck Metcalf; **14.** Marsha Anderson, Maddy Frieze; Karen Crooks; **17.** Jazmine Heiser, Darrell Holm; **18.** Robin Idland, Adam Pilgrim, Bob Thibeault; **19.** Austin Tompt; **20.** Faith Schmidt, Lewis Stearns; **21.** Kirstin Gerhardt; **22.** Jaxson Johnson; **23.** Kamryn Rausch; **24.** Kaitlyn Bergner, Elissa Hovland, Jayden Hovland; **26.** Audrey Jacobson; Jeremy Wiebe; **27.** Sydni Smith, Cindy Waagen; **28.** Kim Gray, Erin Heide, Laura Limesand; **29.** Dennis Hoyer, Jack Moritz, Christian Pilgrim, Kenzington Pilgrim; **30.** LeeAnn Peterson; **31.** Ruth Geinert, Seth Hanson, Alan Larson.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

2. Jeremy & Kara Wiebe; **3.** Chris & Kalyn Botz; **4.** Dean & Brenda Klein, Brandon Nikki Moen; **6.** Daniel & Jenna Biggers; **9.** Derick & Kelly Mallette; **11.** Brad & Megan McKay; **18.** Justin & Brianne Foell; **20.** Jason & Kirstin Gerhardt; **25.** Gary & Janeen Anderson; **28.** Pr Jamie & Teresa Desai; **29.** Shane & Jeriann Everson; **30.** Bill & Rhonda Friestad, Kent & Patty Gronlie.

August Service & Care

****Damon & Brenda Bong**

Don & Kathy Burke
Merl & Tiffany Greenley
Mary Johnson
Nancy Knutson
Jeremy & Stephanie Ness
Brenda Stearns

*Thank you for serving!

July Attendance

July 5	57	29+ online
July 12	82	24+ online
July 19	82	51+ online
July 26	86	20+ online

Offering

January	\$20,643.00
February	\$28,046.00
March	\$22,464.00
April	\$22,960.50
May	\$32,502.50
June	\$15,021.00
July	\$17,861.00

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan:
\$24,295.67

July Transitions

DEATHS: Our sympathies to the family and friends of **Bea Faust**. Bea died Monday, July 6, 2026. Her Funeral was here at Faith on Saturday, July 11, 2026 with Pastor Jamie officiating. Our sympathies to the family and friends of **Marlys Kunze**. Marlys died Saturday, July 25, 2026. Her Funeral was Friday, July 31, 2026 here at Faith Lutheran with Pastor Diane Krumm officiating. Our sympathies to the family and friends of **Robert "Dempsey" Rein**. Dempsey died Thursday, July 23, 2026 and his Celebration of Life was Tuesday, August 4, 2026 here at Faith with Pastor Jared Carlson officiating.

Thank You!

The family of Bea Faust would like to extend our deep appreciation to Faith Lutheran for hosting Bea's Celebration of Life service. Thanks to all who were able to attend, for all the wonderful stories you shared, and for your support to us her family. Many Thanks to Juli, Pastor Jamie, and the whole kitchen crew. Mom would have been deeply honored and touched by the outpouring of love. we are so grateful to each of you. I know Mom would have loved to sit and visit with all of you.

Blessings, Bea's family

Help Shape Our New Church Sign!

We are looking for a few congregation members to serve on a Church Sign Planning Team to help evaluate and recommend a new exterior sign for our church building.

The planning team will work together to:

- Explore different sign styles, materials, and options.
- Gather quotes from sign companies.
- Seek input and ideas from members of the congregation.
- Consider visibility, accessibility, and long-term durability.
- Review budget considerations and recommend the best value.
- Partner with Church Council throughout the process and present a final recommendation for approval.
- Help oversee the project through installation, if needed.



This is a great opportunity to use your creativity, organizational skills, research abilities, or project management experience to help create a welcoming first impression for everyone who visits our church.

If you are interested in serving on this planning team or would like to learn more, please contact the church office or speak with a member of the Church Council. We would love to have your help as we work together on this exciting project!



