



# Faith On the rise

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The office will be closed Thursday, July 4 & Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.



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## We Welcome You to Join Us for Worship!



Sunday mornings at 9:30am we join together to worship our Lord! If you are unable to attend in person please join us online. During the summer we will livestream the services at least twice a month on our Facebook page: Faith

Lutheran Valley City. Services may also be found on our YouTube channel: [vcfaithlutheran](#). **If we don't have anyone available to run the camera we won't be able to livestream that Sunday.** We thank you for your understanding.

During the summer months many of you are out of town on the weekends. Remember you can set up your giving online on our website: [www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org). The QR Code will take you to our website to the online giving. This is a way you will be able to continue to give your offering to support Faith Lutheran and our ministries. Thank you for supporting Faith Lutheran Church through your time, talents and giving!







## Call Committee Update

The Call Committee would like to say thank you to the congregation for your continued prayerful support of the call process. **When we began the call process, we never imagined that we'd still be in this process nearly 3 years later. It is important to keep in mind that this is God's plan, not ours.** We need to continue to trust that God will provide the right candidate at the right time for our congregation. The interim pastors that we have been blessed with during this process have been remarkable. We are thankful for Pastor Jamie and the other previous interim Pastors who have so graciously served up during this time. Then continue to shape who we are as a congregation and when **the time is just right in God's eyes, a candidate will be ready for us and we will be ready for them as well. When looking back on the past twelve months, the number of candidates we've been presented with is somewhat worrisome.** Only 2 candidates were given to us for consideration during that time. Both withdrew their name from consideration before interviewing with us as they had already been interviewing with other congregations and received a call opportunity with them. Our last actual candidate interview was over a year ago. While this is certainly disheartening, we need to remain thankful that we are in good hands with Pastor Jamie during this transition time. Not every part of the process has been grim. We have had some remarkable candidates that have been considered and would have likely offered calls to, but God called them to churches in geographic locations that better suited them or their family. We believe in the power of prayer and ask that the congregation be diligent in their prayers for this process. Please make it part of your daily routine to pray for the Faith Lutheran Congregation and its call process. God will provide for us.

Prayerfully,

Faith Lutheran Call Committee



## Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly Summary

On June 1-2, 2024, the Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA gathered together at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND for the **thirty-seventh annual Synod Assembly under the theme of "Challenge: Learn, Discern, Respond."** **There were a total of 296 people in attendance (183 Lay Voting Members; 80 Rostered Minister Voting Members; 33 Visitors).** The business items included hearing reports from officers, adopting the 2025 Synod Mission Plan (budget), elections for Synod Council, Committees, and Voting Members to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly, and adopting two resolutions. The resolutions were on Compensation and Benefit Guidelines for 2025 and a Reconciling in Christ Welcome Statement. Participants also heard a State of the Synod from Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth and State of the ELCA from our churchwide representative, Kirsten Opalinski. We had two worship services with an emphasis on our indigenous ministries in Open Worship and care for creation at our Closing Worship with the Rev. Deborah Blood, UCC Conference Minister, preaching. Two keynote presentations were shared by Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, Native Theologian. There were seven workshops offered for participants on a variety of topics. Rostered Ministers and Congregations celebrating significant anniversaries were acknowledged. The Strategic Plan for the Synod was launched thanks to a year-long process of listening and discerning across the synod. A reception was held to celebrate five new Endowment Funds that have been created. (From EaND Synod)





## Message from Our Council President



Dear Faith Family,

The Council met on Wednesday, June 12th for our monthly meeting.

There are a couple of items that I would like to share with everyone.

The council made the motion to approve K&S to clean the carpets in the general area, and strip and refinish the kitchen floor. It has been over two years since this was last done. K&S did this work on June 19th and did a great job. I would like to say thank you to Mark & Sandy Brandvold, Gary Sommerfeld, Ron Peterson, and Jaden Erber for helping move the tables and chairs so the work could be completed, very much appreciated.

Another item that I would like to let everyone know about is the Transition Team updated the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) document and the council approved the changes. This document was set to expire on June 21, 2024. Awesome job, Transition Team, for getting this completed before it expired. The MSP is what prospective pastors look at prior to requesting an interview with our Call Committee.

One last item that I would like to let everyone know is the council is not meeting in July but will meet again on August 14. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the other council members.



I hope everyone has a great summer. Stay safe and God bless.

