



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

Confirmation Class
Wednesday at 6:30pm

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



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February Ushers

*Duane Nelson
Scott Smith
Spencer Nord

built memories a plenty this past year, the efforts have not resulted in a growth in worshipping numbers.

Have our efforts at revitalization increased the joy we've felt? I would say, unequivocally, yes! Have our many events raised our profile in the community and surrounding region? Again, I would say, absolutely! And I wouldn't have changed any of it this past year. It was amazing!

But we cannot argue that these efforts have not increased the number of wor-

From our Pastor - Pr. Devlyn Brooks

By Pastor Devlyn Brooks

Faith Family ... We've entered a time in which we are being called to be bold in terms of the future of our church.

And if you weren't able to join us for our annual meeting a couple of weeks ago, I announced then that this Lenten season we are going to engage in a bold experiment of collaboration with our friends to the north, the Comstock-Hoff Lutheran Parish.

Comstock-Hoff Pastor Jill Steichen offered, and I have accepted their parish's gracious invitation, to join them for a Lenten learning series that will be hosted at their churches, alternately at Hoff one week and Comstock the next.

That learning series will include a representative of the synod sharing about their recent trip to our synod's sister synod in India, a local Comstock man discussing the mission he supports in his home country in Africa, a seminar on Mormonism and I will be hosting two of the five sessions myself. One about Churches United, a mission opportunity right here in our backyard and another about the storytelling ministry that I am so passionate about!

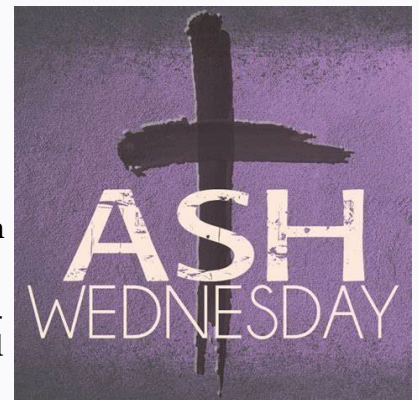
We will begin each week with a supper served by members of Comstock-Hoff, and then there will be a 45-minute or so presentation. All we have to do is attend and bring our curiosity!

Now, if you weren't at our annual meeting, I know that some folks' reaction may be: "Wait, we're not holding Lenten services?"

And to that, I'd say, "No, we're jointly holding Lenten services with a close neighbor, but none of this year's services will be at Faith Lutheran."

As I wrote above: I'm asking us to be bold and lean into this invitation this year in the hopes that this collaboration continues to help grow our future relationship with Comstock-Hoff.

Faith Family ... We seem to be at a crossroads regarding our future. As I mentioned at the annual meeting, our Faith Forward committee has now been meeting for a year. And while we have experienced a number of tremendous events and have



March 5 @ 7:00

shippers regularly attending church. And we continue to plan, organize and execute all of these events in addition to all of our worship activities with the same number of hands and feet.

Given all of this, I think it's time to begin thinking more in earnest about what it means to "grow." And if we can't grow in the number of folks in our pews to ensure our future viability, then maybe we need to think about "growing" in terms of a partnership with another congregation in proximity to us undergoing the same issues.

Faith Family ... partnering with Comstock-Hoff is not new to our congregation.

Going back eight years ago, Pastor Jill served as my mentor during my S.A.M. years here and as my supervisor during my internship years. During the pandemic, Pastor Jill and I regularly shared resources and pastoring duties together. And we've held Vacation Bible School together, and members of both congregations have attended special events at each others' churches.

This growing partnership is way past the "new" stage.

This Lent, I would encourage you not to focus on the fact that we will be celebrating Wednesdays in other churches, with another congregation. But I would ask you to focus on the learning opportunities, the fellowship we will have during shared meals, the groundwork being laid to a more collaborative future, and finally where you may see the Holy Spirit in action this year in a different setting!

Besides, we will still be in our own beautiful church for Holy week. We'll be celebrating Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, with me at the helm, in the familiar confines of our beautiful Faith Lutheran!

And in addition, we'll also hopefully have some wonderful stories to tell about what we learned in this bold experiment with valued neighbors this Lenten season!

