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Sunday Worship Service—9:30am

Sunday School—10:45-11:45am

September 8 we transition to our fall worship schedule. We welcome you to Sunday mornings at 9:30am for Worship w/Holy Communion.

If you are unable to attend worship in person,

please join us as we livestream the services on our Facebook page: Faith Lutheran Church Valley City. We also upload the services to our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/vcfaithlutheran after the worship service as well. Following worship at 10:30am enjoy a cup of coffee/juice/water and a treat while you visit with each other.

The first day of Sunday School is September 8 at 10:45am! Sunday School runs 10:45-11:45am. The children will have a chapel time and also classroom time. We do have Sunday School registration forms on the table **in the gathering area if you haven't registered your children yet for the 2024-2025 school year.** You may also register your children on our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org, click on Ministries then Education then you will see the Sunday School Registration Form in Green for you to click on and fill out the form.

We look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces!

Rally Sunday—September 8!

This is the first day of Sunday School!

Rally Sunday Celebration will be sports themed, and it will run from 10:45-11:45am. All families are welcome to come and stay for a pizza celebration lunch after 11:45am that day! We are excited to welcome all the kids back for another great year!

Please save the date on your calendars!



As one season comes to an end and another begins, I've been thinking about forgiveness. It is hard to move on when you have unresolved issues with someone. Therefore, I thought this might be a good opportunity to share with you some words of advice from scripture and Jesus himself on the practice of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is one of the highest spiritual practices there is in our faith. Swallowing our pride and seeking the greater good when someone has wronged us is difficult but it leads to healing and growth.

There are five Biblical ways in which you can practice forgiveness:

1) *Acknowledge that God forgives you.*

When you accept that God has already forgiven you for all the crazy things you have done, it's easier to forgive someone else. God continues to forgive us *sinner*s throughout our entire lives.

2) *Check out what Scripture says about forgiving.*

Jesus taught his disciples who were hungry to be like him that forgiveness was central to becoming his follower.

Read Matthew 6:9-15.

3) *Go to the person who offended you whenever possible.*

Decide that you will personally deliver your words of forgiveness in person. But note this may not be wise in all cases, in some cases it might make matters worse. Ask a friend or me what would be the best means of forgiveness.

4) *Say 'I forgive you' out loud.*

Speaking words enacts a physical chain reaction that can create healing in both of you. Jesus used words of forgiveness from across the room when he healed the paralyzed man.

5) *Pray that you will be able to forgive this person.*

Forgiveness is a force in and of itself, especially in cases that are beyond your control. Forgiveness does not depend upon them feeling sorry or asking for your forgiveness. It's hard to forgive without the other person participating, but in the long run it's for the best.

(based on the writings of Karl and Rolf Jacobson)

God bless you in this season of endings and beginnings. Consider Jesus' word this month from the Lord's Prayer, *'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us'*.

Pastor Jamie



Message from Our Council President

Dear Faith Family,



At the last council meeting it was decided by the council to register for a booth space for Summer Vikes on Central. This event is on Thursday, September 12, 2024. The plan is to hand out faith bracelets, flying disks, sell cotton candy and spread the word about Faith Lutheran. We are looking for people to help with the booth, so please look at your calendars and if you have time, we could use your help.



The council also had to make some tough decisions concerning the finances of the church this month due to attendance and giving being very low. The council pushed back the agreement with Summit Fire Protection (sprinkler system) till after December so we can budget it in. I would like to say thank you to the Endowment Foundation for covering the cost of the repairs to the sprinkler system that needed to be done to put us in compliance.

I hope everyone had a great summer with family and friends spending time at the lake, vacationing or even just visiting with others.

Stay Safe and God Bless.

Mike May, Council President



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 18th we blessed the children's backpacks during worship. Each child also received a tag to put on their backpack that says "Lord Bless This Backpack and the Child who wears it. May they feel Your Love and Protection in all that they do." Love Faith Lutheran Church. We prayed for the children and for our teachers and school staff as they prepare for the new school year.



Faith Visitation Team

We are fortunate to spend time weekly with some of our members in their homes and would welcome the opportunity to include others. If you or someone you know would enjoy an in-home visit, please call Val at 840-1652 or Julie at 845-4390.



God bless!

