



Faith News

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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 Worship Schedule

Sunday School - 9:00
Worship - 10:00
Fellowship - 11:00

Holy Communion on the first and third weeks of the month



Follow Faith Lutheran Wolverton

From our Pastor - Devlyn Brooks

I can't quite believe it, but we are now focused on our springtime season of our programming year.

We have zipped through the return to church in the fall, through the Advent season, through Lent, and we now are celebrating an early Easter. It seems as if the year has passed in a blink!

As we begin to prepare for our post-Easter season, I want to encourage you to continue to stay engaged with us here at the church as there still is a lot going on all the way through to our summer months.

Please keep an eye on the calendars in the upcoming newsletters, as Lisa does a masterful job of capturing all that we have going on here at church. And despite the fact that we are now past the Easter season, there are still many blessed events to participate in here at Faith Lutheran! Let's not lose our steam!

Let's dig in ...

Rural Revival program

First off, I want to thank everyone for your participation in the Rural Revival initiative that we wrapped up after five months with a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 17.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to show up and participate during the several input sessions we held over the past several months. Thank you to those who took the time to meet individually with Pastor Melissa Pickering, who oversaw the revival process for us. And thank you to anyone who may have shared your thoughts with our church council member or myself all along the way.

We now have Pastor Melissa's report, and the council and I will be discussing it at the April council meeting.

But this is also a time for our congregational members to share their thoughts on the report. What parts did you find illuminating? What parts did you find inspiring? After digesting the report, where do you think we should go from here?

Please take the time to think through these important questions and give your feedback to the council and myself!



Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Combined service —Thursday, March 28 7pm

Easter—March 31 8am
Easter Breakfast at 9am

April Ushers

Jay Nord
Mark Miller
Riley Miller

We have some momentum now in regard to what we want our future to look like. Let's not lose that energy of forward motion! ... Remember that Isaac Newton's First Law of Motion states that an object (i.e. a church) that is in motion (i.e. is energized) tends to stay in motion (i.e. vibrant)!

Let's keep this forward movement going!

Blessed with two baptisms!

That's right! ... Not one, but TWO ... baptisms in the works!

What a wonderful reason to celebrate, Faith Family! We will be hosting two upcoming baptisms this spring!

The first baptism will be little Liam Bryan, who was born to Alisha Retzlaff and Kyle Andres on Feb. 23. Liam will be baptized on Sunday, April 7. Please plan to attend and pledge your support to helping Liam live out his faith life!

Liam will be joining big brother, Brayden, who was my very first baptism here at Faith Lutheran some six years ago already!

The second baptism will be little Eddie born to Luke Nord and Savanna Hill. We do not yet have a date set for Eddie's baptism, but we are shooting for a Sunday yet this spring. Please plan to attend and pledge your support to helping Eddie live out his faith life too!

And can you believe, Eddie will be joining big brother Behr, who I baptized in January 2023!

What a fun development to have two baptisms in a row!

A cross installation party!

Please keep Sunday, May 5, on your calendar as we will be blessing and celebrating the installation of a large exterior cross on the east side of the church that will be able to be seen from Highway 75. At night the cross will be lit and will shine Christ's light for all who pass to see!

The cross installation celebration is the culmination of a long-term project led by our church council, and will be

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a permanent memorial to Pastor Ted Peterson and his family for their years of service to Faith Lutheran Church. Thank you to Pastor Peterson's family for making this possible!

Pastor Peterson's wife Mildred, and daughters Karen and Dawn Marie and husband Mark Oberly plan to be in attendance to witness the blessing of the cross.

Faith Lutheran Council members are reaching out to members from throughout the years who may have been confirmed or married by Pastor Peterson to inform them of this big day. Please reach out to others in your confirmation classes who might be able to attend the celebration! Thank you!

Sweet, sweet summertime!

Finally, we will be returning to our summer schedule of meeting for worship on Wednesday nights during the months of June, July and August.

Our first summer Wednesday service will be on June 5 at 6:45 p.m.

