



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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Food Pantry Item

FLC will no longer be suggesting or collecting food pantry items monthly. With last years successful fall food drive, Faith Women will again conduct an annual food drive this November. Any other collections by other groups will be announced as they are planned.

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From our Pastor - Pr. Devlyn Brooks

Dear Faith Family ...

In this new year, may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Happy New Year everyone! ... I hope that you were able to take some sabbath time over the holidays, and that you were surrounded by your friends and loved ones!

And now as we turn the corner in the new year, buckle up! ... There's a lot to tackle in 2024!

So, let's cover a few items ...

Rural Revival program

Since Pastor Melissa Pickering from the Northwestern Minnesota Synod's "Rural "Revival" program spoke at our December annual meeting, she has been busy having one-on-one conversations with many in our congregation, as well as gathering more facts about our congregation as well.

That work will continue this month, in addition to Pastor Melissa joining our Music & Worship Committee this month as well.

Prior to visiting with us at our annual meeting, Pastor Pickering also reviewed a bunch of statistical information about our congregation in preparation for her conversations with congregation members.

All of this will continue to play out over the next couple of months, with the goal of eventually determining what next steps, if any, we should be thinking about for the future of our church.

I say this again because it is important: This is a holy process that we are entering into with our synod partners, and I continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guides us toward whatever our next chapter as church will look like!

If you have any questions about this process, or would like to set up a conversation with Pastor Meliessa, do not hesitate to reach out! Thank you!

LYO fundraising

Our LYO team continues to work very hard at their fundraising goal for their 2024 trip to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering.

In case you missed the last fundraising event, the LYO hosted their "Waffles with Santa" event on Dec. 16 at Crooked Lane Farm to a rousing success!

The youth group offered a waffle bar with toppings, a baked goods sale, rides on the hay wagon and photos with Santa during a very busy morning. There was a steady stream of visitors all through the first three hours, which helped the students raise funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering next summer.

Here's a big shout out to the LYO parents that put a lot of hours of preparation into such a big event! Thank you for all your hard work!

Presenting an FLC LYO Dinner Night at the church!

Now, the LYO is busy preparing for its next big fundraising opportunity!

On Friday, Feb. 9, the youth group will be hosting a professional mystery murder dinner at our church. The LYO team will be the actors and your hosts for the evening. And there will be tickets available for purchase for singles and couples.

This will be a fun-filled night for our church, as well as the community! Anyone can purchase tickets to this night filled with dinner, entertainment and a little competitiveness in that there will be a prize for those who solve the mystery!

There will be more information to come on this event! But please plan to join us for a great night out at Faith Lutheran!

LYO MobilePack at the Fargodome

Finally, the LYO will be participating in a mission opportunity on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Fargodome. We will be participating in the F-M MobilePack which aims to pack 10 million meals in 10 days at the dome!

We are signed up for 20 volunteer positions during our two hour shift on Jan. 10. However, this event isn't limited to our LYO youth and their families. If you'd be interested in helping out and hanging out with our amazing youth that night, just drop me a line! I'll tell you how!

Thanks again for your continued support of our youth program! What a blessing!

Amen!

LYO Mission Event

F-M MobilePack at the Fargo Dome

Wednesday, January 10—two hour shift—Pack non-perishable items into meals

LYO invites Faith Lutheran to join them in this meaningful and fun project. Let Pastor Devlyn know if you want to be part of the fun!

Faith Care and Share

Funeral: the funeral for **Louis Gruenberg** was held at FLC on December 21. Louis passed away at the age of 102 on December 16.

