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Pictured: (back row l-r) Pastor Jamie, Gavin Welken, Teagan Klevgaard, Grady Samuelson, Joey Sayler; (front row, l-r) Halle Welken, Aaliyah Torbenson

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 that Christ will be with you always - 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.



Did you know its November? Just in case you forgot. Years ago when I was working as a chaplain at Hennepin County Correctional Facility, yes that would be medium security prison when I came across the *"Did You Forget"* poem. The in-mates really liked it, and so I thought you might like it too.

Did you forget?...that God's mercy is not dependent on your life or your behavior.

Did you forget? ... that God's love is not based on yourperformance, your strong character, your great deeds, your outtsanding achievements or how naughty or nice you have been? God just loves you right here, right now. Today!

Did you forget?...That it is not the size of your struggles, your difficulties, your pain, your sorrow, your sin or your guilt that counts. But the greatness and depth of God's love and forgiveness for you that counts? Share the heaviness that's on your heart with God.

Did you forget?...that busyness, a full calendar and a hectic schedule do not bring you closer to God? Slow down. Stop. Say *no* to some things. Throw away. Simplify. Be silent. Remember to take time to listen to God. To see, find and touch *The Almighty* in the ordinary, everyday places in your life. and then say to yourself...

Today I will live one day only and not try to solve the whole problem of life all at once.

Today I will be unafraid of life and death, but instead I will enjoy that which is beautiful and be content.

Today I will have a plan even though all my tomorrows God is holding just beyond my reach. I only have *today.* I will use it so that at the close of the day I can say I have lived, loved, and am loved.

Today don't forget that YOU are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

Happy November, enjoy the season and God bless you,

Pastor Jamie



Pastor Appreciation

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

Pastor Jamie

Message from Our Council President

November is here, and the year has certainly gone by quickly. As we enter this season of gratitude, I would like to recognize the people serving our congregation and share several important opportunities to participate int he life of Faith Lutheran Church.

I want to begin by thanking the Nominating Committee for the time and care they devote to finding individuals to serve on Faith Lutheran Church's many committees.

A special shout-out to the Men's Group for serving pancakes this past month! Your volunteer service does not go unnoticed. Thank you, and yum!

Congratulations to this year's confirmands: Teagan Klevgaard, Joey Sayler, Grady Samuelson Aaliyah Torbenson, Gavin Welken, and Halle Welken. May God bless you with happiness, devotion, and love as you continue your spiritual journeys and grow in faith.

On Sunday, November 15th, we will hold a fall cleanup at Faith Lutheran Church. Sandy and Mark Brandvold will coordinate the chore list as we tidy up the church for the holiday season. Please plan to stay after the service and lend a hand.

Throughout October and November, the Mission Team is collecting winter gloves, mittens, and caps for local elementary schools. Please place your donations in the collection container under the table in the gathering area.

This month, we will prepare the Thanksgiving baskets for delivery. The donation needs for this year's baskets have almost been met. If you are able to help with this wonderful event, please ask Julie how you can assist.

As the year draws to a close, the council is working diligently on our 2027 budget, which will be presented at the annual meeting in January. If you are considering a year-end gift and are unsure where it is most needed, the general fund is a wonderful place to start. Please remember Faith Lutheran Church as you make your year-end giving decisions.

As we move through this season together, I leave you with these words of encouragement:
"Trust in the LORD with all your heart an dlean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your aths straight." - Proverbs 3:5-6

Belssings,

Amy Pederson

Community Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Community Thanksgiving Service offered by the Barnes County Ministerial Association. The service will be held **Sunday, November 22nd at 4pm** at Congregational United Church of Christ in Valley City (217 4th St NW). Free meal following the service. Monetary donations received will go to the Community Assistance fund of the Barnes County Ministerial Association. In-kind offering of non-perishable good for the Barnes County Food Pantry will be accepted.



Church Merch Is Now Available!



Church merchandise is now available. Help represent Faith Lutheran in our community with t-shirts, hoodies, etc. Let's spread some enthusiasm about our wonderful Faith Family!



Order forms are on the table in the gathering area. Just fill out your information at the top of the order form and then if there are different options available for a particular shirt check which option you would like. Example: hooded sweatshirt versus crewneck sweatshirt or if there are different designs available for the back. Then be sure to indicant how many you would like of each size including youth sizes. Prices are listed under each different size. $10 from each shirt will go towards Faith Lutheran Church. Money for orders can be left with Julie in the office or if needed can be venmoed to myself. My venmo information is located on all order forms.



