



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.



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From our Pastor - Pr. Devlyn Brooks

It's easy to begin to take for granted the things that you are used to, isn't it? The things you see regularly, even if they are extraordinary, can become unseen if you witness them up close for too long. ... It's human nature, I guess.

But a member of the Prairie Doves musical group on Sunday reminded me that, frankly, we do have a lot of extraordinary things happening at Faith Lutheran Church nowadays. And it's absolutely worth taking a moment to recognize that.

Just recently, we held our annual Faith Women's Fall Auction; we sent four students to the synod's fall Middle School Retreat; our Sunday school hosted two movie nights; we held a blood drive in which 19 people volunteered to give; we had two Sunday meals provided by our LYO families; the youth held their fundraising pie auction; we collected 245 pounds of food for Richland Wilkin Food Pantry; and our women hosted their annual Thankoffering service that included the very talented Prairie Doves.

And Faith Family, that was all just in the past few weeks!

Now, think of all that we did all last summer; way too much to begin jotting it all down here. But one thing especially worth noting is the new friends we made in The Red Silo, and how that relationship continues to grow with the mutual goal of supporting the community.

Now, also think about the fact that we have a committed group of people who are diligently exploring how we add the appropriate technical equipment to our church so that we can begin again to reach people through digital means and enhance our musical ministry as well.

Finally, also remember that we've already had the joy of witnessing two baptisms this fall, with another on the way during the week of Christmas. We've had a new member join us, and declare that she is calling Faith Lutheran her faith

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00pm

Christmas Eve
CANDELIGHT SERVICE

Faith Lutheran's
Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15, 2024 @ 10:00 am

LYO will serve a holiday brunch after the program.

home. And we have an upcoming wedding too!

Whew! ... Ok, let's take a breath!

Faith Family, it was a little over year ago that our Church Council voted to participate in the synod's Rural Revival initiative. And about nine months ago, 10 people raised their hand to say that they'd be part of a vital group called "Faith Forward," a Church Council-endorsed committee to look at how to continue to broaden our church's mission both inside and outside of our doors.

Last Sunday, the member of the Prairie Doves who said we had a lot going on, was correct! ... By all accounts, Faith Family, I'd say that we're experiencing the revitalization that was our intended goal last year!

However, when you're close to it, when you see it on a regular basis, vitality can feel so ... normal.

Faith Family, I can tell you though that there are a lot of churches who would covet the place that we are in!

And while it takes a lot of hard work and commitment to keep success happening, it also is important to step back once in a while and say, "Yeah, we've got something special going on, and it's good!"

Friends, we have something special going on at Faith Lutheran, and it took some special guest musicians to help me remember that. I dearly pray that you all think so too!

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

Skills and Spills!

This month's fun Skills and Spills activity is making Pizzelles and Krumkake. We will meet from 6pm- 8 pm. Snacks will be provided. People of all ages and skills are welcome. If your a parent with kids who wants to try and may get bored we will have a movie available for kids to watch! All activities are free to anyone who wants to give them a try. Food ones will be used as snacks and will be available for purchase and take home if you would like.

December 12- Pizzelles and Krumkake

January 9 - Origami

February 13- Wood working/ wood burning

March 13- Doughnuts

Hope to see you!

Renata



Poinsettias

Thank you to those who purchased poinsettias in memory or in honor of someone. They may be taken home after our Christmas Eve Service.

Devlyn and Shelley Brooks Family (2)	In memory of Lois Brooks, Lawrence Brooks and in honor of Gary and Julie Brovold
Faye Buchholtz (3L)	In memory of Albert Buchholtz
Jim and Linda Lucke (3)	In memory of LeRoy & Marjean Miller, Richard Miller, Scott Miller, Lester & Lucille Lucke
Jay and Cindy Nord (3L)	In memory of Carl Nord, Ayven Grace Peeters, Duaine and Alda Raeder
Greg and Pat Freitag Family(2L)	In memory of loved ones in heaven
Tim Nicklay & LaDawn Turner (2L)	In honor of Dian Nicklay, Rodney and Margaret Turner
Diane and Jeff Nord	In memory of Charlotte Hagen
Dennis and Jane Getz Family (3)	In memory of Parents, Brothers & Sisters, Monte Getz and in honor of Brothers & Sisters living
Sheri & Tory Nissen (2L)	In memory of Glen and Jane Buchholtz

KATHIE BREKKE & THE 42ND STREET JAZZ BAND

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS
FEATURING A VARIETY OF POPULAR
MUSIC THAT POINTS TO THE REASON
FOR THE SEASON! THIS SIX-PIECE
GROUP WILL ENTERTAIN PEOPLE OF
ALL AGES.



SUNDAY, DEC. 8
3 P.M.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
302 1ST ST.
WOLVERTON, MINN.

THIS IS A FREE CONCERT WITH DONATIONS
ACCEPTED FOR CHURCHES UNITED.



KATHIE BREKKE & THE 42ND STREET JAZZ BAND



Birthdays

- 2 Carter Brooks
- 2 Frank Israelson
- 2 Duane Nelson
- 3 Dennis Getz
- 10 Terry Flemming
- 11 Sheri Nissen
- 15 Ryan Nord
- 16 Jason Hendrickson
- 17 Leslie Johnson
- 19 Barry Ness
- 19 Jack Rohan
- 22 Garrett Nelson
- 25 Cindy Nord
- 26 Lowell Picotte
- 27 Michael Mastin
- 28 LaDawn Turner
- 30 Kathy Church

December Ushers

Mike Byars
 Chad Erickson
 Austin Erickson
 Charter Erickson

Prayer Requests

Arlene Nelson—Eventide Senior Living Moorhead
 Keith Nelson—at home in Wolverton
 Alice Poppel - Farmstead Care Moorhead

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LYO Upcoming Events:

December 15: Christmas Program - Serving Holiday Brunch
 December 14: Waffles with Santa at Crooked Lane Farm 10:00—1:00.

Faith Women:

Thank you to everyone for participating in the auction and fall food drive. We were able to deliver 245 pounds of food to Richland Wilkin Food Pantry along with a Faith Women donation of \$1000.

December 14 Faith Women will be helping LYO with Waffles with Santa at Crooked Lane Farm from 10–1:00. Any one interested in helping can contact Deb Smith.

Winter Concert Richland-Wilkin Alphean male Chorus will perform a Winter Concert on Sunday, December 8 at 3PM at Evergreen United Methodist Church at 1120 Evergreen Court Wahpeton. Our own Greg Freitag will be singing in this choir.

Christmas Cantata The 2024 Community Choir & Orchestra will be performing “The Everlasting Light” cantata on Saturday, December 14 at 7pm and Sunday, December 15 at 2pm at the NDSCS Cultural Center. Our own Greg and Pat Freitag are singing in this choir.

Meatball Dinner and Bake Sale—Abercrombie Emmanuel Lutheran Annual Meatball Dinner and Bake Sale—December 8 11am—1:30pm

Notice of FLC Annual Meeting—January 19, 2025

Faith Lutheran Church’s 2024 annual meeting will be held January 19, 2025. This is a change from prior years when the meeting was held in December. At last year’s annual meeting the constitution was amended to change the annual meeting date to the 3rd Sunday in January. If you are one who prepares a committee secretary or treasure report, you now can finish the month of November (fiscal year end) before completing the reports. Treasures reports will need to be submitted to auditors Janelle Krump or Kylie Hendrickson by December 15. Secretary’s reports are due December 29.

Special Guest Minister

On December 8, Dr. Michael Chan will be our guest minister. Dr. Chan works at Concordia and spoke at the National youth gathering. Rumor has it he is quite the dynamic speaker. Hopefully we will have a good crowd to welcome him to Wolverton!

FLC Council Minutes

November 6, 2024 7 pm

All Members Present: President Tina Aigner, Sara Aigner, Wayne (Dike) Krump, Keith Kragerud, Lisa Miller, Greg Freitag and Duane Nelson

Others Present: Pastor Devlyn Brooks, Renata Smeby and Jessica Nelson

Opening Prayer: Pastor Devlyn Brooks

Devotions: Greg Freitag

Preliminary Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 7pm

Devotions: Dike

Communion Assistants: November 10 - Dike November 17 - Lisa

Secretary's Report: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approved - Discussion: Revenue continues to be behind. We're hoping for generous giving in November since our fiscal year ends November 30. A reminder will be published in the bulletin.

