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Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, October 11—10:00am-1:00pm

• **Craft Sale • Bake Sale • Gift Baskets**

• **Quilt Sale • Homemade Lefse**

• **The Youth will be serving Lunch-To-Go**

Barbeque - Chips - Bar for a free will offering



Men's Group Pancake Brunch—October 18!

It's time for the annual Fall Pancake Brunch!

Everyone is welcome to attend the Men's Group fundraiser and enjoy a delicious Brunch and great fellowship. The men will be serving **9:30am-12:30pm**. This will be a free will offering fundraiser.

Enjoy Pancakes, Fried Potatoes (a favorite!),

Sausage, Apple Sauce, Juice & Coffee. To-Go containers are available to those who would like to take their meal home.



Celebrate God's Faithfulness!

Nurtured by faithful parents, encouraged by small group guides and Sunday School teachers, welcomed by many of you, our 10th grade youth who have completed the requirements will be making promises to God and our congregation on **Sunday, October 25** at our 9:30am worship service. We give thanks to God for these 10th graders who have open hearts to what God has in store.

They have grown in their relationship with Jesus and we celebrate with them! **Join Teagan Klevgaard, Joey Sayler, Grady Samuelson, Aaliyah Torbenson, Gavin Welken, Halle Welken in worship and praise.**



Do the thing you think you cannot do. Eleanor Roosevelt

Some seasons are less colorful than others. Fall is bursting with the changing colors of the trees but soon all the leaves will fall and there will be only one color - white. The change of season reminds me that growth occurs slowly and steadily. This summer was a long summer for me with more funerals than baptisms and weddings. This last month I lost my uncle, a college friend along with the seventh anniversary of my dad's death. And through this difficult time, it makes me stop and consider that change is constant. Sometimes the season can seem to linger on forever. But then I am reminded that God can work for the good in all things I remember there is a higher plan in motion which I can participate and cooperate. We cannot control what happens to us, but we can control how we respond to the changing seasons of our lives.

As I move forward through change, I know that God goes before me, preparing a path for me to follow. There is nothing that I face that I must face alone. In these times I turn to God for aid. God nourishes me in all circumstances, supports me at every turn. So, I cast my faith forward as a light onto my path and choose to believe in the good which comes my way.

The best solutions rarely come to pass quickly. I try not to push for instant satisfaction but welcome the longer view. I remind myself that the greater good often comes from adversity. No transition fails to bring good. Despite appearances to the contrary, events unfold according to a higher harmony.

Whatever you may be going through as we transition from fall to winter know that there is a higher good in place. Allow yourself some grace to release the situations which are troubling you and embrace the transition knowing that God is moving you toward new growth. Attune yourself to what is unfolding and release your doubts and fears to God's higher agenda. Ask God to comfort you and turn to God in all the circumstances in your life because a higher good is unfolding and try to *do the thing that you think you cannot do*.

These are my thoughts and prayers for you as your pastor, I hope October will bring with it a gentle transition no matter what you are currently going through. God is good all the time.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Pastor Jamie





Pastor Appreciation Day—October 11

Let us give thanks to God for the faithful leadership and tireless care of Pastor Jamie! Whether preaching the Word, offering counsel, visiting the sick, or praying for our congregation, Pastor Jamie serves with humility, wisdom, and grace. Much of this work happens quietly behind the scenes, but his impact on our lives and faith is immeasurable. We are truly blessed to have such a devoted shepherd among us.

You're invited! Join us for cake and fellowship after worship on Sunday, October 11th as we celebrate and recognize Pastor Jamie with gratitude and joy.

✉ **Share** with Pastor Jamie how he's impacted your life this past year! We encourage you to bring a card or note of thanks. There will be a basket available that day for your messages of appreciation.

Message from Council President

Dear Faith Family,

I extend my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Jake Rohde, Brenda Klein, and Diane Busche for volunteering at Vikes on Central. What a wonderful way to support the University and let others know that Faith Lutheran is here in Valley City! I also thank everyone who helped make the Back to School Luau such an outstanding event. Your time, dedication, and hard work are truly appreciated.