If you have any questions to want to order a long sleeve versus T-shirt or a variation like that; or need a different size than what's listed, you can text myself 701-793-0726.



Brenda Rohde

Noisy Offering - Mission Christmas Fund

We will be receiving a noisy offering on **Sunday, November 22** for the **Mission Christmas Fund.** The Mission Christmas Fund is used to purchase Gift Cards from local businesses for families who have been expereinceing something difficult in their lives such as medical/health issues and other struggles. These gift cawrds 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 $209.32 for the **Thanksgiving Baskets! Thank you!**

Handbell Choir



The Faith Lutheran Handbell Choir has been invited to provide music on Tuesday, December 15 at SMP Health - St Raphael. We're looking forward to ringing during the holiday season

Trinity Lutheran Church Fall Festival - November 7

10:30am-1:30pm - Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Quilt Sale, Greeting Cards; 11:am-1:30pm - Casserole Extravaganza Luncheon served with coleslaw & dessert. Cost: $10 ($5 for youth 6-12 yrs; Free for 5 yrs & under). Take out and Deliver availabe: for delivery, call 701-845-3837 between 10:30am-12:30pm.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Lefse, Bake & Quilt Sale

Holiday Treasure Sale - Saturday, November 21 8:30-11am. Breads, Candies, Goodies of all kinds! Coffee, juice and rolls will be served. Come do your Thanksgiving baking!

Men's Group News



We knew that our Pancake Brunch was blessed even before we served the meal. As we were preparing the potatoes, in the middle of one of the potatoes was the sign of the cross. How inspiring that was and Yes, the Pancake Brunch was very successful once again. We had plenty of good help, enough food to feed everyone and many people came to eat and support our Men's Group.

Like always, there are many Thank You's to be expressed but it is hard to loudly say Thanks for the appreciation felt in the Heart! And it is also hard to say thanks without fear in the Heart that someone will be missed. But here goes: thanks to Julie in the office for printing the posters and helping to spread the word to the other congregations. Thanks to Joe Lunde, Larry H. and Larry E. Sayler for distributing the posters. Thanks to Joe Lunde for arranging to get potatoes. Thanks to Greg Burchil and Al Sorensen for getting the needed supplies for the Brunch. Thanks to Greg Burchill for providing the delicious applesauce. Thanks to the guys from Men's Group for the wonderful help on Saturday preparing for the Brunch and on Sunday for serving the meal, (I think we had 16 guys help out with the Pancake Brunch) and a special shout of Thanks to Jack Rohde for showing interest in hanging out with 'the old guys' and all of his good help on Sunday. If we can keep good young men like Jack interested in the work of our Men's Group, our future is in good hands.



Finally, a Big Thank You to the members of our Congregation, members of various other congregations and members from Valley City plus surrounding communities for showing up to support our fundraiser.

Our next Men's Group Saturday morning Breakfast meeting will be on Saturday morning, November 21st at 8am. We would definitely like to invite more men from our congregation to attend. (Yes, Jack, if you want to hang out with all of us older guys, or any other young men in our congregation, You are invited to attend also.) Come let us share the morning and share our thoughts about all that we are Thankful for!!

May GOD bless all our family, Our Family of Faith!!!!
Duane Larson

November Team Meetings

Council - Meets **Wednesday, November 18 at 5:15pm**

FLC Staff Meeting - Meets **Wednesday, November 4** at **1:30pm** and **Wednesday, November 18** at **1:30pm**



Men's Group - Meets **Saturday, November 21** at **8am**

Mission Team - Meets **Tuesday, November 10** at **5:15pm**

December Service & Care - Meets **Sunday, November 15** at **10:30am**

WELCA - Meets **Wednesday, November 11** at **3:30pm**

WELCA News

Another very successful Faith Fall Festival was held this year on Saturday, October 10. Thank you to all members who participated in any way, community members who came to support church missions and WELCA leaders who helped the day happen.

There was an abundance of baked goods, crafts, canned goods, lefse, and beautiful quilts! All that filled the tables in the fellowship hall and gathering space; with the quilts, in their glory, covering the church pews!

The youth also served a freewill lunch of BBQ, chips, and bars for takeout after shopping. This was delicious and well received. The youth also helped replace the chairs in the fellowship area so those who preferred to stay and eat lunch at an available table could. This worked out well.