July Memorials

In memory of **Michael O. Knutson** given by Paulette Everson (General Fund); by Bruce & Julie Moritz (General Fund); Jack & Val Moritz (General Fund).

In memory of **Bea Faust** given by Duane & Diana Larson (Music).

In memory of **Marlys Kunze** given by Junette Christianson (General Fund).

In memory of **JoAn Neller-moe** given by Paulette Everson (General Fund).

In memory of **Gordon Svenningsen** given by Paulette Everson (General Fund).

In memory of **Doreen Vangerud** given by Paulette Everson (General Fund).

In memory of **Paul & Doreen Vangerud** given by Jerry & Carol Moritz (Undesignated).

Noisy Offering—Bridges Backpack Program

We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, August 16. The offering received will be going toward the Bridges Backpack Program. The kids will come around during the Children's Word with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills.

In July we received \$165.07 for the School Supplies Drive! Thank you for your generous giving. You are making a difference in the lives of those in need!

Back to School at the Pool

Come to the Outdoor Swimming Pool on **Wednesday, August 12th from 5-7pm** to celebrate the end of summer and the start of the 2026-2027 school year! This is a completely free event and open to anyone here at Faith! We hope you can come join us!



Blessing of the Backpacks

If your child is attend Preschool up to 12th grade this coming school year, please have your children come to church on Sunday, August 16th with the backpacks to receive a special blessing for the upcoming school year!

Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 13th!

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 from 10:45-11:45am. Parents, please watch for an email soon to sign your child up!



WE ARE IN NEED OF 3 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS for this coming school year! If you feel a calling to help out at Sunday School, please contact Wendi!

Kids Club!

We welcome all kids going into 4th-6th grade to come to our Wednesday Afterschool program called Kids Club! You will receive a letter in the mail soon to sign up! 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.

Kids Club will be starting Wednesday, September 9th!



A Prayer as a New School Year Begins

Heavenly Father, As this new school year begins, we place every student, teacher, and parent in Your loving care. Grant students curiosity to learn, courage to try, and kindness to share. Bless teachers with patience, wisdom, and joy in their calling. Guide parents with strength, understanding, and encouragement. Protect every classroom, hallway, and playground with Your peace. May this year be filled with growth, friendship, and hope. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Youth News

Confirmation Information

This year, we will be joining together again with Our Savior's and Trinity for our Confirmation sessions on Wednesday evenings for our incoming 7th-9th graders!

The Parent and Student Mandatory Information Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm here at Faith.

We are looking for Small Group Leaders for Confirmation again this year! We are hoping to have 2 adults per group, so the adults can take turns being there on Wednesdays. Please contact Wendi if you are interested in helping out!



Castaway Club Retreat

Wendi will be taking a group of kids going into 6th grade up to kids going into 10th grade to Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes the weekend of September 25-27! This truly is a wonderful experience for our youth at a beautiful resort. The kids that have come with on this trip in the past have truly LOVED it!

There will be an Informational Meeting on Sunday, August 16th at 7pm!

Junior High Youth

On Wednesday, August 12th we will head to Fargo to Fargo to help assist at the Youthworks We've Got You Covered event! We will be helping from 9am-1pm, which means we will be helping get clothing racks ready for kids to come shopping the following day. This event is a free shopping experience for kids who are in need to come get cloths for the school year!

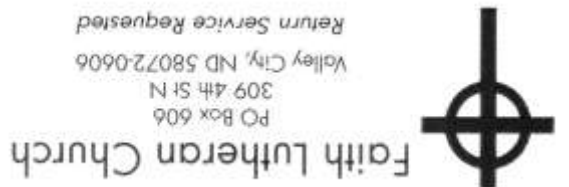


After we are done, we will head to Pizza Ranch for lunch and the arcade! Please bring



Confirmation Camp at Lake Metigoshe

We had 5 youth attend the Confirmation Camp at Lake Metigoshe July 7-10. Wendi and Rebecca Westman attended as chaperones. Maya, Cambrie, Trent, Ben and Ethan had a wonderful time growing their faith while having fun at this beautiful camp! Check out the pictures from their adventure are on the back of the calendar.



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