It is wonderful to see our youth excited to be here and growing in their faith. Wendi is busy planning a variety of activities for everyone, including our confirmation students. Please encourage the young people in your life to join us and take part!

WELCA and the quilters are preparing for the Fall Festival! The Fall Festival is Saturday, October 10th. Please mark your calendars and help make this wonderful event a success. If you are able, consider donating handmade crafts that showcase your talents or delicious baked goods. Every contribution is greatly appreciated!

Don't forget that Sunday, October 11th, is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Let's show Pastor Jamie how much he means to our Faith family. Please take a moment to share a thoughtful note or card expressing your appreciation and encouragement.

I leave you with this quote:

"The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them: he delivers them from all their troubles."

Psalm 34:17-18

Your Council President,

Amy Pederson



Communion Assistants Needed!

We are asking for more volunteers to serve as communion assistants. This would be to serve the elements of bread and wine/grape juice during communion. If you are wondering exactly what this entails Kathy Schlotman, our Altar Guild chair, can explain it to you. She contacts servers each week and tries not to ask assistants more than one Sunday every other month if possible. Please let the office know if you are interested or contact Kathy Schlotman, 701-840-2191.



New Member Invitation

We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family and we invite anyone interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran to contact the office or talk to any of our members. Once we have a list of interested people we will have an information session and a new member Sunday. We do have booklets with information about Faith Lutheran on the table under the mirror that would be helpful for you to find out more about us. We are so happy to see new faces and welcome each of you to share your faith and time and talents with us!

Epworth United Methodist Autumn Market

Epworth's Autumn Market is Saturday, October 3, 11am-1pm (680 8th Ave SW). Enjoy shopping for Gift Baskets, Wreaths, Paintings, Baked Goods, Kuchen, "New to You" Room, and More! They will be serving a soup & sandwich lunch.



Valley City Community Closet

The Community Closet will be open on Monday, October 12, 5-7pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Volunteers needed for Sunday, October 11, 6-8pm and on October 12 from 7-8pm. Donations of winter gear— including boots are needed. The Community Closet provides gently used clothing to men, women, teens, children and babies. Shoes and winter gear are also available. Household items such as kitchen utensils, blankets, towels, and more are available. Items are free.



Sheyenne Valley Memory Café

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café will meet Thursday, October 22, 1pm at Faith. Speaker begins at 1:30pm. Candance Johnson, Outreach Coordinator and Framer's Union Insurance Representative will be speaking on Medicare Part D reenrollment. 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.



Community Thanksgiving Basket Mission

Faith Lutheran is excited to once again participate in the Community Thanksgiving Basket mission for 2026! These baskets help provide meals to local households in need during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Important Dates:

- Basket Packing: Thursday, November 19
- Pickup/Delivery: Friday, November 20

How You Can Help:

- Volunteer: Contact Julie in the church office at 845-4390 to sign up.
- Donate: Monetary donations can be:
 - o Mailed to Faith Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 606
 - o Dropped off at the church office
 - o Placed in the offering plate (please label as "Thanksgiving Baskets")

More information about volunteering and the application process will be shared in the November newsletter. Questions? Contact Krista Johnson, Erin Metcalf, Mary Rausch or Brenda Rohde.

Thank you for supporting this important outreach to our community!



Noisy Offering—Thanksgiving Baskets

We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, October 18 for the Thanksgiving Baskets. 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 continues to make a difference in people's lives.

In September we received \$186.26 for the Access for All Program! Thank you!

Prepare for Respiratory Season—Get Vaccinated!

City-County Health District will be administering Influenza high-dose and conventional Flu vaccines on Wednesday, October 7, 12:30-1:30pm at Faith Lutheran in the Fireside Room. Flu vaccinations are available for ages 6 months through adult. They will also have the COVID-19 vaccine available. Ask about RSV and Pneumonia vaccines for adults. You must bring your insurance card—Medicare Part B (or other Medicare Advantage Plan), Medicaid, BCBS, Sanford Health (we cannot accept Sanford True, Preferred One, Medica (not Select Care), Health Partners/ Cigna and these entities can be billed. CCHD cannot bill any other private health insurer for adults. For any questions, contact CCHD at 701-845-8518. There is a signup sheet on the table. If you can't make it to this clinic the CCHD office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm, 12:30pm-4:30pm. Special hours: Wednesday, October 14 & 21 7:30am-12pm, 12:30pm-6pm.



