FAITH ON THE RISE

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Affirmation of Baptism Sunday—October 31



Pictured (back row, l-r): Pastor Jamie, Gabe Jenison, Tyler Kotta, Brody Tompt, Landon Storly; (front row, l-r): Madison Trzpuc, Jessica Ranisate, Taylor Yanish, Abby Walker.

A Prayer for our Confirmands,

You are becoming the person God designed you to be , a person of faith a person with strong values—a person who loves God and other people. As you confirm your faith in Christ, may God's Spirit of love, joy, peace and grace become more and more a part of your spirit. In every situation and relationship be the person you believe Jesus wants you to be, trusting always that Christ will be with you—no matter what! Be strong in the knowledge that you are deeply loved by God, your Creator, and deeply loved by all of us, too! God bless you in Christ forever! Amen.

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The other day, I ran into Dan, an old friend of mine. Dan and I first met fifteen years ago on a mission trip to the Yucatan in Mexico. The trip had an impact on both of us as we experienced extreme poverty. The trip changed the trajectory of our lives in

many ways, but most significantly for Dan because he met Danielle, his future wife. Today Dan and Danielle have four children, demanding jobs, a mortgage and super busy lives. Dan and I spent an hour reminiscing about the trips we took together, things we learned and the ways in which God changed our perspective on what it means to follow Jesus.

Dan was raised in a typical Lutheran family in North Dakota, his dad a teacher and coach, him mom a counselor. His parents have worked the same jobs, lived in the same house, had the same friends and been members of the same church for over thirty years.

Dan was raised in what he calls, *behind protective walls secure from the evils of the world without any idea how "the other half" live.* But after spending time working and living alongside some of the most impoverished people in the world, Dan said his life changed not only on how he viewed the world but also what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus.

Dan's career path was to become a teacher and a wrestling coach. But after a few mission trips Dan saw himself in a different light. Dan discovered that he was called by Christ to be the person God created him to be, not the person his parents or the world was convincing him he *should* be.

Ephesians 1:11 "It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for." Today Dan is a husband, a father of four, a worship leader in a Fargo church and he is teaching men how to turn off their screens to be more present with their children.

As I left Dan I thanked him for reminding me of what God had done in our lives and of how God has put us on this earth not to just eat, breathe, and consume but to make a contribution to this world. We are all called to serve others regardless of our jobs or careers and to use our God-given abilities to help others. It is through serving others that we discover the meaning in our lives.

As Thanksgiving approaches, let us thank God for all our blessings and let us be reminded that we *are blessed to be a blessing*. I thank God for blessing me with my friend Dan and for the blessing that comes from serving our Lord Jesus Christ.



Happy November,

Pastor Jamie



Welcome New Members

Sunday, November 6th during worship we will be welcoming new members into our Faith Lutheran family. We welcome Bob Green;
 COME, Christopher & Kalyn, Brooklyn and Hayden Botz; Tyler & Lacey
 Majerus, Ellie, Landon and Brenna Storly. We look forward to getting to know each other more!

Pastor Appreciation Sunday





Service Project Night for Confirmation!

On Wednesday, October 19th we had the Great American Food Race here at Faith Lutheran for our Confirmation kids! The kids broke up into their small groups and went around Valley City with their small group leaders and collected food for the Barnes County Food Pantry. Then they came back to the church and weighed all their food to see which group had the most! Congratulations to the 9th Grade Girls for having the most! All the kids did such a great job! The whole group collected 750 pounds of food to donate to the Food Pantry. Thank you so much to the community for donating the food to them



A Message from Our Council President

Time for another monthly newsletter as November is here. this is the time Thanksgiving makes me think of how grateful I am to still be here as I get older. God has a plan for all of us as we continue our lives here on earth. I remember as a young boy growing up and the challenges of school, sports, college, getting married, fatherhood, farming , and many more things. These are the blessings I received and am thankful for all of them. life has frustration but we live in a great place and we should be thankful for our friends, family, faith, and everything around us.