Prayer Requests

Jane Buchholz—Sheyenne Crossing West Fargo

Arlene Nelson—Eventide Senior Living Moorhead

Keith Nelson—at home in Wolverton

Alice Poppel - Farmstead Care Moorhead

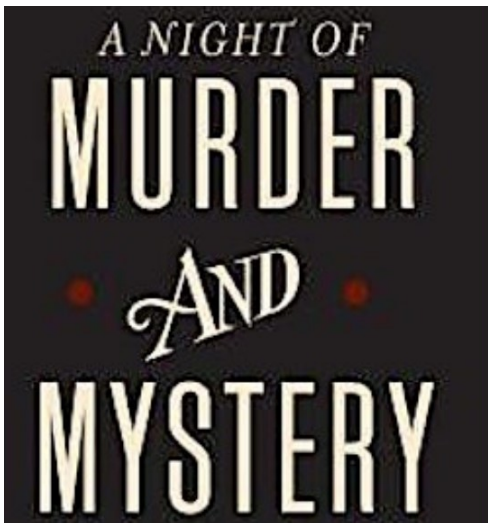
Please keep these people in your prayers. Drop them a note or give them a call. Please let Pr. Devlyn know of any other prayer concerns.



Special Music Sunday—January 28
during worship

Prairie Doves—Folk Music Duo of
Nita Velo and Laura Haugen

Invite your friends and neighbors!



Valentines Murder Mystery Dinner February 9, 2024

Join us for a Murder Mystery Dinner Party filled with fun, mystery, food and good times! Enjoy a 3-course meal and solve the crime!

Tickets: \$25/person or
2 for \$40 .
After February 1st:
\$30/person

February 9, 2024
Doors Open: 5:30pm
Dinner: 6:30pm
Faith Lutheran Church -
Wolverton, MN

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM ANY FAITH LUTHERAN LYO MEMBER OR MESSAGING WOLVERTON FAITH LUTHERAN LYO ON FACEBOOK TO ARRANGE.

Everyone is welcome!

All proceeds benefit the Wolverton Faith Lutheran Youth Organization

USHER LIST—2024

*Head Usher

January

*Ross Aigner
Hunter Aigner

February

*Carl Nord
Scott Smith
Spencer Nord

March

*Brad Nelson
Paul Nelson
Duane Nelson

April

*Jay Nord
Mark Miller
Riley Miller

May

*Nils Hanson
Greg Freitag

June

* LeRoy Turner
R.C. Stein

July

*Randy Emerson
Dave Matz
Tim Nicklay

August

*Robert Nord
Wayne Krump
Ben Krump

September

*Mark Johnson
Matthew Johnson
Jim Lucke

October

*Kevin Olthoff
Travis Smeby
Jason Hendrickson

November

*Michael Aigner
Larry Ness
Keith Kragerud

December

*Mike Byars
Chad Erickson
Austin Erickson
Carter Erickson



Birthdays

- 2 Greg Freitag
- 3 Cheryl Affield
- 3 Tim Getz
- 3 Cole Skoblik
- 4 Angela Erickson
- 4 Kellen Mortenson
- 5 Ava Aigner
- 5 Albert Buccholz
- 6 Linda Johnson
- 7 Anna Rurup
- 7 Nicole Peeters
- 7 Kash Tuel
- 8 Maverick Johnson
- 9 Matt Ness
- 10 Sadie Bohner
- 10 Erick Johnson
- 10 Brett Mastin
- 11 Ron Affield
- 11 Robert Nord
- 15 Paul Nelson
- 16 Keith Nelson
- 17 Jase Byars
- 17 Rodney Turner
- 19 Cindy Berg
- 20 Streeter Dockter
- 22 Toni Jacob
- 23 Michele Mortenson
- 24 Shelly Brooks
- 25 Ashley Malikowski
- 28 Angela Maesse
- 28 Vicki McGranahan
- 29 Kirk Bohner
- 29 Katie Pudas
- 31 Steve Olthoff

Anniversary

- 2 James & Linda Lucke
- 17 Wallace & Beverly Nord



LYO Fundraiser at crooked Lane Farm



Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Prayer: Pastor Devlyn Brooks

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

Members Absent: Greg Freitag

Others Present: Pastor Devlyn Brooks

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 3, 7 p.m.

