FAITH ON THE RISE

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12th Annual Back to School Luau!

Our Evangelism Team will hold the 12th Annual Luau meal on Wednesday, August 24, 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 youth programming as we begin the new Sunday school and confirmation year.

Volunteers are an important part of making this such a success each year. We will need volunteers with serving food and ticket taking. A signup sheet is on the table in the gathering area. We also rely on our 7th-9th grade youth and parents 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 first week 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 money to Julie at the



church office either by mail or dropping it off before Friday, August 19. Tickets can be bought the evening of the event also.





Meet and Greet for Pastor Jamie

Our FLC council will host a Meet & Greet for our interim pastor, Pastor Jamie Desai on **Wednesday, August 3rd** with serving beginning at **5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We all get so busy with life and some of us haven't been able to attend church to meet Pastor Jamie yet and we can all agree that we miss a good old-fashioned potluck!!

Council will be grilling burgers/brats and will supply the buns. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. You may drop off your side dish/ dessert any time during the day. We can't wait to see all of you and look forward to getting to know Pastor Jamie a little more.



Let me say how great it has been to be welcomed into the community of Faith and to Valley City. One of the blessings I have discovered since I've been amongst you is your excitement for Faith and sharing that excitement with others. Recently, I was visiting with a Valley City *local* who asked me why I thought Lutherans were

not great at sharing faith as compared to other denominations. It is most certainly true that as Lutherans we tend to be shy evangelists. I've been giving this some thought and have decided to give us Lutherans a few tips on

How To Share Our Faith with Someone.

1. Look for an Opening

We have many opportunities to talk about our faith in our regular daily conversations with others. Listen for open ended comments like: *I wonder why life is so hard* or *why are these bad things happening to me?* Life is hard and when possible, you can offer a response from a *faith* perspective. You can respond with: *I've come to think...* or *I don't have all the answers, but I believe...*

2. Be Yourself

Sharing our faith ought to be as natural as any other types of daily conversations. Avoid sudden changes in your voice, tone or vocabulary. Don't try to impress people with how much you know, allow the Holy Spirit to guide you.

3. Watch for the Chance to go Deeper

Carefully give the person a nudge showing them you want to listen. Judge by their expressions and tone if they want to share something of importance with you and let them. but do not push it, you can always set it aside and wait for another time.

4. Open Up

Not many people are open to sharing their struggles with others. The key to sharing your faith will be your willingness to be honest about your own struggles alongside your commitment to faith communicates safety, which is critical for people to trust you.

5. Follow Up

Let people know that if they want to talk to you again later that you're available for them. This lets others see you value them and of your commitment to your faith. Your willingness to keep asking difficult questions reassures people of your sincerity.

6. Let Them Know about Faith

The number one reason people join a church is by being invited by a friend. When the time seems right, invite them to come to a service with you. Tell them what makes Faith special to you and then tell them about your awesome pastor. ©

7. Maintain the Relationship Regardless of the Outcome

Be prepared to get shut down when you begin *faith talk* or when inviting them to church. The most effective way to communicate you are a follower of Jesus is through your actions. Continue to live your life with integrity and people will notice. Watch for other opportunities to share your faith and remember the Holy Spirit is always with you. Have a wonderful August and maybe I'll see you Wednesday, August 5th at 5:30 for our *Meet and Greet the Pastor*.

Blessed be the Name,

Pastor Jamie



A Message from Our Council President

The summer keeps moving along and with August begins the feeling of fall. It's the time when our youth start thinking about school and fall activities. Parents start the process of school shopping for school supplies, clothes, and all the needs of their children. It can be a real challenge for some so remember that helping by donating school supplies or monetary donations is rewarding. God has a place for everyone so know that he has a place for you.

The youth went on a trip to Minneapolis to experience the needs of the people less fortunate and helped to pack meals and also packed healthcare items to be sent to other countries. They also got to have fun at the Valleyfair. Thanks to our youth leader Wendi for all her work.

Faith Lutheran continues to support our mission and ministry, Pastor Jamie is here for us every day. We are blessed to have an interim pastor fulfilling the needs of our congregation. The call process can take a long time. The synod told our council a long time ago that it could take a year or two to find a pastor that fits our needs. We at Faith Lutheran need to keep the faith that God will provide.

The council discussed the keycards/keys for our church and who has them. We are asking members to stop into the office if you have a key. We need to record your key and the purpose of why you have it. I will be sending letters out if we know of anyone who has a key and doesn't stop in. We need to try to clear up where all the keycards/keys are before we check into the cost of a new system.

