



FAITH ON THE RISE

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The office will be closed at noon on Good Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18 in observance of Easter.



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Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesday, April 9—

Last Lenten Service before Holy Week

Meal Served: 5:30-6:15pm - Mission Team making & serving meal

Worship Service: 6:30pm - We continue to follow the Holden Evening Prayer service and will hear the faith story of Duane Larson.



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday—Our Sunday School children will be process in with palms and will sing at the **9:30am** worship service.

Wednesday, April 13—No meal or service

Maundy Thursday, April 14—A meal will be prepared and served **5:30-6:15pm** by the Jr/Sr High Youth (free will offering). Worship service with Holy Communion will be at **6:30pm**. Depart in silence.

Good Friday, April 19—Faith's Good Friday service will be at **7:30pm**. Enter and depart the building in silence.

Easter Sunday, April 17—We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Worship service with Holy Communion will be at 9:30am**. Please note that we are only having one service this year. Enjoy a time of fellowship together after the service, **10:30-11:30am**. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the worship service approximately **10:45am** for all preschool-6th graders attending the Easter service.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Holy Humor Sunday!

April 24th, the Second Sunday of Easter we will celebrate the joy we have in the risen Lord! Wear a silly hat or brightly colored shirt or both ☺! We will tell some jokes and sing Christmas tunes with Easter words.

Every Sunday there are smiles and laughs at Faith, but this Sunday is a special day to be intentional about having fun together and celebrating life.

EASTER BASKET

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 NIV



**“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”
- John 14:27 (NRSV)**



People of Faith,

We all, probably, knew it would come at some point, we just didn't know when, but it is time that I say goodbye to all of you.

Although my time with you has not been long, goodbyes are never easy. We have spent our time together getting to know each other and growing in faith together. I appreciate the opportunities you have given me to be a part of your community, learn, grow, and experiment a little. My time serving Faith has been a time that I will never forget. My time here has helped me to grow in ways that will help me to serve as a better pastor in the future. I cannot thank you enough for allowing me into your community of faith to serve as your pastor. I only hope that I was able to bless you in some way as you have blessed me.

You are all such caring and passionate people. I am sad to leave you and the things you bring to the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ. You are a blessing upon this city, this Synod, this country, and the world. The ways that you bring ministry to Valley City are unique and special in so many ways. You have been so kind to me and brought me so much happiness. You have blessed me beyond measure and I know that whoever will be called to serve you as your next full-time pastor will certainly be blessed.

I feel confident that I am leaving you in good hands. You have a great council here that truly cares about the best interests of Faith and all you who are a part of Faith. The staff here is prepared and capable to help guide Faith through the coming time. Your call committee is working hard to find the correct and best candidate for Faith. You, the people of Faith, are strong leaders capable of doing anything you set your mind to. Together you are strong, and I know you will continue the great ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

As we continue through the season of Lent and into Easter, we remember God's presence among us. Even when we feel lost and alone, or at a point in time where we are in between pastors, God is with us. God is with us to the very end. God cares for us. God watches over us. God will never leave us.

So, as I say goodbye and farewell, I leave you with the words of Jesus. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” You are all beloved children of God and I can't wait to see where you go in your journey as Faith.

God's peace be with you now and always,

Pastor Kyle



Call Committee Update

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6



As we experience another transition this month, we can sometimes feel in doubt of our progress and the time it may take to see through this journey. While we continue to search for our next pastor, be reassured that God is still with us in this journey. I truly believe God is all about the journey and the lessons we can learn from it including the self-discovery we can find within ourselves as well as a congregation. While we can be impatient, and sometimes frustrated, to know and understand what God's plans are, let's also focus on the opportunities he continues to provide us through this time. This verse from Deuteronomy really speaks to this time and gives us reassurance he is present through our journey.

We, the call committee, continue to search for candidates at this time. We have met with a couple we've had a really great conversation with. But while we are searching for a pastor, they are also searching for the right place for themselves and their family as well. We continue to be hopeful, thankful and encouraged by the candidates we have met with seeing God's work at hand and the opportunities he has set before us. While we search, so is the pastor we find is searching for us! The journey, or search, is all in God's plan and we can continue to grow and learn from this time as well.