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WELCA News



Get Excited!! The Fall Festival is coming soon—Saturday, October 10 from 10am-1pm at Faith Lutheran. Now is the time for all members to finish their craft projects and start making their baking supply list for their bake sale items. We are excited to fill our tables with homemade crafts, baked items, canned food and so much more. We have always had great community support for this day, and we greatly appreciate our Faith family support for our WELCA Missions. Youth will also have freewill BBQ lunch to go available.

There will not be a lefse making day at the church this year, but we appreciate all our lefse making members who have said they will be making their lefse at home so we will have the well-known specialty for our bake sale and for that we are thankful.

The following are important items to know and help needed for the Fall Festival.

Drop off Fall Festival items at church—Friday, October 9, noon-5:30pm and Saturday, October 10, 8:30am-9am

Please price your items—suggested price list is included in this newsletter to use as a guide when pricing your bake sale items.

Service and Care Leaders—please contact your members with a reminder of the Fall Festival details.



We will need workers to help with the following:

- ◇ Set up is Friday, October 9, Noon-5:30pm
- ◇ Price items on Saturday, 8-10am
- ◇ Organize and consolidate items as they sell Saturday 10am-1pm
- ◇ Cleanup Crew Saturday, 1pm

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 7 at 3:30pm in Fireside Room at Faith

*Note date change.

Autumn has arrived and it is my favorite time of the year. Weather is cooler, colors in fields and trees are spectacular and all the activities are in full force!! It warms this grandma's heart to see all the children back to Sunday School and hear those children's little voices in church. Don't ever shush those voices, the rest of the speakers have microphones!! God is Good; all the time!!

Elise Miller, WELCA President

OCTOBER TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets Wed, Oct 21 at 5:15pm

FLC Staff—Meets Wed, Oct 7 at 1:30pm
& Wed, Oct 21 at 1:30pm

Men's Group - Meets Sat, Oct 17 at 8:00am

Mission Team—Meets Tue, Oct 13 at 5:15pm

November Service & Care— Meets Sun,
Oct 18 after worship & by emails texts/ phone

WELCA—Meets Wed, Oct 7 at 3:30pm





God's work.
Our hands.

God's Work Our Hands—Cookie Take and Give

Thank you, Thank you! What a successful event.

Thank you to all Faith bakers. We had 110 cookie bags, most on average with four cookies per bag, which means we had at least 440 cookies provided by our Faith bakers!! Well—done! Good and Faithful servants!

Thank you to all Faith members for participating and TAKE a bag of cookies as thank you for always serving in the missions of Faith in ways that you can. Also, for taking a bag of cookies to GIVE to someone to share the good news of Faith Lutheran and share kindness with a friendly visit with someone.

Elise and Diane
Mission Committee



Mission Team News

This month of September the Mission Team has started their “Sock Drive” for APOC (Abused Person’s Outreach Center). Thank you for your donations!!!

October-November we will hold our Hat and Glove Drive”. These items will go to Washington and Jefferson elementary schools so they can be given to children that don’t have a hat or gloves and allows them to go outside at recess to play. Please remember that gloves need to be waterproof.



The Mission Team is so appreciative of your continued support for our missions. We wish you a “Happy Fall” and as always if you wish to join us, we meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:15pm in the church Fireside Room.

Men's Group News

Our Faith Lutheran Men's Group has now shifted back to the normal mode of operation. We had our first regular 3rd Saturday morning Breakfast meeting on September 19th with 9 members present. Being in regular mode again, means that it is also time for our Fall Pancake Brunch. This will be held on Sunday, October 18th. So our October Breakfast meeting will be on Saturday morning, October 17th at 8am. At this meeting we will have a meal, a short Business meeting and then prepare the onions, green peppers and potatoes for the meal on Sunday and do other general preparations. As always, help is needed both on Saturday morning to do the preparations and also on Sunday morning to help prepare for the meal and to serve the meal.