Faith Lutheran is a great place to share the stories of your life. It is a great place to find help and support in times of need. Pastor Jamie's sermon recently talked about being humble and caring for those in need. Let us all try to remember this as we move forward in our lives.

November is here and as we move forward take time to say hello to your neighbors and friends. When you sit down for Thanksgiving look around you and thank God for your family and friends.

Also, as winter sets into our lives let us take time to visit those who maybe can't get out as easily. Just a little hello means a lot to some.

Happy Thanksgiving to everybody and thank God for his bounties shared with us.

Kent Gronlie, Council President



All Saint's Sunday—November 6

We celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ.

We celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors ur tears. During the worship service we will remember those who have died in the past year. a candle will be lit for each person as their name is read. Those at worship may also light a candle in remembrance of a loved one that has went on before them. we will also celebrate those who have been baptized in the past year. God bless the children and their families.





The First Sunday of Advent is November 27th. "Trepare the way of the Lord." Isaiah 40:3

Community Thanksgiving Baskets

The 2022 Community Thanksgiving Basket event will be taking place again this year! Basket assembly is scheduled for **Thursday, November 17th 5:30pm-6:30pm at Faith Lutheran**. Basket deliveries are scheduled for 5pm Friday, November 18th and pick-ups will begin at 5:30pm, also at Faith Lutheran. Friends from Our Savior's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Churches will be joining us, was are thankful to share this ministry with them.

All age and ability volunteers needed. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering area, please indicate what day(s) you are available. Please contact Julie in the office or Erin Metcalf if you have specific questions about this event. Confirmation students, this is a great service project to be involved in!

These Thanksgiving Baskets are filled with a typical Thanksgiving meal. Recipients receive a turkey, dressing, gravy, 5 lb bag of potatoes, corn, beans, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, loaf of bread, pump-kin pie and whipped topping. Each basket cost around \$55.

We have posters up at Social Services, City-Count Health, Skyline Villa and Rudolf Square to have people contact Faith Lutheran if they need a basket. If you or someone you know would like to receive a basket please call the office to get on the list. The deadline to sign up is Friday, November 4th. We will be giving out 125 total baskets this year. what a wonderful way to reach our community.

We are beginning this year with a lower amount in savings for this project so we hope you will consider giving a monetary donation of any size toward the Thanksgiving baskets. You may send your donation to Faith Lutheran—PO Box 606, drop it off at Faith or enclose it in one of the donation envelopes and mark it Faith Lutheran Thanksgiving Baskets and put it in the offering place. You can also go to our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org to give online. There is a choice to give to Thanksgiving Baskets.

Volunteers are an important part of this project. We are grateful to all who give of their time, talents and monetary gifts so others may enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with their families.



2023 Daily Texts

If you are interested in having the church order you the 2023 Daily Texts please let Julie in the office know. She will also put a sign up sheet out in the gathering area. If you would like to purchase the Daily Texts directly you may go to the website: www.groundupgrace.com, The cost will be \$10.95 for each book. The Daily Texts will be ordered in December.



WELCA News



The month of October was a busy one for WELCA. We served four funerals and we want to offer our deepest sympathy to the families of Dick Bartz, Bonnie Wieck, Diane Korf and Steve Nitschke.

We had a very successful Fall Festival, selling out of lefse in about an hour and, by Sunday noon, had sold out of all the baked goods and most of the craft items. The youth sold out of their soups by noon on Saturday. We want to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Without all of you we could not host such a successful event. We will decide which organizations/agencies will benefit from our proceeds at our November meeting. because of the generosity of our members we have over \$6,000 to distribute.

In addition to the quilts that were sold at the Festival, Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley and Churches Untied received several each and over twenty were boxed up to be taken to Lutheran World Relief. The remaining quilts are available for anyone in need. Our quilts can also be purchased at anytime by contacting Julie in the office. Full sized quilts are \$50 and baby quilts are \$35.