Let us have a great fall at Faith Lutheran. We have a great place for Sunday school, youth activities, and worship. If you know of people looking for a place to fulfill their spiritual needs, invite them to visit. I was one of those people just a few years ago and have enjoyed the warmth of Faith Lutheran.

God bless you,

Kent Gronlie, Council President



Time for a Little Humor

Twenty Statements Heard by Proper, Cheerful, Lutheran Basement Women

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	1. It's nothing.	2. I'm sorry.				
	3. You sit down and let me do it.	4. I will be more than happy to help.				
	5. What can I bring then?	6. Don't think a thing about it.				
	7. I'll stand. I've been sitting all morning.	8. Mange tusen takk.				
9. Give me the dishtowel. It's my turn now. 10. You've had a long day. Sit down then.						
	11. I haven't had my turn.	12. I have nothing better to do.				
	13. I can easily double the recipe.	14. It's ingenting.				
	15. Keep the dishes coming.	16. Give me the dishtowels. I'm washing tomorrow anyway.				
	17. I'm not helpless.	18. I can be there by 6 in the morning.				
	19. It's about time I return the favor.	20. Keep me posted. I can get there in a flash.				

Types of Lutheran Church Basement Women

Mary Types—The Listeners	Martha Types—The Doers	
Gives devotions	Organizes kitchen crew	
Serves coffee	Makes coffee	
Arranges centerpieces	Sets and cleans tables	
Wears high heel shoes and nylons	Wears wedgies and anklets	
Introduces speakers	Serves speakers	Makefiai
Plays piano	Dusts piano	
Visits with speaker	Washes dishes	
Arranges for next speaker	Takes down tables and cleans up	
Announces meeting	Serves next meeting	

This is taken from Lutheran Church Basement Women by Janet Letnes Martin and Allen Todnem. Redbird Productions, 1992.

You Know You Might Be a Lutheran If...

- You only serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color for the season.
- During the entire service you hold your hymnal open but never look down at it.
- During communion you hum the hymns so you can see who's at church that Sunday.
- You have your wedding reception in the fellowship hall and feel guilty about not staying to help clean up.
- The only open pew is up front, so you volunteer to shovel the sidewalk.
- When you were little you actually thought the Reverend's first name was "Pastor."
- You hear something really funny and smile as loud as you can.
- It takes 10 minutes to say good-bye.
- You can say the meal prayer all in one breath.
- You hesitate to clap for the church choir or special music because "it just wasn't done that way in the old days."
- Requests you hear are preceded or followed by the phrase, "If it's not too much trouble then..."
- You have an uncontrollable urge to sit in the back of any room.
- You think lime Jell-O with cottage cheese and pineapple is a gourmet salad.
- It's 110 degrees outside and you still have coffee after services.

Summer Youth Trip

31 youth from Faith, Our Savior's and Trinity went to the Twin Cities to do mission work around the area and also to have some fun together! On our 1st day we spent the day at Valleyfair having lots of fun! On our 2nd day, we volunteered at Feed My Starving Children where we helped pack 30,240 meals for children in Haiti, Liberia, Greece, and Thailand! After lunch, we went over to Global Health Ministries and packed up thousands of healthcare robes and other medical equipment to send to other countries. The last stop of the evening was fun at Como Pool! On our last day, we went to Target Field and helped pack thousands of meals again for children through Feed My Starving Children. On our way back home, we stopped at The Neighborhood Church in Fargo and helped them with their Pop Up Food Pantry, where they served 244 families with boxes of food. Thank you to these fabulous youth who came with and worked hard for others! Also, thank you to the people in our congregation who gave us donations to bring to these places! They were so appreciative!



WELCA News

WELCA Rews WELCA did not officially meet in July. As I write this article we are getting ready for our booth at Crazy Days. We will be giving out

Rice Krispie bars as a token of friendship from Faith Lutheran Church. We felt we should have a presence at Crazy Days as part of the Valley City Community. We hope you all stopped by for a treat.

WELCA did have a banner made to be used at Crazy Days. We want the congregation to know that it available to be used by any of our Faith Lutheran groups. It was purchased to be used!!! It is in the office and Julie will get it for you.

Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 10 at 3:30pm.