Mike May, Council President

## Red Willow Ministries—37th Annual Quilts & More Auction

New this year is an Online Auction! You can bid August 17-22 on their website: [redwillowministries.com/quilts-auction](http://redwillowministries.com/quilts-auction). Along with quilts, some special items will be available for your bids. **Keep your eye on the camp's website for everything you would need to know.**

Live and Silent Auctions will be Saturday, August 24 at Red Willow Bible Camp, 1651 Jacob Drive, Binford, ND. Phone number: 701-676-2681.

The schedule is as follows:

Viewing—10am-11:45am

Lunch—11am-12pm

Live Auction Starts—12:30pm in the Chapel

Raffle Drawing—1:45pm

Silent Auction 10am-2:15pm

Live Music by Triplicity

Raffle Quilt—Tickets: \$5 each.

We do have some here at Faith.

Queen-sized Quilt “Friendship Rings”  
quilted by Kim Kollar



## Summer Grocery Store

The Bridges Backpack Program plans to run the Summer Grocery Store at the high school on Wednesday nights through August 7 from 5pm-7pm.

This is free to everyone to help with the added food need during summer months when children are not in school and school lunch is not available. This grocery store is available for all ages.

The Program does get some food from the Great Plains Food Bank and purchases are made with financial donations and grant funds. Local churches and organizations also donate items. We have a box at Faith Lutheran for donations that we will bring to the store.

Suggested items to donate:

Canned Items: \*Meat-chicken, tuna, etc. \*Soup \*Vegetables \*

**Fruit \*Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc. \*Beans— pinto, kidney, baked, etc.**

Other Items: \*Cereal \*Pasta \*Spaghetti Sauce \*Alfredo Sauce

\*Peanut Butter \*Jelly \*Macaroni & Cheese \*Ramen Noodles

\*Hamburger Helper \*Beverages \*Potato Chips \*Granola Bars \*Pancake Mix \*Syrup

\*Oatmeal \*Desserts \*Cake Mixes/Baking Materials \*Rice

\*If any Fridge/Freezer Items, Fresh Fruits/Veggies, please call the church office to coordinate drop off.



Thank you for your support.



## Mission Team Project— School Supplies Collection List

We will have collection boxes at the church in July until August and will pack them for the schools at our next Meeting in August. 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 (24 count); Classic Color Markers (regular 10 count); **Thin Markers (10 count); #2 Pencils; Pink Erasers; Elmer’s School Glue; Glue Sticks; Plastic Pencil Box; Scissors; Two Pocket Folders; Wide-Ruled Single Subject Notebooks; Colored Pencils; Sharpie (Black Medium Tip); Highlighters.**

Washington Elementary (Grades 4-6) -

Crayons (24 count); Fin Point Crayola Markers; Crayola Broad Line Markers; Black Sharpie Markers; Highlighters; Mechanical Pencils; #2 Pencils; Colored Pencils; Large Pink Eraser; Scissors; **Pencil Box; Elmer’s School Glue; Glue Sticks; Pens (red, blue, black); 12” Ruler (both inches & centimeters); Two Pocket Folders; Spiral Notebooks; Loose Leaf Wide Lined Paper; 1.5 inch 3 Ring Binder; Kleenex (175 count or more); Clorox Wipes.**



Women  
of the  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
IN AMERICA

## WELCA News

WELCA ladies did not meet the month of June.

### Our Mission:

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

### Our Purpose:

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

All women of the ELCA are members of WELCA and invited to join our meetings. We meet every second Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm in the church fellowship hall, with the exception of June and July when we do not meet.

Sincerely,  
Carol Smith, WELCA President



## Mission Team News

Mission committee did not meet in June, however, we were still busy with the Summer Grocery Store. Elise Miller and Scott Johnson, representing Faith Lutheran on the Bridges Backpack board helped open the Summer Grocery store on the first Wednesday night and Faith Lutheran staffed the next two June Wednesday nights with Brenda Bong, Laney Jenison, Deb Shape and Elaine Walls. The following nights will be covered with other volunteers from churches and community organizations and the board handling the final Wednesday in August. On average, in the first three weeks, we have had about 100 adults and children each week and they are welcome to get food for a week from the store.

See newsletter (pg. 5) and bulletins for food items needed for donations and those received at the church will be brought to the store. We thank you for those donations.

School supplies will be our next mission drive; so watch for school supply sales in stores that will be fast approaching. The list of supplies needed will be provided in Sunday bulletins. We have collected supplies that when provided to the two elementary schools, become a resource for the teachers. Their students may not come with all the supplies needed, run out of the supplies needed or move into school during the school year. Each year we receive thank you messages from the schools telling us that this is so helpful for the teachers and students. We will collect until the first week in August so we can deliver before school starts.