The Call Committee,
Brianne Foell

Tyler Van Bruggen, Elise Miller, Tim Ost, Jenna Mairs, Scott Johnson



A Message from Our Council President

As winter is changing into spring, so is Faith Lutheran experiencing change. Pastor Kyle accepted a call at Kindred Lutheran in Kindred, ND and so our congregation will see changes again until we fulfill our call for a pastor. Pastor Aanen Gjovik has agreed to pulpit supply needs for the near future. We are very blessed to have a member of our congregation help us with our needs. God has a way of helping Faith Lutheran when it has needs for our ministry. Also, the members of our congregation continue to fulfill needs when asked.

With Easter coming upon us, let us give thanks to God for our blessing we have so richly been given. Let us also pray for peace in the world as we watch the devastation from wars and tornadoes.

God Bless,
Kent Gronlie, Council President

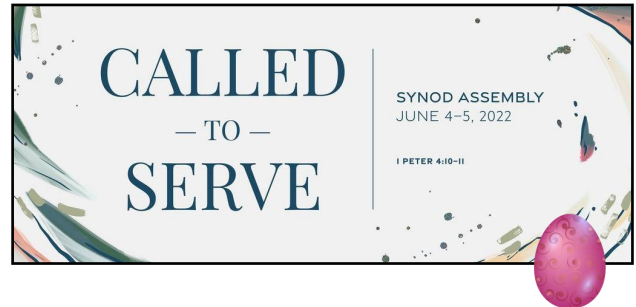




Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly

Want to be a part of a fun learning experience? Consider attending the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly as a voting member for Faith Lutheran. The Synod Assembly will be Saturday, June 4-Sunday, June 5 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND. FLC can send 3 voting member delegates. Cheryl Foell was volunteered to attend so we are looking for two more congregation members to take part. Registration deadline is May 19. Faith Lutheran will pay the registration fee for attending members.

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



Your 2022 Church Council

Your 2022 Church Council members were commissioned on Sunday, February 27th. Please pray for them as they work diligently to keep Faith Lutheran moving forward in God's work.

Serving as your council president is Kent Gronlie. Justin Foell is vice-president. Sandy Brandvold is secretary.



Each of our council members serve on at least one of Faith's groups/committees as council reps. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please speak to any of the council members.

Pictured: (l-r) Amy Pederson, Justin Foell, Sandy Brandvold, Kent Gronlie, Mike May and Pastor Kyle. Not pictured: Paulette Everson, Erin Metcalf, Sue Milender Toppen, Karla Ranisate. They were unable to attend because they were out of town.

Easter Peace: It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.

- Author unknown

*Do not be
anxious
about
anything.*
Philippians 4:6

Thank You Pastor Kyle and God Bless You!



Find the Hidden Easter Eggs throughout this newsletter!

Count how many Easter eggs you find. Fill out the form below and drop it by the office or email it to Julie. The correct guesses will be put in a bag and a name will be pulled out. There will be 1 adult name and 1 child/youth name drawn. Each will receive a \$10 gift card for the Dairy Queen. The drawing will be Friday, April 8th.



Name _____

Adult : Yes _____ No _____

Phone Number _____

Child (18 & under): Yes _____ No _____

How many eggs did you find? _____

WELCA News



Women
of the
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA

Faith WELCA met March 29.

We are asking the congregation to help us with Lutheran World Relief personal health kits by donating the items needed throughout the month of April. Faith's Kids Club will be helping pack the kits.

Items for the health kits are:

- 1 - light weight bath towel (between 20"x40" and 52"x27")
 - 1 - adult size toothbrush in it's original packaging
 - 1 - metal fingernail clipper, remove packaging
 - 1 - sturdy comb, remove packaging
 - 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap, 8 or 9 oz in original wrapping
- A container is located in the gathering area for these items.



WELCA participated in the Wednesday night Lenten suppers by preparing and serving the meal on March 30.

We would like to remind the women of Faith that Our Savior's will be hosting the annual Spring Luncheon on **May 14**. This includes Faith, Our Savior's and Trinity Lutheran Churches. More details will be available in the May newsletter. Please consider attending.

On March 26 we served the funeral of our beloved friend and former board member, Connie Pederson. She served as president of WELCA for many years and was a wonderful leader. We will sincerely miss her smile and treasure her friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry and his family.

Happy Spring,

Cheryl Foell, WELCA President



Easter Lilies



We will be adorning our altar with **Easter Lilies** on Easter Sunday— If you would like to contribute a cash donation (suggested \$14 donation) towards their purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one, a sign up sheet is in the gathering area. **Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 8.** We will put the names of your loved ones in the Easter bulletin. Other plants and flowers are very welcome in our Easter garden.