Faith Visitation Team: Val, Cheryl, Nancy and Elise



Year Round Stewardship

We thank you for your continued financial support, active participation and prayers to help our congregation thrive. There are several ways you can give financially. You may place your offering envelope, check or cash in the offering plates Sunday mornings. You may mail your contributions to our church, PO Box 606 or drop it by the office. You may also give online. This is a great option especially for when you are unable to make it to worship because of illness, travel, or other circumstances. To set up online giving go to our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org. You may use your QR Readers to take you to the website as well. Click on the button in the upper right corner that says Give Online. Then follow the prompts to set up your log in and password. The General Fund donations button is what you would choose for your regular offering. There are also choices for other funds that you may give to as well. We thank you for all that you give to Faith Lutheran and hope that you prayerfully consider your ability to give a little more.



Offering Connections

Together we respond to God's provision by sharing of our financial gifts, both as an act of worship and in support of our mission and ministry as Christ's Church. Our shared gifts support ministry of our congregation, in our community, across the Eastern North Dakota Synod, throughout the ELCA, and around the globe.



Here are a few of what your financial support does amongst our Congregation, Eastern North Dakota Synod, Churchwide, and Globally:

Congregation: Your generosity helps support the ministries of this congregation.

Gifts to our congregation ensures the on-going ministry of this space including heat, electricity, internet, and even cleaning supplies!

EaND Synod: Our mission support to the EaND Synod helps support our two indigenous ministries: Native American Christian Ministry and Dacotah Oyate Lutheran Church.

Our offerings help support two campus ministries: Crossroads at NDSU and Christus Rex at UND.

Churchwide: ELCA Disability Ministries provides grants and resources to support full inclusion and participation in our life together.

"United in Christ, we dare to invite, connect, and act"

Noisy Offering—Access for All



We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, September 15. The offering received will be going to the Access for All Program. This program provides free services for students in need of professional clinical counseling. The kids **will come around during the Children's Word with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills.**

In August we received \$239.64 for the Bridges Backpack Program! Thank you for your generous giving.

Bridges Backpack Program

Childhood hunger impacts our community. Many children in our school district qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program; however, on weekends many of these children struggle with hunger. Since the fall of 2014, we have purchased and provided meal kits to elementary students. The child-friendly, weekend meal kit included three meals and snack items. We use the donation funds received to purchase these kits from Great Plains Food Bank. There are no income qualification to participate in our programs. In partnership with the schools, volunteers from churches and community deliver **the weekly kits and school teachers or staff discreetly put them into the child's backpack on the last day of school each week.** This is how we got the name Bridges Backpack Program!

To participate in this program, the child's parent/guardian contacts the child's school to enroll.

In 2017, the Hi-Liner Pantry was established for Jr/Sr High age students. The Hi-Liner Pantry provides food and essentials in the pantry at no cost to the students and they may also request a weekend backpack. Inquiries for pantry use are made through the offices, teachers or counselors who coordinate the distributions.

Checks/donations may be made directly to the Bridges Backpack Program. Mail your donations to: Bridges Backpack Program, 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.



We thank you for your past and continued support of this program that benefits the children in our area!

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café



If you or a loved one is experiencing memory loss, this is an opportunity to connect and visit with healthcare professionals and individuals, this is for you! The Memory Café will resume meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month here at Faith Lutheran, 1-3pm. Thursday, September 26th will be the first one for this season. Coffee and dessert will be available. A brief program will start at 1:30pm. Each month helpful tools to deal with memory loss are presented. The Sheyenne Valley Memory Café grew throughout the year and hopefully will continue to grow as more people learn about this opportunity.

WELCA News



WELCA ladies met on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at Faith Lutheran Church. Carol and Cheryl will be attending the 37th Annual Fall Convention to be held at Sharon Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, ND on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Anyone interested in going please let me know by Friday, September 6th. Carol Smith—701-490-0565 or dcsmith@csicable.net.

Our date for the Fall Festival is set for Saturday, October 12 from 10am-1pm. The youth will be having their soup to go and the women will be having crafts, quilts, bake sale and lefse. More in next month's newsletter. **Everyone is welcome to bring items for the sale.**



We will again be having our lefse baking day at the church. This is to be held on Sunday, October 6th starting at 1pm and going until the lefse is done. Anyone is welcome to come and join us for a fun afternoon (men and women). If you have lefse griddles and misc. lefse making items please feel free to bring them.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 3:30pm. Ladies of Faith Lutheran Church are welcome to join us.