God's peace, Cheryl Foell, WELCA president

Noisy Offering

We will receive a **noisy offering** on **Sunday, November 20**. Bring your loose change and dollar bills to worship. The kids will come around to collect it. The November noisy offering will be for the **Thanksgiving Baskets.** In October we received \$189 for the Backpack Program! We are thankful for your generous giving. We will receive a

noisy offering on the 3rd Sunday each month throughout the year for different area charities. Your loose change and dollar bills make a difference!

Men's Group News

Faith Lutheran Men's Group survived another Pancake Brunch. Our latest Brunch was held on Sunday, October 234rd and once again was a success. Our crowd was a little lighter but we still had a good turnout. Many Thanks are always due to conduct a project like this. we want to say Thank You to Julie in the office for all of her help, Thank You to Joe Lunde for lining up the potatoes, Greg Burchill for making our apple sauce and helping line up some of the other supplies, to our members of Faith Lutheran for all of their wonderful support and Thank You to members of other congregations and the community. It is always so wonderful to see so many friends and acquaintances come for food, fun and fellowship with us.

Thanks to the men from Faith (Men's Group) for all of the good help both on Saturday doing the preparations and on Sunday preparing and serving the meal. It is always such a good time to work together, to share fellowship and laughter working for such a good cause. **Our next Men's Group Breakfast meeting will be Saturday,**



November 19th at 8am. We always would Love to see more Men from our congregation come to share in our excitement, Fun, Laughter and good Fellowship. If anyone has any questions about our group, Please contact any of our members or Julie in the office.

May GOD Bless all of you! Duane Larson



Mission Team News

November the Mission Team will continue collecting **new hats, mittens and gloves** for donation to our local schools and community. Please note that warm, thick, water-proof gloves are best for our schools since students are playing in the snow at recess. Children may forget, misplace or lose their hats and gloves so having extras available for them is a good thing when it's cold and snowy.

This year the Mission Team will have a "Christmas Giving Tree". They plan to collect items for SMP Health - St. Raphael and gifts for several local families. The Mission Team will have more details after they meet in November. More information will be in the bulletin announcements and in the Faith's Friendly Friday Note email once the "Christmas Giving Tree" project is set.

The next Mission Team meeting will be **Tuesday**, **November 8 at 5:30pm**. The Mission Team invites anyone who is interested to attend the meeting.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

2. Nick Horner; 3. Chaise Johnson, Brad McKay, Teanna PerDue;
4. Damon Bong; 5. Joci Jorissen, Birthdays Leona McPherson, Jace Thompson;

6. Lexia Nix; 7. Mavrick Ludwig, Mazie Ludwig, Megan McKay, Stephanie Ness; 8. Duane Larson, Kermit Pederson; 9. Tony Cooley, Mike May, Larry E. Sayler, Diane Sommerfeld; 10. Ben Horner, Shelby Thoreson; 11. Ruby Hansen, Marlys Hilborn, Nancy Hilborn, Ralph Hooper; 12. Kenadie McCullough, Shane Ost; 13. Larry Welken; 14. Hannah Miller, Jenny Roberts; 15. Amanda Pilgrim; 17. Carver Pederson; 20. Devin Haugen; 21. Teagan Klevgaard, Vicki Pedersen; 22. Tanner Thompson; 25. Ashton Auka, Josh Kratz, Devyn Thornton; 26. Jayce Auka, Rhett Holm, Kaila Knudson, Ryder Yanish; 28. Joanna Anderson, Sophie Mallette; 29. Josei Klein, Tony Mikkelsen, Jack Samuelson; 30. Greg Friestad.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

4. Mike & Julie May; 9. Joe & Martee Lunde; 10. John & Elise Miller; 21. Bill & Sarah Friestad; 24. James & Janet Thornton; 26. Adam & Amanda Pilgrim;
28. Jordan & Mercedez Lunn; 30. Darrell & Kathy Holm.

October Transitions

CONFIRMED: October 30, 2022, 8 youth celebrated Affirmation of Baptism—Gabe Carl Jenison, Tyler Quinn Kotta, Jessica Dian Ranisate, Landon Timothy Storly, Brody Clinton Tompt, Madison Rose Trzpuc, Abby Marie Walker, Taylor Isabelle Yanish. We praise God for each of them.

DEATHS: Our sympathies to the family & friends of **Bonnie Wieck.** Bonnie died Monday, October 3, 2022. Her Celebration of Life was held Saturday, October 8 at Faith with Pastor Jamie officiating.

Our sympathies to the family & friends of **Steve Nitschke.** Steve died Thursday, October 6, 2022. His funeral was held Tuesday, October 11 at Faith with Pastor Jamie officiating.

Our sympathies to the family & friends of **Richard "Dick" Bartz.** Dick died Sunday, October 9, 2022. His funeral was held Thursday, October 13 at Faith with Pastor Jamie officiating.

November Service & Care

** needs chairs

Rydell & Suzy Becker Bill & Rhonda Friestad Darrell & Kathy Holm Keith & Cindy Hovland Bonnie Kramer Mike & Loree Morehouse Roger & Sandy Mulvaney Joan Noeske Elizabeth Oppegaard O'Neil & Jan Oppegaard Larry E. Sayler Larry Sayler Natalie Sayler Meyer Natalie Sayler Meyer

*Thank you for serving!

October Attendance

October 2	93	76+ online views
October 9	119	74+online views
October 16	116	
October 23	82	64+online views
October 30 (not in	cluded	l)

*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	\$18,538.00				
August	\$13,289.00				
September	\$12,298.00				
October	\$12.355.00				
(October 30 not included)					

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan: \$20,904.17

October Memorials

MEMORIAL In memory of Richard "Dick" Bartz given by Junette Christianson (Undesignated); by Cheryl Foell (Undesignated); by Margie Lima (Quilters); by Robert & Bev Loken (Undesignated); by Jack & Val Moritz (Undesignated).

In memory of **Avalynn Fischer** given by Elaine Walls (Altar Guild). In memory of **Diane Korf** given by Mary Ann Anderson (Undesignated); by Randy & Kay Bostrom (Quilters); by Marlys Freadhoff (Undesignated); by Dave & Jeanne Johnsen (Foundation); by Margie Lima (General Fund, Quilters); by Kathleen Miller (Undesignated); by Roger & Sandy Mulvaney (Undesignated); by Joan Noeske (General Fund).

In memory of Steve Nitschke given by Mary Ann Anderson (Undesignated); by Randy & Kay Bostrom (Building Fund); by Junette Christianson (Youth); by Cheryl Foell (Undesignated); by Marlys Freadhoff (Undesignated); by Dave & Jeanne Johnsen (Foundation); by Duane & Diana Larson (Undesignated); by Margie Lima (Quilters); by Jack & Val Moritz (Undesignated); by Julie Moritz (Building Fund); by Roger & Sandy Mulvaney (Fall Festival); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (General Fund); by Brenda Stearns (Undesignated); by Cindy Waagen (Undesignated); by Elaine Walls (Altar Guild).

In memory of Shirley Olson given by Jerry & Carol Moritz (Undesignated).

In memory of **Mary Lou Weber** given by Elaine Walls (Altar Guild).

In memory of **Bonnie Wieck** given by Randy & Kay Bostrom (Bridges Backpack Program); by Junette Christianson (Music); by Cheryl Foell (Undesignated); by Marlys Freadhoff (Undesignated); by Dennis Hoye & Linda Lane (Undesignated); by Dave & Jeanne Johnsen (Foundation); by Duane & Diana Larson (Worship & Music); by Margie Lima (Quilters); by John & Elise Miller (Backpack Program); by Jack & Val Moritz (Undesignated); by Jerry & Carol Moritz (Backpack Program); by Julie Moritz (Backpack Program); by Roger & Sandy Mulvaney (Fall Festival); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (Undesignated); by Brenda Stearns (Undesignated); by Cindy Waagen (Undesignated); by Elaine Walls (Altar Guild).