We invite any men of our congregation to come be a part of our group. if anyone has any questions about our group, they can feel free to ask any of our members or talk to Julie in the office. We really are a fun group and always go by our motto 'Food, Fun, Fellowship!'

We close by asking GOD's blessing on all of our members of Faith Lutheran.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

1. Adalynn Auka, Brooklynn Auka, Dean Pederson, Lincoln Pilgrim, Blake Shape, Owen Tichy; 3. Bruce Moritz;

4. Jocey Klevgaard, Austin Smith; 5. Zoey Bopp, Mary Rausch, Alex Rohde, Amy Tichy, Hunter Yanish; 6. Spencer Heiser, Christina Sayler; 7. Mike Nix; 8. Teri McClaflin, Camden Schuster, Scott Tichy; 10. Connie Ehrlin, Brody Tompt; 12. Pat Seiner; 13. Natalie Meyer; 14. Laverne Bjornson, Lorraine Nitschke, Cheryl Peterson; 15. Brian Klevgaard, Jennifer Kohler, Tonya Samuelson; 17. Cindy Knudson; 18. Mila Jorissen, Roger Mulvaney, Carol Oppegard; 19. Mari Anderson, Mark Lloyd, Nate Rausch, Sara Zemba; 20. Haley Dalgliesh; 21. Martee Lunde; 22. John Ehrlin, Anna Metcalf, Julie Moritz; 23. Clint Meyer, Joey Sayler; 24. Brayden Klevgaard, Carol Moritz, Brenda Ventsch; 25. Elise Miller; 26. Walker Johnson, Dylan Lunn, Dalton Ness, Jan Oppegaard, Peyton Pederson, Brenda Stearns; 28. Tara Nelson, Elizabeth Oppegaard, Olivia Pederson; 29. Charlie Kohler, Melissa Oxton; 30. Pr. Jamie Desai, Ashley Kellogg, Larry Pederson, Ellie Stearns; 31. Autumn Anderson, Rita Bearman, Gloria Glandt.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

1. Mikkal & Wanda Auka; 4. Al & Nancy Sorensen; 6. Kevin & Barb Baasch; 7. Gary & Diane Sommerfeld; 9. Lance & Elaine Jenison; 17. Merl & Tiffany Greenley; 18. Spencer & Jazmine Heiser, Brian & Georgia Welken; 19. Nick & Ashley Horner, Dillon & Tiffani Thomas; 20. Duane & Diana Larson, Shawn & Karla Ranisate; 21. Randy & Kay Bostrom; 28. Chuck & Deb Shape.

September Transitions

DEATHS: Our sympathies to Greg & Karen Burchill, Lyle & Angi Hansen & families. Ruby Hansen died Thursday, August 27, 2026. Her funeral was here at Faith Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

Our sympathies to Cindy Knudson, Miranda Erickson, Kaila Cooley & family & friends of Brandon Erickson. Brandon died Wednesday, September 9, 2026. His Celebration of Life was here at Faith Friday, September 18, 2026 with Pastor Jamie officiating.

October Service & Care

**needs chairs

Jeff & Jennifer Bergner
Gloria Glandt
Dallas & Linda Gruebele
Ray & Wanda Haugen
Dennis Hoye & Linda Lane
Cyndi Hill
Ralph & JoAnn Hooper
Randy & Teri McClaflin
Ryan & Erin Metcalf
Brandon & Nikki Moen
Cory & Alison Rodin
Greg & Kellie Schulz
Al & Nancy Sorensen
James & Janet Thornton
Gary Wieck
Scott & Wendi Willmes

*Thank you for serving!

September Attendance

September 6	102	31+ online
September 13	130	66+ online
September 20	106	26+ online
September 27	162	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

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

Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 27, we had our 3rd Graders & a few other youth receive their first reader/study Bibles and a blessing during the worship service. Pastor Jamie then meet with the kids and their parents to learn how to use their brand new Bibles.