January 3 Devotions: Tina Aigner

Food Pantry Item: This will no longer be an agenda item, explanation provided in committee reports.

Communion Assistant: Sunday, January 7 – Dike Krump

Secretary's Report: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approved

Election of Officers:

President – Tina Aigner

Vice President – Dike Krump

Secretary – Sara Aigner

Appointments:

Treasurer – Lisa Miller

Financial Secretary – Cindy Nord

Auditors (2) – Janelle Krump & Kylie Hendrickson

Head Usher – Dike Krump

Eventide – Duane Nelson

Synod Assembly – Deb Byars and Bob Stein

Committee Reports & Assignments

Education & Youth – Lisa Miller – The education and youth reports will be combined moving forward.

Endowment – Duane Nelson is the new liaison.

Faith Women – Sara Aigner – Council will no longer discuss monthly food pantry items. The food drive for the Richland/Wilkin food pantry with the \$500 match from Thrivent was so successful that Faith Women will lead this food drive each fall instead of asking the congregation for donations monthly. The annual auction will be held on a Sunday afternoon again next year. Faith Women received positive feedback on leading worship, receiving Thank Offering, holding the food drive and holding the auction on the same day. Faith Women updated their 2024 budget and will be donating to Gigi's Playhouse, the Multiple Sclerosis foundation, sponsoring two children for the Breckenridge School's backpack program, and adding funds to the decorating and quilting line items. The budget didn't change, line items were adjusted.

Finance – Lisa Miller

Men's Group – Wayne (Dike) Krump and Keith Kragerud

Music & Worship – Tina Aigner

Mutual Ministry – Tina Aigner

Property & Maintenance – Keith Kragerud & Wayne (Dike) Krump – One boiler was working, but bees built a nest and took one of the boilers off line. Everything is working fine

now. Fall maintenance was definitely necessary.

Old Business

-Peterson Memorial, exterior cross – The external cross will be placed in the spring. A dedication and plaque for the cross were discussed. Keith Kragerud will follow up with Dawn Peterson regarding our tentative plan and discuss date options.

-Israel Tour – The trip is officially cancelled. The money will be returned.

-Rural Revival Project – An update will be given at the December 3 Council meeting. Pastor Pickering is busy conducting interviews and gathering information.

New Business

-Duane noted that the balcony shakes when the bell is rung.

-A discussion about the organ will be added to the Rural Revival project. Pastor Pickering will assist in the discussion. Bob Stein is interested in participating in the research.

-Annual bonuses for Debbie Price, Mike Nelson and Lisa Miller were approved.

-Floor in choir loft has not been refinished -Lisa is following up on this.

-Christmas Eve offering is designated for Churches United.

-Building insurance for the church increased so our agent was contacted and the agent came up with a new company that offers the same coverage. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new insurance provider.

Motion to adjourn

The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Sara Aigner, Secretary

2024 Council Members

Tina Aigner—President

Wayne (Dike) Krump—Vice President

Sara Aigner—Secretary

Lisa Miller

Keith Kragerud

Greg Freitag

Duane Nelson

Annual Meeting Decisions

At the annual meeting on December 10, the congregation reduced the number of council member from 9 to 7 and established the annual meeting date to the third Sunday in January. Therefore, the next annual meeting will be January 19, 2025. The fiscal year will remain as December 1—November 30.

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Worship Schedule

January

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

Sunday, January 7 – Pr. Devlyn Brooks—communion

Sunday, January 14 – Pr. Helen Beth Kuhens

Sunday, January 21 – Pr. Devlyn Brooks – communion

Sunday, January 28 – Special Music Sunday— by Prairie Doves

FLC Events & Meetings

Council Meeting January 3 @ 7PM

Music & Worship January 7 after worship

**Confirmation Class—Service project on January 10—Class January 17, 24,&
31 at 6:30pm**