Sincerely,
Carol Smith, WELCA President

Mission Team News

The Mission Committee met August 6th to pack up the school supplies. Thank you to all who donated school supplies and gave monetary gifts to our School Supply Drive! The school supplies were donated to Washington and Jefferson Elementary Schools. The supplies are used to help students needing them during the school year. Thank you to Kay Bostrom for receiving a \$250 Thrivent Action Card to purchase additional supplies. We also gave a cash donation to each school to be used as needed.

Throughout the months of September, October and November the Mission Team will be collecting items for donation.

September—collection of new socks of any size to be donated to APOC (Abused Persons Outreach Center) in Valley City.

October and November—collection of winter gloves/mittens and hats/stocking caps for Jefferson and Washington Schools.

A container will be by the table in the gathering area for these collections.

The next meeting for the Mission Team will be Tuesday, September 3, at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone who would like to join the Mission Team!



FLC Mission Team—Brenda Bong, Kay Bostrom, Sandy Brandvold, Laney Jenison, Mabeth Kudrna, Elise Miller, Deb Shape, Diane Sommerfeld, Cindy Waagen, Elaine Walls.

Men's Group News

As the song goes, 'Oh what a night,'. On Thursday evening August 22nd, our Men's Group had 9 members and Pastor Jamie attend a RedHawks Baseball Game. The 9 members boarded the Limo (Graciously provided by Larry H and Larry E Saylor) and headed to Fargo. The ride there was enjoyable but when we got to West Fargo the Limo broke down. Ironically the Limo broke down **right by the Church of GODS's word, so we knew GOD was sending us a sign that everything would** be fine. Thankfully 3 of us had family living in West Fargo so calls were made and 3 vehicles came to pick us up and bring us to the game. We got to the game just before first pitch so all was well, except there was light rain falling which continued through the first two innings. The rain stopped and it turned out to be a beautiful evening. The game was close and interesting all the way through and the RedHawks came out on the winning end, 4-3. I think I can speak for all the guys and say that we had a wonderful evening with Food, Fun and Yes, plenty of great Fellowship. Oh yes, Thanks to Nate Saylor for coming to Fargo with his Motorhome to rescue us and haul us all back to Valley City again. The evening turned out so good because in spite of a couple of set backs, everyone kept an upbeat attitude and a smile on our faces. Hopefully all the guys had a good time and we can do this again next year, minus the set backs, of course. The night also reminded me of words from **another song "memories are made of this'**.

Now that summer is about over, Men's Group will get back to our regular schedule of Saturday morning Breakfast meetings. Our next Breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21 at 8am. We invite any of the men from our congregation to come check us out and join in the Fun and Fellowship.

May GOD Bless all of our Family of Faith!
Duane Larson



Pictured (l-r) - Ron Peterson, Larry E. Saylor, Larry H. Saylor, Gary Sommerfeld, Randy Bostrom, Tim Ost, Duane Larson, Joe Lunde, Scott Johnson.
Pastor Jamie met them at the game.

SEPTEMBER



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

1. Trent Moritz, Chloe Saylor;
 2. Lisa Limesand, Haley Saylor, Brian Welken; 3. Erika Dalgliesh;
 4. Corbin Germann, Nicole Larson; 5. Scott Beilke, Scott Johnson, Linda Moser, Michael Schmidt II; 6. Patty Myers, Ridge Rischmiller, Taylor Storhoff; 7. Emery Wiebe; 9. Cooper Bopp, Rhonda Friestad, Al Sorensen; 10. Ayden Ness, Dave Pedersen; 11. Russ Hilborn; 12. Lois Brandvold, Brenda Swanberg; 13. Frankie Ashline, Reagan Holm, Tyler Van Bruggen, Vicki Zinck Metcalf; 14. Jess Ranisate; 16. Kay Bostrom; 17. Justin Foell, Jacee Klein, Jenna Mairs, Aaron Schuster; 19. Loree Morehouse; 20. Deb Beilke, Jordy Stearns, Austyn Thornton; 21. Alex Jenrich, Tyson Jenrich; 23. Jessica Johnson, Steve Nelson; 26. Owen Struble; 27. Miranda Erickson, Tifani Komrosky; 28. Patty Altringer, Shane Germann; 29. Amelia Wiebe; 30. Carson McGough.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

4. Rick & Audrey Bredeson; 5. Danny & Mikayla Newton, Brett & Em Stearns; 6. Greg & Kellie Schulz; 9. Matt & Rachel Kilmon; 13. Wayne & Leah Thoreson; 16. Leighton & Dianne Smith; 21. Kermit & Jill Pederson; 22. Mark & Jill Foss, Tom & Ashley Kellogg; 23. Mike & Vicki Z. Metcalf; 26. Ralph & JoAnn Hooper; 27. Joe & Renée Martin, Brian & Brooke Yanish.