Pictured: (l-r) Harley, Brynlee, Lainey & Becca Klemick; Tyson, Alex, Jessica & Matt Jenrich; Ashley & Alexis Horner; Sam & Bristol Carlson, Mark, Olivia & Krista Johnson, Rhett, Kayla & Nick Holm, Travis, Kim & Reagan Gray, Pastor Jamie.
Not pictured: Amelia Wiebe.

September Memorials



In memory of Brandon Erickson given by Erickson Family (Quilters); by Frank Biggers (Undesignated); by Cheryl Foell (General Fund); by Margie Lima (Undesignated); by Bruce & Julie Moritz (Undesignated); by Jack & Val Moritz (General Fund); by Joan Noeske (General Fund);
In memory of Ruby Hansen given by Hansen Family (Quilters); by Randy & Kay Bostrom (Quilters); by Cheryl Foell (General Fund); by Marlys Freadhoff (Undesignated); by Duane & Diana Larson (Undesignated); by John & Elise Miller (Altar Guild); by Jack & Val Moritz (General Fund); by Julie Moritz (Undesignated); by Roger & Sandy Mulvaney (Undesignated); by Dean & Amy Pederson (General Fund); by Dave & Carol Smith (Sunday School); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated); by Brenda Stearns (Undesignated).
In memory of Ron Martin given by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated).
In memory of Lee Ann Peterson given by Pat Fearing (Undesignated); by Deborah Fode (Undesignated); by Jeanne Kauffmann (Undesignated); by Jonelle Kuder (Undesignated).

Sunday School

Sunday School runs from 10:45-11:45am. We welcome all children who are 4 years old up to kids in 6th grade. Our Sunday School runs in station format, and we divide up in ages Preschool-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-6th. Our stations this year are art, games, and creative drama. We have lots of fun learning about Jesus!



Kids will be singing in church on Sunday, October 11th for Pastor Appreciation Day!

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, October 25th due to No School on Friday due to Teachers Convention.

Kids Club!

We welcome all kids going into 4th-6th grade to come to our Wednesday Afterschool program called Kids Club! We currently have 16 kids from Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity signed 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.

Schedule for October

Wednesday, October 7—at Faith Wednesday, October 14—at Faith

Wednesday, October 21—at Faith Wednesday, October 28—Service Project Day



Senior High Lunch on Mondays!



Students in grades 9-12 are all welcome to come to Our Savior's on their regular lunch hour to enjoy lunch together! Students who want to know what is on the menu should join us in the Spond app with the code HQKIQ. Adult volunteers who would like to help out with serving, cleanup, or desserts should talk to Kyla at Our Savior's. We would love to have you!



Youth News

Important Info for 10th Graders being Confirmed!

Here are some important dates for the Confirmands
Sunday, October 4th meet with Pastor Jamie at 11am

Banquet for Confirmands will be on

Sunday, October 18 at 6pm at Faith!

(Invite parents, siblings, grandparents, godparents,
mentors, and guides to come)

**Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 25
during 9:30am worship service here at Faith.**



Confirmation Information

This year, we will be joining together again with Our Savior's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran for our Confirmation sessions on Wednesday evenings!

Confirmation is here at Faith through October from 6:30-8pm. A light snack will be offered from 6-6:30pm for kids who are hungry after school and sports.

On Wednesday, October 21st we will be having our 5th Annual Community Action Night Food Bank Collection! The Confirmation students will be going around Valley City with their small group leaders to collect food for our local food pantry!



Castaway Club Retreat

Wendi and Abby took 11 kids who were 6th graders up to 10th graders to Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes the weekend of September 25-27! This year's theme was **Imagine More!**

This is an invitation to trust what God is always at work beyond what we can see, understand, or expect. It was so much fun to worship God with other youth from around our area, and we had a great time with all the fun activities they had to offer there.

Junior High Youth Group

We will be participating in the Trunk or Treat event at Chautauqua Park on **Friday, October 30th from 5:30-7pm**. We will be decorating a trunk and handing out candy to kids! Please wear a costume! After the event, we will go out for pizza.

Please watch for more information soon!

Congregation members, we would love to receive donations of candy for this fun event!
Thank you!



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