Thank you for considering participating in this mission.

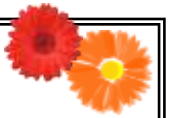
Hope you are have a Blessed Summer of rest and fun!!

Faith Mission Team





## Men's Group News



Food, Fun, Fellowship! Faith Lutheran Men are at it again. For our June activity, we were graciously invited to Larry H. Saylor's cabin at Sibley for a Barbecue meal on Wednesday evening, June 19th. Larry H. & Larry E. Saylor were wonderful hosts and Men's Group would like to extend a Heartfelt Thank You to them for sharing their place and food with us. The evening was beautiful, the food was delicious and much good fellowship was shared by 12 of our members. This definitely was a good way to gather in GODS's name to appreciate and Thank him for all that he does for us.

In July we will meet once again at Mark Brandvold's cabin at the crossing on Wednesday evening, July 17th. More details will be sent out as the date gets closer.

Once again in August we will attend a RedHawks game in Fargo. More details will also be sent out for this event.



Pictured: (back, l-r) Larry E. Saylor, Gary Sommerfeld, Ron Peterson, Virgil Kratz; (front, l-r) Duane Larson, Larry H. Saylor, Tim Ost, Doug Kratz, Bob Green, Joe Lunde, Russ Kudrna. Al Sorensen took the picture.

Faith Lutheran Men's Group is thriving with excitement and we invite any and all of the Men from Faith to come check us out to see what it's all about! May GOD Bless all of our Family of Faith!

## Thank You—Crop Walk for Hunger

Thank you to everyone who worked or walked in the 2024 CROP WALK for HUNGER. Hunger Needs continue to increase due to the war in Gaza and the Ukraine. We are happy that we in Valley City can help out in those areas and beyond. Funds also were shared with the Hi-Liner Food Pantry, the VCSU Food Pantry and the Barnes County Food Pantry . We raised a total of \$5,244.06.

(Information from Sharon Burr)



**Save the Date!**  
**Back to School Luau—August 21**  
**At Faith Lutheran!**





### JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:**  
 1. Talia Germann; 2. Olivia Johnson, Madison Mikkelsen;  
 3. Dave Jewett; Avvi Kellogg, JoAn Nellerroe; 4. Russell Kudrna; 7. Jasen McGough;  
 8. Jason Gerhardt, Taylor Miller, Mark Moser;  
 9. Illa Glandt; 10. Mary Johnson, Heather Smith;  
 11. Kay Stanford; 12. Ashley Limesand, Sandi Pollock, Shawn Ranisate; 13. Jake Rohde; 14. Gary Anderson; 15. Diane Kohn; 16. Ivory Erickson, Torrey Morehouse, Hunter Sayler; 17. Rick Bredeson, Candace Johnson; 21. Ellie Altringer, Mikkal Auka, Mike Metcalf, Sue Milender; 23. Kent Gronlie, Brody Metcalf, Sandy Mulvaney, Betty Overby Jack Walker; 25. Seth Auka, Diana Larson, Conner May, Jason Winge; 26. Janeen Anderson, Jessica Jenrich, Kaylee Smith, Anthony Sommerfeld; 27. Drake Carlson; 28. Haidyn Becker; 29. Gage Hilborn, Cyndi Hill; 30. Doug Altringer, Lynn Gustafson, Jarin Thornton, Zach Wilmes; 31. Tyler Gustafson, Oliver Stearns.

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

8. Scott & Kay Stanford; 9. Austin & Sydni Smith;  
 16. Dean & Amy Pederson, Scott & Wendi Wilmes;  
 23. Cory & Alison Rodin, Bob & Carol Thibeault;  
 25. Luke & Stephanie Bopp; 27. Gene & Nancy Bjerke, Brent & Lynn Gustafson, Brandon & Nicole Larson;  
 29. Tyler & Angela Van Bruggen; 31. Bob & Ilene Hetler, Mark & Linda Moser.



### June Transitions

**BAPTISMS: We celebrated God's promise**  
 in Holy Baptism for August  
 Michael Pederson born  
 February 28, 2024 and baptized on  
 Sunday, June 9, 2024. His parents  
 are Olivia Pederson & Nick Isaac.  
 God bless August and his family.