September Service & Care

**** Jack & Val Moritz**
 Don & Kathy Schlotman
 Bud & Verna Anderson
 Kaila & Tony Cooley
 Paulette Everson
 Gloriann Gaarder
 Paul & Nancy Hilborn
 Cindy Knudson
 Margie Lima
 Steve & Tara Nelson
 Lorraine Nitschke
 Sandi Pollock
 Connie Ronholm
 Brian & Brook Yanish
 *Thank you for serving!

August Attendance

August 4	87	78+ online
August 11	117	113+ online
August 18	84	72+ online
August 25	54	79+ online

Offering

January	\$16,113.00
February	\$22,023.00
March	\$24,553.00
April	\$14,355.00
May	\$16,831.00
June	\$19,084.00
July	\$13,346.00
August	\$19,604.00

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan:
 \$22,752.25

Contact Information

Please let the office know if you have moved or have new phone numbers. We try to keep our system up to date as much as we can. Also if a birthday or anniversary is wrong please let Julie know so she can correct that.





Happy 90th Birthday Lois Brandvold!

Lois will be celebrating her 90th birthday on September 12! Her family would like to have a card shower for her. If you would like to wish Lois a happy birthday you may mail a card to her: 220 South Maple Apt 206, Watertown, SD 57201.

God bless you Lois and have a wonderful birthday!



14th Annual Back to School Luau!

A very BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's "Back to School Luau" a success! Your time, talents and treasures helped support Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Youth and the Barnes County Food Pantry. We couldn't hold this yearly event without your help and are truly grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and

serve the food. Everything was delicious! Thank you Wendi Wilmes and Youth for running the Cake Walk and those who brought items for the Cake Walk. It's a hit for all ages ☺. Thank you to the Evangelism Team—Brenda Klein, Tonya Samuelson, Erin Metcalf, Diane Busche, Sarah Friestad and their families for leading this event each year!

Please extend a thank you to neighbors, friends and family who attended as their presence matters to our mission and community. We look forward to seeing you at next year's event! Thanks again!



August Memorials

In memory of Darlene Fjeldstad given by Lois Brandvold (School Supplies).

In memory of Roger Henrickson given by Mary Johnson (Foundation).

In memory of Monica Lubbers given by Randy & Kay Bostrom (Education—Sunday School).

In memory of Craig Speick given by Randy & Kay Bostrom (Faith Cemetery).

In memory of Gary Speich given by Randy & Kay Bostrom (Faith Cemetery); by Lois Brandvold (School Supplies); by Dave & Jeanne Johnson (General Fund).

In memory of Jeanne Speich given by Randy & Kay Bostrom (Faith Cemetery).

SEPTEMBER TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets Wed, Sept 11 at 5:30pm

FLC Staff—Meets Wed, Sept 4 at 1:30pm
& Wed, Sept 18 at 1:30pm

Men's Group—Meets Sat, Sept 21 at 8am

Mission Team—Meets Tue, Sept 3 at 5:30pm

September Service & Care— Meets Sun,
Sept 15 after worship & by emails
texts/ phone

WELCA—Meets Wed, Sept 11
at 3:30pm



Sunday School News



Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8th!

We welcome any child who is 4 years old or close to being 4 up to kids who are going to be 6th graders to come on Sunday mornings to Sunday School!

Sunday School will run from **10:45-11:45am**. You should have received an email to register your child or the form on our website!

Thank you to Brenda Rohde, Angela Van Bruggen, Amanda Pilgrim, Ashley Horner, Jessica Johnson, Kylie Van Bruggen, Abby Wilmes, and Alyssa Wilmes for volunteering their time to teach our kids about Jesus!

Kids Club!

