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It is the mission of Faith Lutheran Church:

*To gather prayerfully as the Body of Christ;
To grow in faith, love, and service;
To go into the world joyfully as disciples.*

Sunday School, Adult Forum

9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Coffee Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

From Our Pastor-

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

In the September newsletter we looked at the sixth chapter of John and how Jesus fed the five thousand plus people with the “five barley loaves and two fish” that a boy was able to provide. Then Jesus goes on to proclaim to the disciples that he is the “bread” which came down from heaven that they might eat and have their fill. But this is too much for the disciples to understand. It is only with some time and distance that the disciples are able to come to some understanding of the ways in which God provides bread for us physically through barley loaves, and fish, and so many other resources of the earth: think here about “give us this day our daily bread” and all that that entails (consult your catechisms if you want further insight). And God also provides for our spiritual hunger as well by sending Jesus as the “bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

We have now returned to the lectionary readings for the year that continue in Mark after having spent the month of August reading from the sixth chapter of John. In Mark in chapters seven, eight, and nine the theme of serving others as Jesus served us takes center stage. So just as we have been served by way of Jesus the physical and spiritual food we need in order to live our lives, so too we are called to go out and serve others as well. By saying we are to serve others we are not saying we are to be a slave to others and serve them in whatever way they want to be served. But rather we are to serve others as Jesus did, that is as God’s presence in the world serving the people in a way that “gives life to the world.” And not just any life but the life God desires for all people to possess.

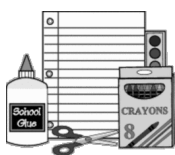
Thus we are to serve others not as they want but as God would have us serve them. That is we are to serve others in a way that makes it possible for the other to see themselves as a child of God also; makes it possible for the other to be strengthened in the knowledge that they too are a child of God; makes it possible for the other to also garner the life-resources to also become the servant for others that God has created them to be. All of which serves to perpetuate an ongoing cycle of service for the sake of making the whole world aware of the presence of God and their being God’s people at work in the world.

In commenting on the readings in Mark, especially the reading of Mark 7: 24-37, Dr. David Lose, president of Lutheran Theological Seminary Philadelphia, has this to say:

“Might we on this day invite our congregations to imagine that they will be renewed in mission and energy and spirit when – and I’m tempted to say “only when” – they identify those persons around them who need

The October Newsletter is sponsored in memory of Steve Blilie by Wally and Bev Nord.

October Food Pantry Item:
School Supplies



their advocacy and care? I am convinced that congregational renewal does not come from figuring out what hymns we – that is, those still attending – want to sing, what programs we most want, or what pastor we really deserve. Rather, congregational renewal comes when we look around us – to our households, schools, communities, and world – to discern who needs us, what they need from us, and how we might leverage our resources to be their advocates before God and the world.”

Let us give thanks for the ways in which God has served us, fed us, so that we might be able to serve others as God would have them be served. Let us go forth faithfully as the people of God so that the whole world might experience the life to which God has called all people.

Peace,

Pastor Ellingson



Facebook users! Please become “Friends” with Faith Lutheran Church to receive the latest news and see pictures of current events at FLC.

Ruby’s Pantry Offers Food Rations and Volunteer Opportunities for All

The mission of Ruby’s Pantry is to use corporate surplus to help fight poverty, hunger and disease in rural communities. There are no income qualifications; anyone who eats is welcome to attend. A \$20 donation is asked for in exchange for an abundance of food.

The fourth Monday of each month, a semi load full of good food arrives at Inspiration Church in Breckenridge. Registration begins at 5pm and the distribution is at 6 pm. Families are encouraged to bring your own boxes or totes to transport the generous portion of food that is handed out. This is a great opportunity to both serve and to help your family make ends meet.

A group of FLC members have been volunteering at Ruby’s Pantry for several years. They are always looking for more volunteers the 4th Monday of each month from 4-6 pm to help sort and pack food into rations and to distribute the rations from 6-8PM.

If you have questions about Ruby’s Pantry, check out Rubyspantry.org or contact Cindy Nord. The next distributions are October 26, November 23, and December 28.

Inspiration Church is located at 1130 N Main Street in Breckenridge.



An example of the large ration of food that each family receives with a \$20 donation at Ruby’s Pantry.

A Celebration on Rally Sunday!



Lexi Lindblom, daughter of Kirk Lindblom and Cindy Berg, received her Spark Bible.



Leading the contemporary music was guest guitarist Kyle Johnson and one of our newest members, Renata Smeby.



New members: Travis and Renata Smeby and their children Lillianna and Anton. Welcome to FLC!



FAITH WOMEN NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday, October 11: Faith Women meeting after worship in fellowship room. Election of officers.