If you have any questions about this exercise, please feel encouraged to reach out to me!

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



Birthdays

2	Missy Nelson
6	Maci Jacob
11	Gabriel Kekko
12	Lucas Nord
13	Jane Getz
13	Kristi Johnson
13	Peggy Mastin
14	Sophie Aigner
14	Beverly Nord
16	Kris Bohner
16	Jacob Lucke
17	Casey Thiessen
19	Logan Kappes
22	Sara Aigner
22	Hunter Aigner
22	Emma Cook
23	Arlene Nelson
23	Liam Andres
25	Allison Smith
28	Keith Allen
28	Scout Kappes
29	Audra Nord

Anniversaries

14	Devlyn and Shelley Brooks
16	Rod and Margaret Turner
21	Keith and Norma Kragerud



Let's Fight off the winter blues with a fun afternoon of Bingo!

The Men's Group will be serving us lunch after worship on **February 23**.

LYO will lead us in Bingo after lunch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Women:

Faith Women will meet on Sunday, February 9 after worship. Quilting Tuesdays in February. Friendship bags will be delivered the second week of February.

Churches United Fundraiser a Success!



Kathie Brekke & the 42nd Street Jazz Band not only raised the rafters at Faith Lutheran on December 8, they helped raise \$2,981 for Churches United! Their holiday selections were thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance. Whether a lover of jazz or not, there was something for everyone who enjoys celebrating the Christmas season through music at this afternoon event.

Kathie Brekke enjoyed our piano and the acoustics in our sanctuary. Following the concert, she sent this thank you to Faith Lutheran:

"What a great space to play and so fun to meet you and work with you! Let's do it again!

Merry Christmas to you and extend our thanks to your congregation and staff.

Kathie"



Pr. Devlyn was recognized at the FLC Annual Meeting as being The Forum's Person of the Year by receiving his very own giant donut!

Congratulations Devlyn—
You're the best!

Prayer Requests

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

FLC Council Minutes—January 19

Members Present:

Tina Aigner, Sara Aigner, Greg Freitag, Wayne Krump, Mark Johnson, Lisa Miller, Duane Nelson.

Members absent: none

Others present: Pastor Devlyn Brooks

Next Meeting: February 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Brooks

Devotions for February 5, 2025: Tina Aigner

Communion Assistant February 9: Greg Freitag

Election of Officers:

President: Wayne Krump

Vice President: Tina Aigner

Secretary: Duane Nelson

Appoint:

Treasurer: Lisa Miller

Financial Secretary: Cindy Nord

Auditors (2): Janelle Krump, Kylie Hendrickson

Head Usher: Wayne Krump

Committee Appointments:

Education & Youth: Lisa Miller

Endowment: Duane Nelson

Faith Women: Sara Aigner

Men's Group: Wayne Krump

Music & Worship: Tina Aigner

Property & Maintenance: Mark Johnson, Wayne Krump

New Business:

Bonus Approval: Approved \$500 each for Deb Price and Mike Nelson; \$1500 for Lisa Miller. Motion by Duane Nelson, seconded by Greg Freitag.

Plan for February meeting:

CD comes due 2/14/25, where should it be invested? Lisa will know more about the interest rate from MIF by February meeting.

Giving Hearts Day is February 13, 2025. Need ideas where to donate money and amounts.

Other Business:

Pastor is interested in contacting Joe Charon about health problems, will call him.

Questions about Eventide Expansion plans. Duane will try to find information on this.

Motion to adjourn by Tina Aigner, seconded by Greg Freitag. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Duane Nelson

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Worship Schedule

February

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

Sunday, February 2 — Lay Service lead by Deb Byars

Sunday, February 9—Pr. Devlyn Brooks and communion

Sunday, February 16—Guest Pastors David and Kim Adams

Sunday, February 23—Pr. Devlyn Brooks and communion

FLC Events & Meetings

Council Meeting February 5 @ 7PM

Endowment Meeting February 2 after worship

Faith Women Meeting February 9 after worship

Quilting—Every Tuesday in February

Skills & Spills —Woodworking & Woodburning—Thursday, February 13 @ 6pm

Faithful Workouts—Monday and Wednesday's at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome!