

# FAITH ON THE RISE

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## 13th Annual Back to School Luau!

Our Evangelism Team will hold the 13th Annual Luau meal on **Wednesday, August 23, 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 Faith Lutheran Ministries.

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 will be 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 beginning of 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 18. Tickets can be bought the evening of the event also.

## Join Us for Worship and Coffee Fellowship

We come together Sunday mornings at 9:30am to worship together. We look forward to worshipping with each other. We praise God through Music, Scripture, Message and Holy Communion.



We continue to livestream the services on our Facebook page: Faith Lutheran Church Valley City. Enjoy coffee and a treat after worship for a time of fellowship.

### Church Staff

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We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

The young people of today are rude and disorderly, said Martin Luther in 1537.

The young people are rebellious, pleasure seeking and irresponsible, said Plato in 438 BCE

The youth have no respect for their elders, they love luxury, have bad manners and contempt for authority, said Socrates in 389 BCE.

The next time you think the younger generation is going from bad to worse let me remind you that every generation has thought that about the generation coming up. The Bible often used young people as models and examples of the faith. The Bible presents young people as heroes ready to change the world. We read of famous examples like, Joseph the Dreamer, David the Giant Killer, and the Virgin Mary.

If you look around you will see a younger generation that is much like ours, wanting to make changes for the better, caring for creation and the vulnerable, trying to make their own contributions to the world. In the church we often say, *the children are our future*. Our children are the future, but they are also our present. Let us not think that our young people must wait until they are older to contribute to our faith community. Let us recognize that young people can lead us in directions we never would have considered if it hadn't been for them. Let us value our young people as the treasures that they truly are.

Sunday, August 20th during the worship service we will hear from a group of our young people who were on a mission trip to Duluth this summer. Listen closely to what they have to report and ask yourself, *What might God be speaking to us through our young people?*

Maybe we have a Joseph or a David or a Mary amongst us?

Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

God bless you this August,

Pastor Jamie



### Invite Someone to Church Today!

Think about when you were new in town and you didn't know where to go to meet people or to find a place to worship. How did you find a church that you felt welcomed and excited to become a part of? It can be a bit unnerving to enter into a church building especially when you are by yourself and don't know many people. We want to welcome ALL to Faith Lutheran and have them feel a part of a Christian family. Invite your friends, family, co-workers and acquaintances to a worship service or a church event. All children and youth are welcome to attend Sunday School, Confirmation, Kids Club, Youth Events, etc. They don't have to be an "official" Faith Lutheran member to participate. All of our activities are open to all who would like to be a part of them. Remember to always smile and greet those around you especially if you notice they are new to Faith or are alone. Share God's love and His Word with all today!

# Youth News

## Confirmation Information

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 13th at 6:30pm at Faith to talk about the year.**

Confirmation will resume for the students on Wednesday, September 20th.



**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!

Wendi will be taking a group of kids going into 6th grade up to kids going into 10th grade to Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes the weekend of **September 15-17!** This truly is a wonderful experience for our youth at a beautiful resort. The kids that have come with on this trip in the past have truly LOVED it!

**There will be an Informational Meeting on Wednesday, August 2nd at 5:30pm for a parent and student interested in possibly coming on this trip!**



## RedHawks Game!

On **Wednesday, August 16th**, Pat Edinger will be driving a bus to a RedHawks Game for the youth going into 7th grade up to youth going into 12th grade who are at Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity! Parents watch your emails soon to sign up your child to come to the RedHawks game!



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# RedHawks

## Summer Grocery Store

**Wednesday, August 2** is the final day the Summer Grocery Store will be open 5-7pm. The summer grocery store has been utilized by the community to help feed their families. We thank everyone who donated food and monetary gifts for the Summer Grocery Store. It wouldn't have been able to happen without the help of the community and volunteers who helped on Wednesdays.



## Faith Family Fun Night!

We will be having our 4th 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 the time and date as soon as it is confirmed. Can't wait to see you there!



## Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sunday, August 20th** we will be blessing all kids (Preschool and up) and their backpacks as they prepare to begin their new school year. **Children bring your backpacks with you to church on Sunday, August 20th!**



# Blessing of the Backpacks

## Sunday School



**Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 10th!** We welcome any child who is 4 years old or close to turning 4, up to kids who are going to be 6th graders to come to Sunday School on Sunday mornings!!

We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the 2023-2024 school year! We are looking for kids who are in Confirmation all the way up to adults to help with teaching our kids! We are hoping to have 2-3 teachers per group, so the teachers don't have to commit to every Sunday! Please contact Wendi if you are interested in helping!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



**LEAD THE LITTLE ONES TO JESUS**

## Kids Club!

We welcome all kids going into 4th-6th grade to come to our Wednesday Afterschool program called **Kids Club!** We welcome kids from Trinity and Our Savior's to join us. You will receive a letter in the mail soon to sign up! Kids Club meets **Wednesdays** from **3:15-5pm** here at Faith or we go do a service project around the community. The kids are picked up by Wendi with the church van from Washington School and parents then pick them up from Faith.



**Kids Club will be starting Wednesday, September 6th!!**

## Are You Ready to Share Your Time, Talent, and Tithing?

"I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess". Martin Luther

Stewardship happens every hour of every day of every week, how we invest our time, talents and treasure matters to God and can truly change the life of our family, our community, and our world.

As a member of our Faith Lutheran family we encourage the generous giving of your time, talents and treasures. We have many groups and committees to serve our church mission, local community, and beyond. We would like to challenge you to help with church in any way you are able. Time is a valuable thing and FLC could use your help whether it is helping with Sunday worship services, joining one of the many groups within the church, as well as starting and participating in Bible Studies, and more. Inside this newsletter there is a Time and Talents sheet. We encourage each of you to take the time to read it over and filling it out and return it to FLC. This is a great way for us to know what your interests and talents are. Also if you have any suggestions/ideas on how we can improve and grow our church you may put that on the back of the time and talent sheet also.

We come together Sunday mornings to hear the Word of God and to praise His name. We look forward to seeing each other to visit and check in to see how each of us is doing. It is a joy to see the children, to hear their giggles and watch their "band" at the end of each service. We know summers are an especially busy time but we hope you and your family will make the time to attend the worship services when you are able. We are thankful that we have the capability to livestream the Sunday services so that those unable to attend in person can feel they are a part of the service as well.

We see the affects of the lower attendance in the summer in the financial giving in the summer when your offering isn't receiving in church. You may give your offerings online on our website: [www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org) and go the giving tab on the top right corner or if you scan this QR Code it will take you there also. Whether you do a one time gift, monthly or weekly your financial gifts are welcome and needed. You may of course drop by a check or mail it to the church. We do have the same amount of bills in the summer as we do during the school year so it is important to receive your financial gifts to pay them. We have not been able to meet our monthly mission plan (budget) for several months now.



Thank you for supporting Faith Lutheran with your time, talents and tithes.

God bless each of you.





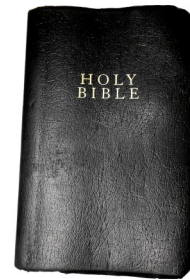
### Reminder to Update your Household Information

We are getting closer to our youth moving on to college and others moving away and beginning their lives elsewhere. We would like to stay connected to our young adults and our members who may have moved away. Please let us know if anyone would like the newsletter sent to them.

If you have an address, phone number or email change please let the office know. Also if there is a name change because of marriage and such we would like to make sure we have the correct name and also the date of marriage. If you have moved out of town and found a church to become a member of please remember to let us know so we may transfer your membership. We are happy to know you are continuing to participate and attend church to grow in your relationship with God.

### Wanted Gently Used and Well-Loved Bibles

Gently used and well-loved Bibles are being collected over the coming weeks. In partnership with the ELCA churches in our Jamestown Conference, these gently used Bibles will be distributed to individuals in need, and well-loved Bibles will be ceremonially burned in Eldridge, ND on **Thursday, August 3rd at 11pm**. This is a great and easy way to honor those extra Bible you have at home that you don't know what to do with. Donation bins can be found across from the elevator inside Our Savior's.



### Community Closet Open Monday, August 14

The Community Closet will be open from **5-7pm** on Monday, August 14 at Our Savior's. The Community Closet is an opportunity for anyone who is in need of clothing, children and adult sizes as well as other household items. The items are free.

**Volunteers** are needed to help set up on **Monday, August 14 from 2-4pm** and to clean up afterwards from **7-8pm**. This is a great opportunity to help our community.

### Thank You Volunteers!

We would like to thank everyone for their willingness to volunteer to help when you are needed. Here are just a few who volunteer. Ruth Geinert inserts the bulletins each week. Duane Larson has filled in to lead worship services and also to lector. Ruth Geinert, Mary Johnson, Cindy Knudson, Margie Lima, Reneé Martin, Carol Opegard regularly get the newsletter ready to be mailed out. Tami Kratz stops over on her lunch hour to spray roundup to keep the weeds under control. Dean and Carver Pederson took a morning to change out all the light bulbs in the kitchen. Others were willing to help with that also. Karla Ranisate, Elaine Walls and Elise Miller are always willing to cover the office when Julie is off. Our Youth are willing to help where needed. There are so many more than those named that volunteer and help out wherever they can. **Thank you again! Your kindness and willingness to help is appreciated.**



### Attention Men of Faith!

Faith Lutheran Men's Group enjoyed our annual Bar B Que at Mark Brandvold's cabin at the crossing at Lake Ashtabula. This event took place on Wednesday evening July 19th with 14 members in attendance. There were a couple of rain showers but otherwise the weather was a beautiful evening. There was also much good food, a lot of good fellowship and a fun time overall. A big Thank You to Mark and Matt Brandvold for being our Hosts, grilling burger/brats and serving the meal. We are already looking forward to next year's event.



Pictured (l-r): Matt Brandvold, Tim Ost, Doug Kratz, Larry Saylor, Lance Jenison, Virgil Kratz, Al Sorensen, Bob Green, Mark Brandvold, Joe Lunde, Ron Peterson, Chuck Shape, Duane Larson, Larry H. Saylor.



Our August activity for Men's Group will be to attend a **RedHawks Baseball Game** in Fargo. The FM RedHawks will be playing the Lincoln Saltdogs. We plan to attend the game on **Wednesday evening, August 16th**. The game time is set for **7:02pm** so to ride share we would leave from the church at **5:15pm**. I think the cost will be \$15. if anyone is interested in attending, please RSVP with Duane (701-840-8857) by Sunday, **August 13th** so I can get our

tickets purchased so that we can all sit in the same area. Any questions about its event, please feel free to contact Duane.

We will be back to our usual Saturday Morning Breakfast meetings on **September 16th at 8am**. We invite any of the Men from our Congregation to come check us out. we always enjoy having new members join us along with all of our regular members for a Fun morning gathering. In whatever we do, we like to go by our motto, 'FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP' and we always see to live up to our Motto.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!!!  
Duane Larson

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

1. Jan Anderson; 2. Mike Morehouse; 3. Gavin Wiebe; 5. Adam Larson, Penelope Shape; 6. MaKayla Frieze; 7. Greg Burchill, Reagan Gray, Lauren May; 9. Lance Lukes; 10. Eliza Johnson, Michael Kratz, Kaleb McClaffin; 11. Aubrey Becker, JoAnn Hooper, Lincoln Johnson, Axell Lunn, Levi Nix; 12. Kirstin Gerhardt; 13. Val Bolstad; 14. Madison Anderson, Marsha Anderson, Carlos Blueshield, Karter Blueshield, Karen Crooks, James Henderson; 16. Zoey Johnson; 17. Darrell Holm, Jazmine Schmidt; 18. Robin Idland, Adam Pilgrim, Bob Thibeault; 19. Mia Nielsen, Austin Tompt; 20. Faith Schmidt, Lewis Stearns; 21. Kirstin Gerhardt; Bryson Zins; 23. Kamryn Rausch; 24. Kaitlyn Bergner, Elissa Hovland, Jayden Hovland; 26. Audrey Jacobson, Jeremy Wiebe; 27. Cindy Waagen; 28. Mike Brand, Kim Gray, Laura Limesand, Shelly Rodriguez; 29. Dennis Hoye, Jack Moritz, Christian Pilgrim, Kenzington Pilgrim; 30. LeeAnn Peterson; 31. Ruth Geinert, Alan Larson, Abby Walker.

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:**

2. Jeremy & Kara Wiebe; 3. Chris & Kalyn Botz; 4. Dean & Brenda Klein, Brandon & Nikki 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 Memorials**

In memory of **Joni Ann Altringer** given by Jerry & Carol Moritz

(Undesignated).

In memory of **Ilah Lettenmaier** given by Jerry & Carol Moritz (Undesignated).

In memory of **Rory Mulvaney** given by his Family (Undesignated); by Tom, Marilyn & Carl Odegaard.

**AUGUST TEAM MEETINGS**

**Council**—Meets **Wed, August 9** at 5:30pm

**FLC Staff**—Meets **Wed, August 2** at 1:30pm

**September Service & Care**— Meets **Sun, August 20** after worship & by emails texts/ phone

**WELCA**—Meets **Wed, August 9** at 3:30pm

**August Service & Care**

\*\*Damon & Brenda Bong

Don & Kathy Burke

Merl & Tiffany Greenley

Mary Johnson

Nancy Knutson

Jeremy & Stephanie Ness

Brenda Stearns

John & Mary Stearns

\*Thank you for serving!

**July Attendance**

July 2	45	85+online views
July 9	91	74+ online views
July 16	74	92+online views
July 23	82	76+online views
July 30	(not included)	

\*online views are households watching

**Offering**

January	\$18,442.00
February	\$15,343.00
March	\$22,544.00
April	\$25,704.00
May	\$12,775.00
June	\$14,732.00
July	\$17,736.00

(July 30 not included)

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan:  
\$21,265.25

*Thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes. I had a wonderful 90th birthday.*

*God bless you all.*

*Illa Glandt*



**Duluth Mission Trip**

This summer during the week of July 9-14, Wendi Wilmes, Patty Gronlie, and Rebecca Westman took 10 youth to Duluth, MN for a mission trip through the company, Youthworks. The kids spent the days from 9am-3pm doing service work around Duluth (nursing homes, Alzheimer's units, planting trees, putting out mulch for the parks, etc.). In the evenings they got to do some fun things around Duluth. **The kids will be sharing their experiences on Sunday, August 20 during church**, so please come listen to them talk about how much they learned and had fun on this trip!



Pictured: back row (l-r) - Rebecca Westman, Alyssa Wilmes, Brenna Storly, Autumn Anderson, Kassidy Schulz, Kellen Westman, Connor Liebersbach, Wendi Wilmes, Patty Gronlie; front row (l-r) Lauren May, Abby Wilmes, Jessa Cook, Rachel Belgaard.





## WELCA News

From the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America website.

Through various program areas, Women of the ELCA's community of women provide services in their churches, communities, and even the world.

- We engage in ministry; we take action through advocacy; we promote healing and wholeness, and we support one another in our callings.
- We offer anti-racism training; address domestic violence, commercial sexual exploitation, and human trafficking; and support families with special needs.
- We assist participants in their desire to discern God's call in their lives and to discover their spiritual gifts through workshops, retreats, resources, scholarships, and global education.
- We offer grants to not-for-profit organizations, both domestic and international, that support healing and wholeness for women of all ages through the affirmation and advancement of women's emotional, physical, and spiritual health.

**Save the date—Saturday, September 30 the Eastern North Dakota Synodical Women's Organization Fall Convention 2023** will take place at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2010 Elm St. N, Fargo, ND. Rev. Kim Adams will be the Key Note Speaker and Rev. Lexi Steinle the Presiding Pastor.

Join us as we make a difference in the world. Faith Lutheran's WELCA meets the second Wednesday of the month, except during June and July. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, August 9 at 3:30pm.**

Enjoy your summer ☺  
Cheryl Foell, WELCA president

## 36th Annual Quilts & More Auction

**Saturday, August 26th** will the **Annual Quilts & More Auction at Red Willow Bible Camp, Binford, ND.** There will be quilts from small table toppers to king-size, jewelry, handcrafted items, theme baskets, home-canned goodies and more!

**Schedule for the day—**10am - Viewing Opens                      10am-2:15pm - Silent Auction in Chapel  
11am-12pm - Lunch in Retreat Center                      12:30pm - Live Auction in Chapel

Live Entertainment provided by:

**Triplicity** at 11am in the Retreat Center.

**Herlof Huso** at 12pm in the Chapel.

This year quilts may be purchased and donated to local agencies who will in turn use them in emergency situations. Those agencies will include law enforcement and social services.

Raffle Tickets are \$5 each—Raffle Prize is a King-Size Bargello Quilt made by Marvin Goplen. The raffle drawing will be at 1:45pm.



## Mission Team Project—School Supplies Collection



The Annual School Supply Drive for the public elementary schools continues through **Monday, August 7th.**

The items collected help the schools and the teachers provide for the students who do not have the supplies that are needed for the classroom. The schools have told us it is nice to have this stock supply for teachers to use when their students do not come with their own supplies, or they run out during the year. We have collection boxes in the

gathering area until August 7 and will pack them for the schools at our next meeting, August 8.

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!

**Reminder: Please stick to the items on the following lists.**

### ITEMS NEEDED:

**Jefferson Elementary** (Grades K-3) - Crayons (box of 24); Regular Markers (10 count) Classic Colors; Thin Markers (10 count); #2 Pencils; Pink Erasers; Elmer's School Glue; Glue Sticks; Plastic Pencil Box; Wide-Ruled (Single Subject) Notebook; Scissors; Two Pocket Folders; Black Sharpie Markers; Highlighters; Large Boxes of Tissues; Paper Towels; Clorox Wipes.

**Washington Elementary** (Grades 4-6) - #2 Pencils; Mechanical Pencils; Crayons (box of 24); Large Erasers; Box of Crayola Fine Point Markers; Box of Crayola Broad Line Markers; Black Sharpie Markers; Colored Pencils; Highlighters; Glue Sticks; Elmer's School Glue; Scissors; 12" Ruler (both inches & centimeters); Wide-Lined Spiral Notebooks; College-Lined Spiral Notebooks; Two-Pocket Folders; Pencil Boxes; Loose Leaf Wide-Lined Papers; Large Boxes of Tissues; Paper Towels, Clorox Wipes, Personal Hand Sanitizer.

The next meeting for the Mission Team will be **Tuesday, August 8th.**

If you would like to join the Mission Team, you are always welcome!

Faith Mission Team

## Noisy Offering—Bridges Backpack Program

We will be receiving a noisy offering on **Sunday, August 20th.** The offering received will be going to the Bridges Backpack Program. This is the program that sends home each Friday food for the children that may not have enough to eat over the weekend. The kids will come around during the Children's Message with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills.

In July we received \$153.11 for the School Supply Drive!  
Your generosity continues to make a difference in people's lives.  
Thank you!