Act boldly. Sunday, November 8: Meeting after worship.

Thankoffering collected.

Wednesday, November 11: Fall Auction at 7:00PM

Wednesday, November 18: Bible Study at 2:00PM

All women are invited to the October Meeting to be held after church in the upstairs Fellowship Room on Sunday the 11th.

Please plan on attending. If you are willing to be an officer, please let Lisa Miller know. President, VP, Secretary, Treasure, and Mission & Growth terms all end in 2015.

FALL AUCTION IS THE 11th OF NOVEMBER! The auction is always the highlight of the year. We are able to do so much good with the proceeds received from the evening. We donate to several local charities including Wilkin Co. Family Service Agency, Riveredge Hospice, Some Place Safe, YWCA, Lutheran Social Service Youth Campaign. Where there is a need at Faith, we are there--Helping campers, communion supplies, library, carpet, and whatever needs to be done.

Please prepare items to bid on. Items given in the past include home canned vegetable and pickles, baked goods, candies, kitchen towels, quilts, needlework, woodwork, and fall decorations. The success of the auction relies on having items to buy! God's gifts or hands!

Please note what your group is doing for the auction. Lanette Nord and Christie Erickson are the co-chairs this year. Thank you for all that you do to make the Auction the success that it is!

Invite your neighbors and friends!

Auction Work Group Assignments:

Group 1: Plan & Serve Lunch

Group 2: Clean Up Dining and Kitchen

Group 3: Set Up

Adult Forum

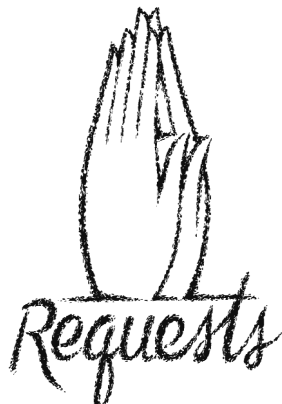
An Adult Forum is studying core Bible stories that are relevant to our faith life. We have had lots of good discussion. Please join us Sundays at 9 am in the upstairs fellowship room.

October Birthdays

- 1 Ethan Tucker
- 2 MaryAnn Olthoff
- 2 Ivy Rorup
- 5 Krista Hanneman
- 7 Cass Edwards
- 15 LeRoy Turner
- 17 Tom Poppel
- 17 Tammy Annett
- 21 Wayne Krump
- 22 Quinn Affield
- 22 Christie Erickson
- 25 Alisha Nord
- 31 Curt Carlson

October Anniversaries

- 3 Stephanie & Brad Beyer
- 14 Dennis & Kris Bohner
- 26 Matthew & Melanie Johnson



Jane Buchholz—Sheyenne Crossing West Fargo, ND

Ethel Edwards—at home Moorhead, MN

Louie Gruenberg—River Pointe Moorhead, MN

Marion Israelson—Eventide Senior Living Moorhead

Elaine Johnson—River Pointe Moorhead, MN

Leona Johnson—Rosewood Fargo, ND

Lucille Nelson—ClayCo Barnesville, MN

Keith Nelson—Group home in Duluth, MN

Beatrice Nord—Riverview Place Fargo, ND

Leone Nelson—Elim Fargo, ND

Myrtle Nord—The Leach Home Wahpeton, ND

Please keep these people who are under medical care in your prayers. Let Pastor Ellingson know if you would like your name or that of a loved one added to this list.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes September 2, 2015
NOT APPROVED

Members Present: Mark Miller, RC Stein, Mike Aigner, Linda Lucke, Pat Freitag, Scott Smith, Dave Matz, Chad Erickson and Bev Israelson

Members Absent: None

Other present: Pastor Ellingson

Prayer: Pastor. Ellingson

Opening Devotion: October - RC Stein

Communion Assistant: Sept.6 – RC Stein

Communion Assistant: Sept 20 – Linda Lucke

Communion Assistant: October 4 – RC Stein

Offering Counter: All of Council

Food Pantry item September: School Supplies and snacks

Secretary's Report – Approved with no changes. Seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report – Approved with no changes. Discussed budget status. We need to raise \$64,133.00 in the last quarter of the year to meet our budget. Seconded and passed

Committee Reports:

Finance - Scott Smith – nothing to report

Property & Maintenance - RC Stein – nothing to report

Education - Chad Erickson – Confirmation to begin on Wednesday September 9, 2015. If anyone is interested in assisting with the class let Pastor Ellingson know.

September 20th will be:

Installation for Sunday School Teachers.

Bibles Presentations

New member Sunday

Church potluck. Council in charge of the potluck

September 13th will be:

the start of the Adult Forum starting at 9AM.