Mark Your Calendar:

Crop Hunger Walk Event is May 4 at 7pm!

Together with other churches in Valley City, we'll raise funds to end hunger locally AND around the world. Everyone is welcome to join!

Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. In many developing nations, people could walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. We walk to show solidarity and to bring awareness while raising funds for permanent change. More information will be in the May newsletter.



Mission Team News

The Mission Team will be helping with the Crop Hunger Walk on **May 4th**. They plan to have a table set up on a Sunday prior to Crop Walk so you will be able to sign up to be a walker/runner and collect sponsorships prior. You may also stop by the table to make a donation to Crop Walk.

Start watching for diapers and wipes sales! May is their annual Diaper Drive. All donations of baby diapers and wipes will be donated locally to the Barnes County Food Pantry and Social Services. Because of the increase in

prices for diapers and wipes there is a need for them now more than ever.



The Mission Team will not meet in April. They met on March 29.

Picture of the completed tied fleece blankets for Project Ignite Light from February 27. Such a fun time for adults and kids alike!



DaySpring Boxed Cards

For your convenience DaySpring boxed cards are available for you to purchase. The boxes of cards are located on the bottom shelf of the table by the mirror in the gathering area. The price is marked on each box. We did get in more boxes of sympathy cards. We also have birthday, get well, thinking of you, thank you, anniversary and baby boxed cards. The price for those cards is \$6 a box. When the new boxes of sympathy cards came in the price had increased. They are \$7 and \$8. You may pay Julie in the office for your card purchases.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

1. Nancy Bjerke, Lorianne Lima, Conner Mallette; 2. Hunter Brione, Tyler Kotta, Stacie Larson; 3. Jerry Moritz, Nancy Sorensen; 4. Kathy Burke, Marlys Kunze; 5. Bea Faust, Alec Storhoff; 6. Randy McClaffin; Willow Shape; 7. Matt Anderson, Blake Jewett, Nancy Knutson, Reneé Martin; 8. Gordon Reitan; 9. Adam Brandvold, Graysen Foell, Kylie Van Bruggen; 10. John Miller, Abbey Thornton; 11. Lara Mairs, Madison Trzpuć; 12. Riley Smith; 13. Josh Gilbertson, Leah Radke, Chase Tompt, Wendi Wilmes; 15. Brooke Bopp, Andrew Nelson, Janel Richman, Kathy Schlotman; 16. Richard Bartz, Derek Burchill, Carter McKay, Shirley Olson; 17. Trevor Enstad, Karla Ranisate, Krew Thoreson; 19. Jason Beilke, Stephanie Bopp; 20. Odin Greenley; 21. Kashton Anderson, Kelsey Schulz; 23. Andy Carlson, Jan Johnson, Danny Newton; 24. Samantha Nelson, Sydney Nelson; 25. Orlando Anderson; 26. Jordan Lunn; 27. Dallas Gruebele, Hannah Johnson, Dean Klein, Jacksyn Thornton, Maya Van Bruggen, Elaine Walls; 28. Brianne Foell, Liam Greenley, Brady Larson; 29. Randy Schober;

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

1. Scott & Amy Johnson; 4. Randy & Sue Milender Toppen; 8. John & Jan Johnson, Virgil & Tami Kratz, David & Lara Mairs; 12. Pat & Deb Horner; 13. Jasen & Kathy McGough, Clint & Natalie Meyer; 14. Keith & Cindy Hovland; 15. Jerry & Carol Moritz; 18. Ryan & Jessica Johnson, Mark & Paula Thomsen; 22. Doug & Becky Kratz; 25. Shane & Tricia Germann; 28. Dennis Hoyer & Linda Lane.



March Transitions in Our Parish

BAPTISMS: We celebrated God's promise in Holy Baptism for **Rowan Finn Horner**, born January 4, 2022 and baptized Sunday, March 6, 2022. His parents are Nick & Ashley Horner and big sister is Alexis. God bless Rowan and his family.

DEATHS: Our sympathies to Larry Pederson & family & friends of **Connie Pederson**. Connie died March 19. Her funeral was held March 26 at Faith with Pastor Kyle officiating.