We will be planning three outdoor services this summer again as well, one each in June, July and August. Stay tuned for more details!

Also, remember that we share a family style meal before our Wednesday night summer services starting at 6 p.m. It's always great to be able to break bread midweek with our Faith Family!

See you this summer!

Blessings to you this April., Faith Family! ... See you in church!



Birthdays

- 1 Gary Israelson
- 2 Stacy Slinger
- 3 Rose Nino-turner
- 3 Karl Thomson
- 4 Heidi Koehntop
- 4 Tia Schroeder
- 6 Alexa Nelson
- 9 Brady Johnson
- 10 Judy Ness
- 14 Wallace Affield
- 16 Scott Smith
- 18 Margaret Turner
- 24 Gayle Matz
- 24 Katie Olthoff
- 26 Michael Olthoff
- 26 Carl Nord
- 26 Tim Nicklay
- 27 Heidi Mansager

Anniversary

- 5 Jeffrey & Diane Nord
- 8 David & Lynn Israelson
- 30 Wayne & Barbara Wise

Celebration of Confirmation

Sunday, April 21

Confirmation Students being confirmed

Boden Schroeder—Son of Jeremy and Mandy Alm

Brooke Nord—Daughter of Spencer and Lanette Nord

Darin Smith—Son of Scott and Deb Smith

God bless these students on their confirmation.



Faith Women Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 27 at 10AM

Speaker: Our own Kaela Lucke, will speak on being a Meteorologist, her work with NASA, and being an example and advocate for girls in STEM.



Dedication of the Cross—May 5

Faith Lutheran will be installing a cross on the east side of the exterior of the church which will be visible from the highway. The cross will shine God's light at night.

The dedication of the cross will be held on May 5 during worship. The cross was given as a memorial to Pr. Ted Peterson. The council is asking for assistance in contacting those who were baptized, confirmed, or married (for some it was all three!) by Pr. Peterson to let them know about the dedication. Mildred, Karen, and Dawn are all planning to be present for the dedication and would love to see some friendly faces from those many years they served our congregation. So if you have contact with folks that may still be in the area, please let them know about the dedication.

Prayer Requests

- Jane Buchholz—Sheyenne Crossing Long Term Care West Fargo, ND
- Arlene Nelson—Eventide Senior Living Moorhead, MN
- Keith Nelson—at home in Wolverton, MN
- Alice Poppel - Farmstead Care Moorhead, MN

Please keep these people in your prayers. Drop them a note or give them a call. Please let Pr. Devlyn know of any other prayer concerns.



Easter Breakfast

SUNDAY MARCH 31ST
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOLVERTON MN

The LYO will be serving breakfast immediately following Easter Sunday Service. Meal includes:
French Toast Bake; Scrambled eggs, Fruit Salad, Ham, Sausage, Juice and Coffee.

Free will offering.
All proceeds will benefit the Faith Lutheran LYO who are raising funds to get to the ELCA National Youth Gathering



Spring Labor Auction

Have spring cleaning you need done?
How about yard work?
Projects you have been delaying?
We have an answer for you!

Bid on any LYO member to help you get the work done!

Where: Faith Lutheran Church
When: March 31st with Easter Breakfast
Why: Fundraising for LYO members to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering
Starting Bid: \$25 per LYO member
LYO member will work for 6 hours
Date to be arranged by Buyer and Member



Tim Nicklay crowned King Hotdish

Congratulations to Tim Nicklay for winning the First Annual Hotdish Contest on Wednesday, March 20. On the last lent supper, participants entered their favorite hotdish in the competition. All those who ate were able to vote for their favorite.

LYO thanks all those who entered and judged the competition.

Tim has attempted to share the recipe. He is not one to measure!

Mexican Street Corn & Chicken Hotdish

- 1 32 oz Rojo street corn dip
- 1 16oz Cavatappi noodles
- couple of scoops of White queso with green chilies
- 3/4 pint Whipping cream
- 2 cups Precooked chicken
- 1 8 oz Mexican style shredded cheese
- 1 can Southwest corn
- Mexican street corn tortilla chips

Pre cook noodles then add ingredients and bake until done (1/2 hour at 350) then crumble chips over top and bake another 15 minutes.