Music & Worship - Bev Israelson – July Ness will be the representative to serve on the Otteson Bequeath committee. We will have special music during the September 20th Worship service. This committee has been discussing a blend of music to be introduced during worship services.

A motion was made to allocate \$1500.00 from existing sources to the Music and Worship committee to upgrade and enhance music and worship. Seconded and passed.

Youth - Mike Aigner – Janelle Krump has agreed to be the LYO leader.

Faith Women - Linda Lucke - Faith Women Will meet on

09/09/2015 and will be asked to select a member to represent Faith Women on the Otteson Bequeath committee.

Stewardship - Dave Matz - nothing to report.

Endowment - Mark Miller - ???? Doc will be retiring from the endowment committee.

Decorating - Pat Freitag – nothing to report

North Entrance – The window replacement and door replacement are in process. The Stucco repair is currently being bid. Several pews may be moved to storage to facilitate remodeling. Dave Matz is the contact person for the North Entrance project.

Old Business

Bertha Otteson Bequeath – Committee members still being determined from Youth, Education and Faith Women. Judy Ness is the representative from Music and Worship and RC is the representative from council.

Congregational letter: A letter will be sent out to FLC members with the quarterly statements identifying the amount needed to raise to meet budget and encouraging members to respond generously. This letter was reviewed by council members.

New Business

Request for Church building use: September 19th for a baby shower. Approved.

Vibrant Faith – September 19th in Wadena. There is a training session for Vibrant Faith in Wadena on September 19th and Pastor Ellingson is planning to attend. We are in need of a new lead person/s to facilitate Vibrant Faith use at FLC. If interested contact Pastor Ellingson or Lisa.

Stewardship: Duty and Delight: This is a workshop to be held in Detroit Lakes on Sunday, September 27th from 2:30-5:30. Pastor Ellingson and RC Stein are planning to attend. If other are interested, contact Pastor Ellingson or Lisa.

**Reminder that Worship Service moves back to 10 AM starting September 6th.

**Reminder that council will return to 8 PM starting with the October meeting.

Adjourn

The Lord's Prayer

North Entrance Project Update

- The new door and windows have arrived and have been installed
- The stucco around the outside of the new windows has been repaired. The remainder of the stucco work may not happen until spring.
- We are working on reinstalling the trim on the inside.
- The remainder of the inside work will be done over winter.

Birth Announcement:

Congratulations to **Megan and Michael Cassidy** on the birth of their daughter, **Marlow Elaine Johnson** on August 31. Proud grandparents are Mark and Kristi Johnson. Marlow is welcomed home by big sister Marin.

Wedding:

Congratulations to **Kyle Affield**, son of Ronnie and Cheryl Affield, and **Tahnie Lehman** on their marriage September 19.



LYO elected officers at their first meeting of the school year on September 27. The officers are as follows: Kaitlyn Israelson, president; Ava Aigner, secretary; and Ben Krump, treasurer. Ditch cleaning has been tentatively scheduled for October 25 (weather permitting) and will be serving muffins during coffee that Sunday as well. Thank you to Janelle Krump for being the LYO leader.

BABY SHOWER

Showering Stacey Rohan with love

Saturday, October 31st @ 10:00 a.m.

Stacey's home—13976 61st Street SE—Sheldon, ND

Hosted by Kelly Sullivan, Katie Olthoff, & Katie Rohan

Stacey is registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond

Stacey and Andy are planning to use cloth diapers!

Bring a bumGenious cloth diaper and be entered into a drawing to win 1 of 2 \$30 gift cards!

Cloth diapers are available in store at

Bed Bath & Beyond and online at bedbathandbeyond.com and target.com

See Stacey's registry for details.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Faith Lutheran Church 302 1st Street PO Box 175 Wolverton, MN 56594 218-995-2556	Oct. Ushers Paul Skoblik Cole Skoblik Scott Smith Calvin Annette	Altar Committee (October—December) LaDawn Turner Veronica Nelson Jean Aigner Maryann Olthoff		1	2	3
4 9:00 am Sunday School / Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship with Communion 11:00 am Fellowship	5	6	7 6:30 pm Confirmation 8:00 pm Church Council	8	9	10
11 9:00 am Sunday school /Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Faith Women	12	13 7:00 pm Music and Worship	14 6:30 pm Confirmation	15	16	17
18 9:00 am Adult Forum (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL) 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship / Coffee	19 9AM Quilting	20 9AM Quilting	21 6:30 pm Confirmation	22	23	24
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October Schedule

Sunday, October 11 – Faith Women after worship

October 19 & 20 – Quilting

**Sunday, October 25—Reformation Sunday—Lay
service**

Sunday, October 25 – LYO ditch cleaning