April Service & Care

**John & Elise Miller

**Tim & Nancy Ost

Greg & Karen Burchill

Val Bolstad

Miranda Erickson

Rick & Robin Idland

Jody Johnson

Dave & Carol Smith

Dan & Emily Thompson

Elaine Walls

Brian & Georgia Welken

*Thank you for serving!



March Attendance

March 2 (Ash Wed)	99	56 +online views
March 6	109	98 +online views
March 9 (Lent)	73	69 +online views
March 13	73	93+online views
March 16 (Lent)	73	32 +online views
March 20	97	84 +online views
March 23 (Lent)	71	27 +online views
March 27	87	80 +online views
March 30 (Lent—not included)		

*online views are households watching

Offering

January \$14,520.00

February \$13,745.00

March \$16,162.00

(March 30 not included)

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan:
\$20.904.17

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Needed!

We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the children Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate wrapped candy for the eggs, please leave it with Julie in the church office or the work-room by **Friday, April 8th**. Thank you!



The Youth Say Thank you!

Thank you to all the youth and parents who helped with our cotton candy stand during the Winter Show! This year we just sold cotton candy, and we had a very successful time up there. Also, thank you to all who supported our youth with buying some yummy cotton candy!



Community Good Friday Service

The Community Good Friday service will be at Our Savior's Lutheran on **Friday, April 15 at Noon**. Gathering in community and reflect together on the love of Jesus, through singing and hearing God's Word.

This is hosted by the Barnes County Ministerial Service.



March Memorials

In memory of **Brent Benson** given by Margie Lima (Quilters).

In memory of **Connie Pederson** given by Gene & Nancy Bjerke (Undesignated); by Randy & Kay Bostrom (Altar Guild); by Illa Glandt (Altar Guild); by Virgil & Tami Kratz (Undesignated); by Robert & Gloria Larson (General Fund); by Margie Lima (Quilters); by Mike & Loree Morehouse (WELCA); by Jack & Val Moritz (General Fund); by Jerry & Carol Moritz (Undesignated); by Julie Moritz (Undesignated); by Roger & Sandy Mulvaney (WELCA); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated); by Brenda Stearns (Altar Guild); by Elaine Walls (Altar Guild); by Larry & Deloris Welken (Undesignated).

In memory of **Norman Pederson** given by Dave & Jeanne Johnsen (Undesignated).

In memory of **Lyle & Hazel Rowen** given by Junette Christianson (Youth Group).

In memory of **Jim Sanden** given by Margie Lima (Quilters).

In memory of **Curtis Smedshammer** given by Lois Brandvoid (Undesignated); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated).

In memory of **Henrik Voldal** given by Gene & Nancy Bjerke (Undesignated).



APRIL TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets **Wed, April 13 at 5:15pm**

FLC Staff—Meets **Wed, April 6 at 1:30 pm & Wed, Mar 16 April 20 at 1:30pm**

Men's Group—Meets **Sat, April 23 at 8:00am**

Mission Team—No April Meeting



May Service & Care— Meets **Sun, April 24** after worship and through emails/texts/ phone

WELCA—Meets **Wed, April 13 at 3:30pm**



Sunday School!

Just a reminder that we do have Sunday School starting at 10:45am-11:45am. Kids are welcome to eat a snack with their parents in the Fellowship Hall before they come to their classrooms.



***Sunday, April 10th** Sunday School kids will be singing in church on **Palm Sunday, April 10th!** We will walk in with palms, and then the kids will sing to start the service.

*We will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all kids after church though.



Faith Kids Club

Faith Kids Club did an awesome job planning, preparing & serving the meal on March 9th! They made the sandwiches, pistachio salad & baked the brownies which were delicious! What a great group of kids!

Schedule for April:

- *April 6—we will be at Faith
- *April 13—NO KIDS CLUB
- *April 20—Service Project Day!
- *April 27—we will be at Faith



Summer Bible Camps

Summer is almost here and it's time to register for Bible Camp! Summer Bible Camps are available to all ages! Red Willow Bible Camp is located near Binford, ND. You can go to their website: www.redwillowministries.com for information and to register. Park River Bible Camp is located near Park River, ND. Their website is www.parkriverbiblecamp.org if you would like more information and to register. Metigoshe Bible Camp is located near Bottineau, ND. Go to their website: www.MetigosheMinistires.com for more information and to register. We do have \$75 camperships available to help pay for Bible Camp. Contact the office with any questions.