Another date to mark on your calendar is **September 24**. That is the date of the Eastern ND Synodical Women's Organization Fall Convention. It will be held at English



Lutheran Church, Medina, ND. Let me know if you would like to go, I would love the company!! Registration is due September 8. Meal tickets are \$13 if preregistered or \$15 at



the door. The theme is Faith, Hope, Love. Keynote speaker is Deb Wald from Fargo, ND. She is a singer, song writer, poet and spiritual advisor and is a member of Hope Lutheran Church as well as the Golden Oldies Musical Group.

I pray everyone is having a wonderful summer, Cheryl Foell, WELCA president

Red Willow Annual Quilts (& More!) Auction

Saturday, August 27th will be the Annual Quilt (& More) Auction at Red Willow Bible Camp, Binford, ND. There will be quilts from small table toppers to king-size PLUS jewelry, handcrafted items, theme baskets, home-canned goodies & much more!

Schedule: 10am—Viewing opens in the gym and Silent Auction opens in the Chapel 11am-12:30pm—Lunch 1pm—Live Auction 2:30pm—Silent Auction Closes & Raffle Drawing

Raffle Tickets are \$5 each— Raffle Prize is "Warmth of Our Stars" queen Quilt generously donated by Lynette Winters.



"WARMTH OF OUR STARS"

Men's Group Summertime Fun

Our Men's Group's annual BBQ turned out to be an enjoyable gathering. We want to say Thank You to Mark Brandvold for being our Host once again. It was a beautiful evening and a good time was had by all. We had 9 members from our Men's Group in attendance. There was much good food (which shows that our men know how to do more than serve pancakes). We had a lot of Fun and shared some great Fellowship. Hopefully we can continue our summer BBQ tradition again next year.



Our next Men's Group activity will be attending a RedHawks Baseball game on **Wednesday, August 17th.** If any of the Men from Men's Group (or from our Congregation) are interested in attending,

please contact Duane at 701-840-8857. I think the tickets will be \$12 which is \$2 cheaper than if we buy them at the Gate. Plus we have a better selection of seats by ordering the tickets ahead of time. We would gather at the church around 5:15pm if anyone wants to car pool. If you could, let me know no later than August 14th so I have time to get the tickets. We had a wonderful time last year and hope to have a good turnout for another good time of Fellowship. The RedHawks are playing some good baseball this year so we should be able to expect a good game.



May GOD Bless all of You! Duane Larson

Mission Team Project—School Supplies

The Mission Team's annual school supplies drive continues through **August 8th.** These items are needed at our local schools and will be distributed to students whose families find it difficult to buy the supplies needed. There is a plastic container for the school supplies in



the gathering area. Monetary donations should be placed in the donation envelopes and marked "School Supplies". We appreciate all the support this congregation has given to this project in the past, and we know we will have it again this year!

Items Needed: Please stick to the items on the following lists.

Plastic Pencil Box; Crayons (24 ct); Markers - Regular (10 ct) & Thin (10 ct); Elmer's School Glue; Glue Sticks; Colored Pencils (12 ct); Pink Erasers; #2 Pencils; Scissors; 2-Pocket Folders; Wide-Ruled & College-Ruled Notebooks; Black Sharpie Markers; Highlighters; 12" Ruler; Pens (Red, Black, Blue); Boxes of Kleenex; Clorox Wipes.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Jan Anderson; 2. Mike Morehouse;
 Gavin Wiebe; 5. Adam Larson,
 Penelope Shape; 6. MaKayla Frieze;
 Birthdays
 Greg Burchill, Reagan Gray,

Lauren May; 9. Lance Lukes, Bonnie Wieck; 10. Eliza Johnson, Michael Kratz, Kaleb McClaflin; 11. Aubrey Becker, JoAnn Hooper, Lincoln Johnson, Axell Lunn, Levi Nix; 13. Val Bolstad; 14. Madison Anderson, Marsha Anderson, Carlos Blueshiled, Karter Blueshield, Karen Crooks, James Henderson Jr.; 16. Zoey Johnson; 17. Darrell Holm, Jazmine Schmidt; 18. Robin Idland, Adam Pilgrim, Bob Thibeault; 19. Mia Nielsen, Austin Tompt; 20. Faith Schmidt; 21. Kirstin Gerhardt; 23. Marlys Peterson, Kamryn Rausch; 24. Kaitlyn Bergner; Elissa Hovland, Jayden Hovland; 26. Jeremy Wiebe; 27. Cindy Waagen; 28. Mike Brand, Kim Gray, Lisa Limesand, Shelly Rodriguez; 29. Dennis Hoye, Jack Moritz, Christian Pilgrim, Kenzington Pilgrim; 30. LeeAnn Peterson; 31. Ruth Geinert, Alan Larson, Abby Walker.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

 Jeremy & Kara Wiebe; 4. Dean & Brenda Klein, Brandon & Nicki Moen; 9. Derick & Kelly Mallette;
 11. Brad & Megan McKay; 18. Justin & Brianne Foell;
 20. Jason & Kirstin Gerhardt; 25. Gary & Janeen Anderson; 30. Bill & Rhonda Friestad, Kent & Patty Gronlie.