Chips and both dips were purchased at Costco.

FLC Council Minutes

March 6, 2024

Members Present: Sara Aigner, Wayne Krump, Keith Kragerud, Lisa Miller, President Tina Aigner, Greg Freitag and Duane Nelson.

Others Present: Pastor Devlyn Brooks

Opening Prayer: Pastor Devlyn Brooks

Devotions: Greg Freitag

Preliminary Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 7 p.m.

April 3 Devotions: Duane Nelson

Communion Assistants: Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday) – Lisa Miller, Thursday, March 28 (Maundy Thursday) – Tina Aigner, and Sunday, April 7 – Dike Krump

Secretary's Report - Approved

Treasurer's Report – Approved. The three Certificates of Deposit discussed during the February meeting were purchased.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Devlyn met with Pastor Pickering to review some details as she works on her report for the congregation being shared March 17. He continues to complete tasks related to his First Call Retreat and Synod Assembly committee memberships. First Communion will take place on Maundy Thursday and he meets with his student prior to Lenten suppers. He has visited Kaitlyn Israelson Schafer and her husband Griffin while she is in the hospital on bedrest. He is assisting in planning Joy Swenson Rose's funeral which will be held at Faith Lutheran on April 6 at 11 a.m. He also continues to assist the family planning the July 27 funeral for Calise Carriere.

Committee Reports & Assignments

Education & LYO – Lisa Miller – The Sunday School is hosting a movie night on March 8 at the church. They will be leading services one of the Sundays in May. LYO is serving Lenten meals and busy raising funds for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.

Endowment – Duane Nelson – Kaitlyn Israelson Schafer was given \$2,000 to assist with expenses while on lengthy hospital bedrest.

Faith Women – Sara Aigner – There will be a meeting following worship on March 10.

Men's Group – Wayne (Dike) Krump/Keith Kragerud – The men will prepare and serve a meal following worship on March 17 that can be enjoyed while Pastor Pickering shares her report.

Music & Worship – Tina Aigner – The committee has everything planned through this summer.

Property & Maintenance – Keith Kragerud/Wayne (Dike) Krump – the heating and mice issues are resolved. The new basement bathroom lock still needs attention.

Old Business

-Peterson Memorial – Dike plans to coordinate hanging the cross next week as long as the weather permits. Keith is in touch with the Petersons and they are planning to travel her for the dedication on Sunday, May 5. Please encourage people to attend. Faith Women will be contacted to discuss ideas about refreshments after the dedication. Ross Aigner will be asked if he would say a few words. Keith Kragerud would like people to spread the word and ask that members who had Pastor Peterson for confirmation reach out to their classmates and encourage them to attend. Sharing the event on Facebook was encouraged.

-Rural Revival – Pastor Pickering is completing her report. The council requested receiving some report details prior to the March 17 congregational meeting. Copies of the report will be available on March 17 and Pastor Pickering will spend some time going through the key discoveries and ideas for moving forward.

Other Old Business

– Lisa will get an update on the choir loft floor refinishing.

New Business

Lapel Microphone – Council approved Devlyn purchasing the part, or a new microphone depending on what is needed.

Other New Business – None.

Motion to Adjourn

The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Sara Aigner, Secretary

Faith Care and Share

Funeral: The funeral for **Joy (Swenson) Rose** will be held at Faith Lutheran on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00. Joy passed away February 11, 2024.

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Worship Schedule

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service at **7:00pm**

Sunday, March 31—EASTER Worship at **8am** with breakfast following

Sunday, April 7—Pr. Devlyn - Communion

Sunday, April 14—Guest Minister—Pr. Kirsten Frantsvog

Sunday, April 21—Pr. Devlyn—Communion and CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 28—Lay Service—Ross Aigner

10:00 am worship

11:00 am coffee fellowship