Thank you again to everyone who made the festival a success! At our next meeting, we will share the totals raised and decide which missions will recieve them.

Following the Festival, the remaining quilts will be distributed to others by the quilters and final numbers will be reported at our next meeting.

We will participate in Coffee Time at St. Raphael with Trinity and Our Savior's for our church members on Tuesday, December 15th afternoon with time information known next meeting. Watch church bulletin or December calendar for time as family members are also welcome to come to coffee that day with our members.

The next WELCA meeting will be on Wednesday, November 11 at 3:30pm. All are welcome to join us.

Elise Miller, WELCA President



Mission Team News



The Mission Sock Drive was a huge success! We collected 202 pairs of socks. Barb Baasch was able to deliver them to APOC (Abused Persons Outreach Center). They were very appreciative and told her that this supply wouldn't last long at all. It feels so good to be able to collect items that are needed so badly. We have talked about hold another sock drive in the future so watch for that information

We are now busy collecting hats and gloves for our Valley City elementary schools. These items are again a much-needed items as some students just don't have hats and glove and they are a requirement from the schools if you want ot go out and play at recess in the winter.

Our biggest project is coming once again in December. The Christmas Giving Tree project is our all-time favorite event to hold. We will have the tree ready for you to pick up gift tages on November 8th and November 16th with November 22nd as a backup date if needed.
Thank you for ALL your giving throughout the year. These projects wouldn't be a success without you!!

If you wish to join us, we meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:15pm in the Fireside Room. We would love to see you!

Fall Cleaning Sunday



We will be cleaning the inside of the church on Sunday, November 15th after the worship service. just like in the past, we will do the extra deep cleaning that can't be done during hte reglar weekly cleaning. Please wear your cleaning cloths to church and help clean after the service. The more help we have the faster we are done.

We again will be cleaning the sanctuary floor. Since there is floor heat under the flooring, we like to do this twice a year to keep it clean but not destroy the heating elements. Thank you to all the men who volunteer their time to help. It is a big undertaking but looks so nice when it is finished. See you November 15th

October Memorials

In memory of **B.J. Edwardson** given by Lois Brandvold (Mission Christma); by Chuck & Deb Shape (Undesignated).
In memory of **Brandon Erickson** given by Paulette Everson (Stain Glass Window).
In memory of **Bea Faust** given by Paulette Everson (Stain Glass Window).
In memory of **Ruby Hansen** given by Lois Brandvold (Mission Christmas); by Paulette Everson (Stain Glass Window).
In memory of **Marlys Kunze** given by Lois Brandvold (Mission Christmas); by Paulette Everson (Stain Glass Window).
In memory of **Frank Larson** given by Randy & Kay Bostrom (Foundation); by Cheryl Foell (General Fund); by Virgil & Tami Kratz (General Fund); by Jack & Val Moritz (General Fund); by Joan Noeske (General Fund);by Tim & Nancy Ost (Undesignated); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated).
In memory of **John Muckenhirn** given by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated).
In memory of **JoAn Nellermoe** given by Paulette Everson (Stain Glass Window).
In memory of **LeeAnn Peterson** given by Lois Brandvold (Mission Christmas); by Paulette Everson (Stain Glass Window).
In memory of **Lois Peterson** given by Lois Brandvold (Mission Christmas).
In memory of **Donelda Remmich** given by Paulette Everson (Stain Glass Window).
In memory of **Doreen Sayler** given by Alex & Morgen Blanchard (General Fund).



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

2.Nick Horner; **3.** Brad McKay; **4.** Damon Bong; **5.** Doug McPherson, Jace Thompson; **7.** Mavrick Ludwig, Mazie Ludwig, Megan McKay; Steph Ness; **8.**Wyatt Bjornson, Duane Larson, Kermit Pederson; **9.**Al Adamns, Tony Cooley, JeriAnn Everson, Mike May, Larry E. Sayler, Diane Sommerfeld; **11.**Marlys Hilborn, Ralph Hooper; **13.** Larry Welken; **14.** Hannah Miller, Jenny Roberts; **15.** Amanda Pilgrim; **17.** Carver Pederson; **19.** Ellie Majerus; **21.**Teagan Klevgaard, Vicki Pedersen; **23.** Kevin Baasch; **25.** Ashton Auka, Matt Jorissen, Josh Kratz, Devyn Thornton; **26.**Jayce Auka, Kaila Cooley, Rhett Holm, Ryder Yanish; **28.** Joanna Anderson; **29.** Joesi Klein, Jack Samuelson; **30.** Greg Friestad.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

4.Mike & Julie May; **9.** Joe & Martee Lunde; **10.** John & Elise Miller; **21.** Greg & Sarah Friestad; **27.** 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 **Hunter Matthew Yanish**, born October 5, 2024 and was baptized on October 4, 2026. His parents are Martin Yanish & Brittany Nathan.