July Transitions in Our Parish

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the family of God **Olive Renae Mallette,** born on March 23, 2019 and baptized July 3, 2022. Her parents are Derick & Kelly Mallette & siblings are Conner & Sophie. God bless Olive & her family.

MARRIAGES: Congratulations to Thomas & Tori (Enstad) Houdek on their marriage. They were married Friday, July 1 with Pastor Terry Monson officiating.

DEATHS: Our sympathies to the family & friends of **Pat Horner.** Pat died July 5, 2022. His memorial service was held Thursday, July 14 at Faith with Pastor Jamie Desai officiating.

August Service & Care

** Damon & Brenda Bong

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

*Thank you for serving!

July Attendance

July 3 July 10 July 17 July 24	54	53+ online views		
July 10	67	53+online views		
July 17	83	60+online views		
July 24		58+online views		
July 31 (not inc	v 31 (not included)			

*online views are households watching

Offering

January	\$14,520.00
February	\$13,745.00
March	\$16,362.00
April	\$16,714.00
May	\$15,139.00
June	\$13,642.00
July	\$13,128.00
(July 31 r	not included)

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan: \$20.904.17



Faith Family Fun Night!

We will be having our 3rd Annual Faith Family Fun Night—Back to School Party at the outdoor swimming pool here in Valley City! We are renting out the pool for just our church families. The date and time are yet to be determined. This is a free event and we would love to see all of you and your children! We will let you know time and date as soon as it is confirmed. Can't wait to see you there!



Church Keys Check In

The council discussed security and the keys at their last council meeting. We would like everyone who has any key cards to enter the Faith Lutheran Church building and/or keys for the locked offices/rooms in the building to stop by the office. Julie will write down your key card number and the reason you need the key card/key. If you have a key card/key that you don't need please turn

it in to the office. We want to be sure that we have all key cards and keys accounted for. We may need to review and update our system. Thank you for your cooperation with this!

July Memorials



CHURCH

In memory of **Clyde Ahlschwede** given by Marly Kunze (Undesignated). MEMORIAL In memory of Pat Horner given by Junette Christianson (General Fund); by Duane & Diana Larson (Foundation); by Jack & Val Moritz (General Fund); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Youth).

In memory of **Rick Huseby** given by Duane & Diana Larson (Foundation). In memory of **Helen Noeske** given by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Youth).

AUGUST TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets Wed, August 10 at 5:30pm

FLC Staff—Meets Wed, August 3 & August 17 at 1:30pm

Mission Team—Meets Tue, August 9 at 5:30pm

September Service & Care— Meets Sun, August 21 after worship and

through emails/texts/ phone

WELCA—Meets Wed, August 10 at 3:30pm



Blessing of the Backpacks

We will be blessing all kids (Preschool and up) and their backpacks as they begin their new school year on Sunday, August 21st! Children bring your backpacks with you to church on Sunday, August 21st.



Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 11th at 10:45am, and we have something fun being planned for Rally Sunday! We are SO excited to have another great year of Bible stories, music, games, and crafts. Each week is a blast together with Jesus. Wendi Wilmes is the Sunday School Coordinator.

If your child is new to Sunday School at Faith Lutheran, please fill out a registration form before September 11.



The forms will be sent in an email soon and they will be located on the table by Julie's office. It helps us for planning and classroom supplies to know how many kids will be attending Sunday School. We welcome all kids that are 4 years old (or close to turning 4 by the start of Sunday School) up to 6th graders to come each week!

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

If you have ever felt a desire to help with the youth of our church, this is for you! We are desperately in need of Sunday School teachers for Faith! I am looking to have 2 teachers for preschool, 2 teachers for Kindergarten-1st grade, 2 teachers for 2nd-3rd grade, and 2 teachers for 4th-6th grade. When we have 2 teachers for each group, then those 2 teachers can take turns teaching so you don't have to be there every Sunday. We are also in need of substitute teachers.