Pastor's Report:

There will be a middle school retreat November 22 and 23 at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN. Pastor Devlyn is gearing up for a busy two months ahead.

Committee Reports & Assignments

Education & Youth - Lisa Miller - The Sunday School will host a community teen movie night on November 8. They will host another movie night on December 6 for the younger children. LYO is serving lunch prior to the Faith Women's auction. They will hold a pie auction and soup lunch fundraiser on Nov 24.

Endowment - Duane Nelson - \$3,000 was given to Churches United.

Faith Women - Sara Aigner - The group met October 20 following worship. Faith Women will hold their annual auction on November 10. Auction items can be dropped off the morning of November 9. The "thank offering" service will be November 24 and the Doves of Peace will be providing special music. Please bring food donations for the Richland-Wilkin food pantry by November 24. Quilting is on hold until January.

Music & Worship - Tina Aigner - RC (Bob) Stein and Jessica Nelson joined the committee at their October 27 meeting. Their next meeting is in January.

Property & Maintenance - Keith Kragerud & Dike Krump - The men's bathroom project is still in progress. Home Heating will be contacted for a quote. The bell is in need of repair. Our roof needs to be assessed. Duane will discuss the roof issues with Brad.

Faith Forward - They met October 20th prior to worship. The harvest sack lunch plan was not executed for several reasons. A new approach will be discussed next year. Spread the word that we

are hosting a free community concert featuring Kathie Brekke and the 42nd Street Jazz Band at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, December 8 at 3 pm. We will kick off the Christmas season and raise funds for Churches United through free will donations. The LYO and Faith Lutheran member volunteers will host "Waffles with Santa" at Crooked Lane Farm again this year. Please consider volunteering at this fun event that will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 14. A blood drive will be held in Wolverton on November 21. Donors are needed.

Old Business

Goals for FLC 2025 - Music and Worship/Video Tech – R.C., Jess and Renata are a sub-committee of the Music & Worship committee and they are looking at equipment needs for our church using the recommendations that R.C. has put together. They are reviewing the costs associated with these items as well as the training that's required. Software is also being explored. The group will report back to Council at the December, or at the latest, January meeting. Our Savior's in Barnesville, MN has an impressive streaming process. Field trips to other churches may be necessary to see what works and what doesn't.

Just Beyond Balcony Paint Needs - Sara shared the phone number for Dave Randash, a professional painter, and he will be contacted.

Other Old Business – None

New Business

Budget - The need to pay someone to run equipment to live stream worship services and funerals was discussed. The individual likely won't start until later into 2025, so the decision was made to put in proposed budget \$50/Sunday for six months. A decision was also made to propose budgeting Pastor Brooks' position at 75% time instead of 50% time based on the data collected regarding his hours in 2024.

Churches United Volunteer Opportunities - There are many needs. We will continue to keep this on our agenda.

Other New Business

Nominating Committee - LaDawn Turner, Jessica Nelson and Kylie Hendrickson are responsible for finding individuals for the January annual meeting ballot. There will be one Council position open (Keith Kragerud has completed two terms and Lisa Miller and Tina Aigner have decided to each take another 3 year term), two synod assembly representatives are needed and an Eventide representative is needed. Our Synod will elect a new bishop at the assembly.

Other New Business - None

Motion to Adjourn

The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Sara Aigner, Secretary

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Worship Schedule

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

Sunday, December 1— Pr. Devlyn Brooks—communion

Sunday, December 10—Guest Minister Dr. Michael Chan

Sunday, December 15— Christmas Program & Holiday meal

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 29—Lay Service-Hymn sing

Meeting & Event Schedule

Faith Forward—Dec 1 after worship Council—Dec 4 at 7:00pm

Family Movie night at City Hall—Friday, Dec 6 at 6pm

Wedding Aigner/Forsgren - December 7

Holiday Concert—Kathie Brekke and the 42nd Street Band—Dec 8 @ 3pm

Pizzelles and Krumkake—Thursday, Dec 12 @ 6pm

Waffles with Santa—Crooked Lane Farms Saturday, Dec 14 10-1:00