We celebrated God's promise in Holy Baptism for **Sophia Lynn Schauer**, born February 3, 2026 and was baptized on October 18, 2026. Her parents are Casey & Samantha Schauer. God bless these children and their families.

DEATHS: Our sympathies to the family & friends of **Janice "Jan" Anderson**. Jan died Friday, September 25, 2026. Her graveside service was Wednesday, September 30, 2026 with Pastor Jamie officiating.

Our sympathies to the family & friends of **Franklin "Frank" Gaylord Larson**. Frank died Monday, October 5, 2026. His Celebration of Life was here at Faith on Friday, October 23, 206 with Pastor Jamie officiating.

November Service & Care

** Chair Needed

Rydell & Suzy Becker
Bill & Rhonda Friestad
Darrell & Ksathy Holm
Bonnie Kramer
Clint & Natalie Meyer
Like & Lorree Morehouse
Roger & Sandy Mulvaney
Joan Noeske
Beth Oppegaard
Jan Oppegaard
Larry E. Sayler
Larry H. Sayler
Nathan & Marsha Sayler

*Thank you for serving!

October Attendance

October 4	163	27+ online
October 11	161	106+online
October 18	112	65+online
October 25	168	44+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
August	$25,823.00
September	$15,310.00
October	$20,529.00

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan: $24,295.67

CONFIRMED: October 25, 2026, 6 young people celebrated Affirmation of Baptism - **Teagan Paul Klevgaard, Grady Wendel Samuelson, Joseph Larry Sayler, Gavin Denver Welken, Halle Rae Welken, Aaliyah Faith Torbenson.** We praise God for each of them.

Community Thanksgiving Baskets

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 19, 5:30-6:30pm** at **Faith Lutheran Church**
Basket Deliveries & Pick-ups: **Friday, November 20, Deliveries begin at 5pm and Pick-ups begins at 5:30pm** (also at Faith Lutheran).

Volunteers Needed! All ages and abilites are welcome! Please indicate which day(s) you can help. *Confirmation students - this is a great service opprtunity!* 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 food and goodies to make your Holiday special - including turkey, potatoes, vegetables, pie, and more. On average, each basket costs about $50, and this year we plan to provide 175 baskets to household in our community. Thanks to your generous donations last your, we're starting with a $1,800 balance in our account and only need around $2,000. Wow!

Please consider a small donation this year to cover our remaining costs as well as starting our account with a small balance for next year. Delivery route drivers are also needed if you feel called to donate your precious time.
Ways to Give:

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

Need a Thanksgiving Basket?
If you or someone you know if facing financial hardship or could use a little extra help this holiday season, please call the church office to sign up 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 6.**

Thank you!
We are thankful for the support of **Our Savior's** 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 2026 Thanksgiving Basket Committee
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 8th! (The program is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th)**
2. **No Sunday School on Sunday, November 15th** due to Church Cleaning Day!
3. **No Sunday School on November 29th** due to Thanksgiving break



Our Sunday School kids did a terrific job singing a special song for Pastor Jamie on October 11th in honor of Pastor Appreciation. They also gave him cards they had made for him.

Kids Club!

We welcome all kids going into 4th-6th grade to come to our Wednesday Afternoon 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 4 - at Faith
Wednesday, November 11 - NO KIDS CLUB (Veterans Day)
Wednesday, November 18 - Service Project Day!
Wednesday, November 25 - NO KIDS CLUB due to Thanksgiving Break!





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 11th** due to Veterans Day and **Wednesday, November 25th** due to Thanksgiving Break!

Confirmation NEWS

Great Food Race!

Our Confirmation students from Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity collected 1,923 items for the Barnes County Food Pantry on October 21st! Thank you to all the kids for collecting and our community members from supplying all the food to help others during this holiday season.







Junior High Youth Group

Please come help fill Thanksgiving Baskets on Thursday, November 19th at 5:30pm.

Please come help pass out the baskets and do deliveries on Friday, Novmber 20th at 5pm. After this, we will have pizza, board games, and fun!

Watch for more information soon!



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