Community Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Community Thanksgiving Service offered by the Barnes County Ministerial. It will be held on Sunday, November 20th at 4pm at the First Baptist Church (on Kathryn Rd. South of Love's)

NOVEMBER TEAM MEETINGS

Council—Meets Wed. Nov 9 at **5:30pm**

FLC Staff—Meets Wed, Nov 2 & Wed, Nov16 at 1:30pm

Men's Group—Meets Sat, Nov 19 at 8:00am



Mission Team—Meets Tue, Nov 8 at 5:30pm Dec. Service & Care- Meets Sun, Nov 20 after worship and through emails/texts/ phone

WELCA—Meets Wed, Nov 9 at 3:30pm

Sunday School!

Sunday School has resumed for the 2022-2023 school year! After church, you can grab a treat with your family and then we start Sunday School at 10:45am and finish at 11:45am. We are SO excited to have a great year of Bible stories, music, games, and crafts. Each week is a blast together with Jesus. If you haven't signed up yet, that is ok! Please talk to Wendi Wilmes, Sunday School Coordinator, if you still need to register for Sunday School.

Some Important Dates for Sunday School:

 *Sunday, November 6th we will start getting ready for our Christmas Program!
 *NO SUNDAY SCHOOL—Sunday, November 13th or November 27th due to the long weekends.
 *Christmas Program will be on Sunday. December 11



*Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 11th after church!

Faith Kids Club

We welcome all kids going into 4th-6th grade to come to our Wednesday afterschool program! You should have received a letter in the mail to sign up! Kids Club meets Wednesdays from 3:15-5pm here at Faith or once a month we go do a service project around the community. The kids are picked up with the church van from Washington School and parents then pick them up from Faith. Please contact Wendi to sign up if you haven't done so yet!

November 2—Service Project at Legacy Place November 16—we will be at Faith November 30—we will be at Faith November 9—we will be at Faith November 23—NO KIDS CLUB





Kids Club picked the pumpkins for Pumpkin BINGO!

For their service project they went to Legacy Place to enjoy painting pumpkins and visiting with the residents.



Confirmation Information for 7th-9th Graders November-January will now be at Our Savior's for Confirmation.

> The schedule looks like this for the month of November: November 2—Class November 9—Class November 16—Class November 23—NO CONFIRMATION November 30—Community Action Night (Christmas Gift Shopping)



We are still looking for another male to be a small group leader for 8th grade boys alongside Tyler. That way you both could take turns being there. If you are willing or feel a calling to help, please contact Wendi at 840-3911. Thank you!

Jr/Sr High Youth!

On Thursday, November 17th we will be helping get the Thanksgiving Baskets ready here at Faith starting at 5:30pm. Then on Friday, November 18th at 5:30pm we will be helping give the baskets out to the people who come to receive them or we will be helping deliver the baskets. After we are done on Friday, we will be having pizza, games, and a movie at the church! Please watch for more information soon!





Senior High Lunch Senior High Lunch is on Mondays at Our Savior's! Wendi will be helping the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. The freshmen lunch is served at 11:15am, and the 10th-12th graders will be served at 12:10pm.







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	26	27	28	29	30	1
9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Influenza Flu Shot Clinic 10:45am -11:45am Sunday School 12:00pm 10th Grade Confirmants meet with Pr Jamie 4:00pm -7:00pm St. Mary's Fall Supper located 6 miles east of Dazey	3 Pastor's Sabbath Sr High Lunch at Our Saviors	4 9:00am BC Ministerial 10:30am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Mission Team Meeting	5 1:00pm Quilters 1:30pm FLC Staff Meeting 3:15pm -5:00pm Faith Kids Club 6:30pm -8:00pm Confirmation at Faith	6 Quilting Class	7 Quilting Class 7:00pm DAV Fall Auction at Eagles Club	8 9:30am Lefse Dough Making 10:30am -1:00pm Epworth UMC Fall Bazaar 1:15pm Jr/Sr High Youth - Suite Shots & Kingpinz in Fargo
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"Rejoice! The Lord is near." Philippians 4:5

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