We welcome all kids going into **4th-6th grade** to come to our Wednesday Afterschool program called **Kids Club!** You should have received an email to sign up your child! Please sign your child up by Tuesday, September 3rd, so Wendi knows how many kids to pick up from Washington School. Kids Club meets **Wednesdays** from **3:15-5pm** here at Faith or we go do a service project around the community. The kids are picked up by Wendi with the church van from Washington School and parents then pick them up from Faith.



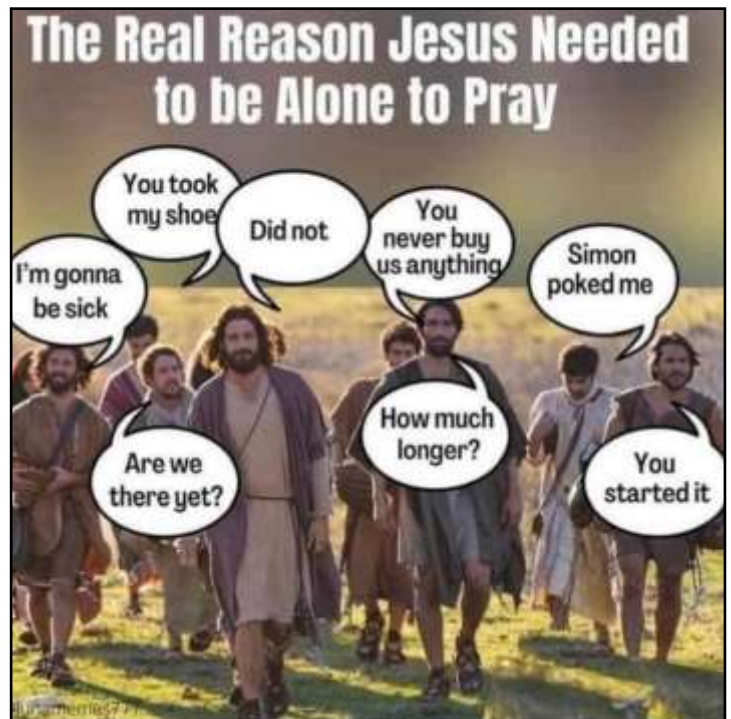
Kids Club will be starting Wednesday, September 4th!

Early Dismissal Day

On **Wednesday, September 18th** there is an Early Dismissal Day from Valley City Public Schools. We will partner with youth in **grades Kindergarten-6th Grade** from Trinity, Our Savior's, and Faith to have an extra special fun afternoon! Wendi will still pick up the youth from Washington in grades 4-6, but the kids in Kindergarten-3rd grade will need to be transported to Faith after school.



Please watch your emails for more information about the details soon!



Youth News

Important Info for 10th Graders being Confirmed!

- Banquet for Confirmands will be on Sunday, October 22 at Faith!
- Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 29 at Faith!

Here are some more tentative important dates for the Confirmands:

Wednesday, October 2—Meet with Pastor Jamie at Faith at 6pm.

Wednesday, October 9—Meet with Pastor Jamie at Faith at 6pm and then meet with Nancy Bjerke to go over Banner ideas.

Sunday, October 13—Make the Banner at 6pm.

Please note that although we share our confirmation sessions with Trinity Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran, each of the 10th graders will be confirmed at their own congregation.



Confirmation News

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

We will be having a Parent and Student Meeting on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30pm at Faith to talk about the year.

Confirmation will resume for the students on Wednesday, September 18 here at Faith!

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



Castaway Club Retreat

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Wendi will be taking a group of 8 kids going into 6th grade up to kids going into 8th grade to Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes the weekend of **September 20-22!** This is truly is a wonderful experience for our youth at a beautiful resort. The kids that have been on the this trip in the past have truly LOVED it!

Jr High/Sr High Youth Group

JH Youth Group (grades 7-9) - On Friday, September 27 we will head to Wendi's parents' cabin on Lake Ashtabula for a bonfire and outdoor games. We will leave from Faith at 6pm and be back to Faith by 9:30pm. Watch your emails for more info soon!



SH Youth Group (grades 10-12) - On Sunday, September 29 we will head to Wendi's parents' cabin on Lake Ashtabula for a bonfire and outdoor games. We will leave from Faith at 5pm and be back to Faith by 8pm. Watch your emails for more info soon!

Nancy Ost

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