### July Service & Care



\*\*Julie Moritz  
 \*\*Cindy Waagen  
 Marlene Bartz  
 Rita Bearman  
 Jerry & Carol Moritz  
 Ron & LeeAnn Peterson  
 Cheryl Peterson  
 Colten & Jenny Roberts  
 Jacob & Brenda Rohde  
 \*Thank you for serving!

### June Attendance

|         |                |                  |
|---------|----------------|------------------|
| June 2  | 68             | 74+ online views |
| June 9  | 97             | 88+ online views |
| June 16 | 92             | 52+ online views |
| June 23 | 74             | 42+ online views |
| June 30 | (not included) |                  |

\*online views are households watching

### Offering

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| January  | \$16,113.00 |
| February | \$22,023.00 |
| March    | \$24,553.00 |
| April    | \$14,355.00 |
| May      | \$16,831.00 |
| June     | \$16,020.00 |

(June 30 not included)

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.







## June Memorials

In memory of Rev. Dan Faust given by his Family (General Fund): by Cheryl Foell (Undesignated);

In memory of Dorothy Janish given by Dean & Amy Pederson (Undesignated); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (General Fund).

In memory of Monica Lubbers given by Cheryl Foell (Undesignated); by John & Elise Miller (Foundation); by Jack & Val Moritz (Undesignated); by Jerry & Carol Moritz (General Fund); by Julie Moritz (Undesignated); by Joan Noeske (General Fund); by Dave & Carol Smith (Undesignated); by Al & Nancy Sorensen (General Fund).

## Thank You from Dan Faust's Family

Thank you, Pastor Jamie, for the beautiful way you honored him in the service. A huge thanks to the women who worked hard on the lunch as well. Dad loved to host and serve others, so we wanted to host in his honor. We appreciate you making that happen. Our thanks to everyone who attended, supported us, and helped in every way. Special thanks to Diane Sommerfeld and Julie Moritz for all of their help!

Blessings, Monica Faust Cox



## 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



## Noisy Offering—School Supplies Drive

We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, July 21. The offering received will be going to the School Supplies Drive. The kids will come around during the **Children's Word with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills.**

In June we received \$128.73 for the Barnes County Food Pantry! Thank you for your generous giving.

## JUNE TEAM MEETINGS

Council—No July Meeting

FLC Staff—Meets Wed, July 10  
at 1:30pm

**Men's Group**—No July or August Meetings



Mission Team—No July Meeting

August Service & Care— Meets Sun, July 21  
after worship & by emails texts/ phone

WELCA—No July Meeting





## Vacation Bible School



Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity Lutheran Churches held VBS on June 4-6, 2024 for kids who are going into Kindergarten-6th Grade in the Fall of 2024. Our theme this year was Hero Hotline. Thank to the parents for sending your children, as we all had a wonderful time! A special thank you to Maya Van Bruggen for being an excellent helper as well! More photos on back of calendar.



### Red Willow Bible Camp —Scholarships Available!

Red Willow Ministries, located near Binford, ND has an amazing list of 2024 Bible Camps. You may still sign your kids up for Bible Camp any time. Please scan the QR code to visit their website, review camp details and register your child for a wonderful opportunity to grow in their faith and meet new friends. This year, Faith Lutheran is offering a limited number of \$150 scholarships for youth attending any 2024 Red Willow camps. Thank you Carol Oppegard for providing a scholarship for a young person to attend Bible Camp. Contact Julie in the office for a special scholarship code. If you have any additional questions about Red Willow registration, contact Erin Metcalf. Thanks!





# Youth News

## ELCA National Youth Gathering

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is approaching very quickly! We have 14 youth (7 from Faith, 4 from Our Savior's, and 4 from Trinity) attending! We also have 5 wonderful adult chaperones coming as well: Pastor Jamie, Wendi Wilmes, Kirstin Gerhardt, Sarah Wangrud, and Ellen Anderson.

We are so thankful to Metigoshe Ministries for having a "fun bus" to take to New Orleans. We will be departing on July 13 from Fargo, and we will be arriving in New Orleans on July 16. We will be attending the Gathering from July 16-20 and then departing back home. We will be arriving back home on July 22.

Please take a few minutes and pray for these young people to grow stronger in their faith. Also, please say prayers of safety of everyone in attendance.



### ELCA National Youth Gathering Theme

- ◆ We are **created to be brave**, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.
- ◆ We are **created to be authentic**, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.
- ◆ We are **created to be free**, to be transformed by the gospel.
- ◆ We are **created to be disruptive**, to work for justice for all our siblings.
- ◆ We are **created to be disciples**, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.





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