Youth News

Confirmation Information

During Lent, we will not have our "normal scheduled Confirmation time". During Lent, the kids are strongly encouraged to attend the Lent services at Faith. Also, make sure you are working on your Lent passport as they are required to complete and turn in!



April 6—Lenten Service

April 14—Maundy Thursday

*We will be serving supper on Thursday as a fundraiser. Watch for more information soon!

Also, we will be breaking up into grade level and gender groups to help with dishes and cleaning up after meals that are served before the Lenten services. You should arrive at Faith by 5:45pm.

Here is the schedule:

April 6—9th grade girls

April 14—9th grade boys



Starting Wednesday, April 20th we will be back at Our Savior's for "normal" confirmation time.



April 20 - Easter Stories

April 27 - Easter Stories

Jr/Sr High Youth

Senior High Lunch is Mondays at Our Savior's!

This year, there will be 2 shifts for lunch.

Freshmen will be served at **11:15am**,

and the 10-12th graders will be served at **12:15pm**.

(There was a change with lunch schedules this year!)

***Saturday, April 30th** we will be taking a group to Red Willow to help them with Spring Camp Clean Up. We will be there from 9am-3pm, and we will get lunch there. Please watch for more info soon!



CAMP CLEAN UP DAY!

APRIL 30TH
@ 9A.M.-3P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE
SERVED!
SIGN UP BY APRIL
14TH!

ALL AGES WHO WANT TO HELP,
ARE WELCOME! PLEASE BRING
YOUR OWN RAKE!







Summer Youth Trip

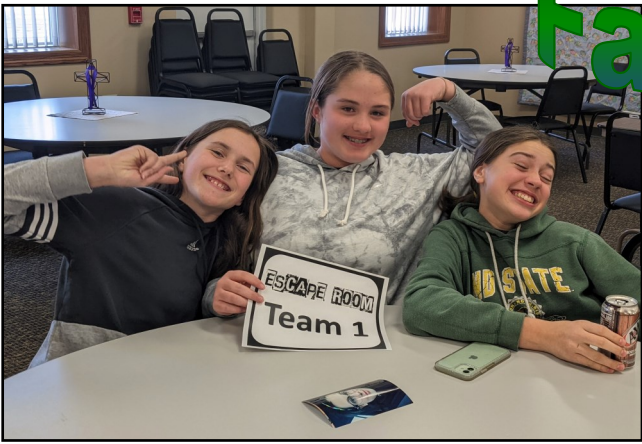


This summer, we will be going with youth currently in 7th-12th grade from Our Savior's and Trinity to Minneapolis for some fun and service work. Parents should have received an email from me with information. We will leave Valley City on Monday, July 18th and return Wednesday, July 20th. Any questions, please contact Wendi at 701-840-39141 or wendi.wilmes@gmail.com.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:45 AM Sunday School 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved	28	29 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Mission Team Meeting	30 1:00 PM Quilters 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Faith Kids Club - Service Project 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Meal Served 6:30 PM Lenten Service	31 Last day to designate 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars	1	2
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10  Sunday School Children Process in w/Palms & Sing 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:45 AM Sunday School	11  HOLY WEEK	12 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	13 No Faith Kids Club 1:00 PM Quilters 3:30 PM WELCA Meets 5:15 PM Council Meeting	14 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Great Plains Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry Distribution in Valley City at Epworth UMC 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Meal Served 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service	15 Office Closed at Noon 12:00 PM Community Good Friday Service at Our Savior's Lutheran 7:30 PM Good Friday Service	16
17  EASTER SUNDAY Newton Baptism No Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt	18 Office Closed	19 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	20 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM FLC Staff Meeting 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Faith Kids Club - Service Project 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation at Our Savior's	21	22  Earth Day GO GREEN	23 8:00 AM Men's Group Meets
24 Holy Humor Sunday 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM May Service & Care Meeting 10:45 AM Sunday School	25	26 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	27 1:00 PM Quilters 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Faith Kids Club 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation at Our Savior's	28	29	30 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Jr/Sr High Youth - RWBC Spring Camp Clean Up 1:00 PM Red Willow Annual Meeting

Faith Fun



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

Church Staff

Supply Pastor: *Pastor Aanen Gjovik*

Administrative Assistant: *Julie Moritz*

Treasurer: *Amy Johnson*

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