If you are interested in helping, please contact Wendi Wilmes at 701-840-3911! Thanks so much!

Faith Kids Club

We welcome all kids going into 4th-6th grade to come to our Wednesday afterschool program! You will be receiving a letter in the mail soon to sign up! Kids Club meets Wednesdays from 3:15-5pm here at Faith or once a month we do a service project around the community. The kids are picked up with the church van from Washington School and parents pick them up from Faith. Wendi Wilmes leads Kids Club.

> *We will be starting Kids Club for the 2022-2023 school year on Wednesday, August 31st!



This camp is truly remarkable! We went with a group of kids in 2019 and they absolutely loved it! It is more like a resort, not just a camp. They have game rooms, a climbing wall, frisbee golf course, soccer field, basketball, tennis, and volleyball courts, gaga pit, huge hot tubs, great food, and a coffee shop.

We will be having a Parent and Student Meeting on Sunday, August 14th at 5:30pm at Faith for anyone interested in attend the camp.

Jr/Sr High Youth Group Events

Wednesday, August 10th we will be heading out to Wendi's parents' lake cabin for the evening! We will be heading out there at **3pm**, and we will be tubing, playing outdoor games, supper, bonfire and s'mores. We will plan to arrive back at the church by **10pm** that evening. Watch for more details soon!

Julie can give you one.

Sunday, August 14th we will have pizza and games after the parent and student meeting for Castaway Club, and then we will head over to Our Savior's to help Kalyn get ready for the Community Closet opening on Monday evening. Watch for more details soon!

Castaway Club Retreat! Hey Youth, Save the Date!

Make plans now to join us for the Castaway Club Retreat in Detroit Lakes the weekend of September 16-18! This is open for all youth currently starting 6th grade up to youth starting 10th grade.

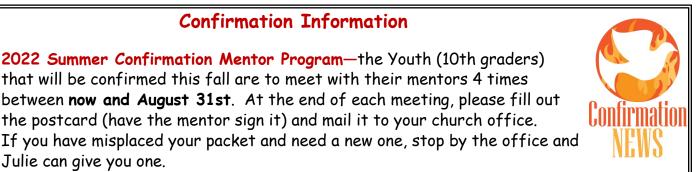
This year's theme is **Known and Noticed!** This year we will explore what it means to be completely known and noticed by God through Psalm 139. In the world of Snapchat, Tik Tok, and Instagram, our youth understand what it is like to be "seen' but not to be KNOWNthat's a different story. We are true masterpieces. Together we will explore how we can look at ourselves and others the way God sees us.



Confirmation Information

2022 Summer Confirmation Mentor Program—the Youth (10th graders) that will be confirmed this fall are to meet with their mentors 4 times between **now and August 31st**. At the end of each meeting, please fill out the postcard (have the mentor sign it) and mail it to your church office.









Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 31 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 4:30pm -7:00pm Epworth UMM Annual Corn Feed 	1 Pastor's Sabbath	2 10:30am Women's Bible Study	3 1:00pm Quilters 1:30pm FLC Staff Meeting 5:00pm -7:00pm Bridges Backpack Program/Hi- Liner Pantry Summer Grocery Store 5:30pm Meet & Greet for Pr Jamie	4 Quilting Class	5 Quilting Class	6 9:00am -2:00pm Valley Quilters Flea Market at FLC
7 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	8 SCHOOL SUPPLY Last Day to Bring School Supplies Pastor's Sabbath	9 10:30am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Mission Team Meeting	10 1:00pm Quilters 3:00pm -10:00pm Jr/Sr High Youth - Fun Time at Lake Cabin 3:30pm WELCA Meets 5:30pm Council Meeting	11	12	13 Online Giving
14 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 5:30pm Parent & Student Meeting for Castaway Club Retreat 6:00pm Jr/Sr High Youth - Pizza & Games & Service Project	15 Pastor's Sabbath 5:00pm -7:00pm VC Community Closet at Our Savior's	16 10:30am Women's Bible Study	17 Men's Group - RedHawks Baseball Game 1:00pm Quilters 1:30pm FLC Staff Meeting	18	19	20
21 Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am September Service & Care Meeting	22 Pastor's Sabbath	23 10:30am Women's Bible Study	24 1st Day of School 1:00pm Quilters 5:00pm -7:00pm Back to School Luau	25 Quilting Class	26 Wedding Rehearsal	27 Even/Boyle Wedding
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Faith Fun













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

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