



# Faith News

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## Faith Lutheran Church

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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.*

### Worship Schedule

Worship - Wednesday 6:30 pm  
Supper & fellowship - 5:30-6:15

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



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## From our Pastor - Devlyn Brooks

And just like that ... seemingly with a snap of a finger ... we are talking about spring planting, luscious green trees and beautiful flowers popping up around us, when just a mere six weeks ago we were talking about blizzards!

What an incredible about face! ... God is good!

The quick turn to spring also is a symbol of what's to come in our church.

Bob Stein is graciously presiding over the last Sunday worship service of May, which happens to be Pentecost this year, and then we won't meet again as a faith family until Wednesday, June 7, when we will begin our summer worship schedule.

As we have done the past two summers, this summer we will be worshipping again on Wednesday nights. We will begin by gathering at 5:30 p.m. for a family style meal and for fellowship. And then at 6:30 p.m. we'll move upstairs for our worship service.

If you haven't attended one of our Wednesday summer services before, I'd encourage you to come join us. While Sundays are special here at Faith Lutheran, I fully admit that getting together with you all midweek gives my week an energetic boost, a weekly event to look forward to all summer long!

Also, new this year, we'll be holding three outdoor worship services! ... Last year we held two summer worship services outside, and we had such a great time, we upped it to three this year! Tentative dates are June 21, July 19, and August 16. We'd love for you to join us on the front lawn of our church. And spread the news to your friends and neighbors! These nights have been very special!

### JUNE COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE:

Our Faith Lutheran Church Council will be meeting on Wednesday, May 31, for a special meeting with Pastor Rebel Hurd, who is the director for evangelical mission for our Northwest Minnesota Synod.

While this meeting also will serve as our monthly June council meeting, this will also be a special time to talk with Pastor Rebel about the vibrancy and future of our church. This is her specialty in our synod; it's part of her official role as assistant to the bishop.

As you may remember, we have been discussing the notion of what comes next for our church in the coming years. And the church council agreed that it was time to bring in some

Wednesday Night Summer Services begin June 7 at 6:30pm  
Come early and enjoy supper and fellowship from 5:30 to 6:15pm.  
No service on Sundays in June, July, or August.  
Outdoor services planned for June 21, July 19, and August 16.

## Food Pantry Condiments



professional help to focus this conversation and provide us synod support while we figure out what our next mission is.

We will share updates about this conversation at future services and in future newsletters as well. But if you have some thoughts on this conversation you'd like shared with me, the council or Pastor Rebel be sure to reach out to me, Lisa or anyone else on the council so that your voices are heard. Thank you!



### UPDATE ON THE ISRAEL TRIP:

On Sunday, May 21, about 10 of our Faith Family gathered to watch the informational video about the proposed congregational trip to the Holy Land. Thank you to those who were interested!

Here is the link to the video if you'd like to watch the video on your own.

<https://tinyurl.com/faithlutheranisrael>

There are brochures in the gathering area as well.

After the video we had a chance to discuss the possibility of the trip, and it does seem that there is likely enough interest that the trip could be a go. The magic number is seven. We need seven confirmed registra-

tions for the trip to take place. And it seems that we are close to that number. So I would encourage you to prayerfully think about joining this opportunity.

Once we have confirmed that there will indeed be a trip, we have discussed the potential of opening up the trip to other congregations around us. We are not limited to only Faith Lutheran members going, but have the opportunity to extend the invitation to anyone in our families and other churches in the area who would be interested. So please give that some thought too!

There is a time factor here, of course. We do have to lock in the trip by late August. So there is incentive to start firming up who is indeed interested in coming. The earlier we have firm numbers, the better opportunity the travel company will have in getting flights booked so that we can travel together.

Finally, on Wednesday, July 12, the representative from Collette, the travel company which is working alongside us, will be coming to join us for an in-person visit at Faith Lutheran. She'll be on hand to dive even deeper into the logistics of the trip and answer all of your questions.

If you are interested and have not yet expressed that interest, please let me know. This will be very helpful as we continue to explore the likelihood of this once-in-a-lifetime faith trip together.

Thank you Faith Family!

Blessings to you this June!

Pastor D



## Prayer Requests

Jane Buchholz—Sheyenne Crossing Long Term Care West Fargo, ND

Louie Gruenberg—River Pointe Moorhead, MN

Linda Lucke—at home

Arlene Nelson—Eventide Moorhead, MN

Keith Nelson—at home in Wolverton, MN

Lois Picotte—Eventide Fargo, ND

Alice Poppel - Farmstead Care Moorhead

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

# HAPPY SUMMER

## June Birthdays

- 1 Randy Orud
- 2 Colleen Israelson
- 2 Bridget Hendrickson
- 3 Alyson Olthoff
- 5 Haley Aasved
- 8 Jay Nord
- 8 Stacey Rohan
- 12 Kenzie Jacob
- 12 John Kappes
- 15 Ava Heitman
- 16 Dexter Kratzer
- 21 Riley Miller
- 23 Mark Nelson
- 24 Kathy Hanson
- 24 Brooke Nord
- 24 Michael Thiessen
- 26 Robert C. Stein
- 27 Nancy Olthoff
- 29 Deb Smith

## June Anniversaries

- 12 Kevin and Nancy Olthoff
- 15 Megan and Michael Cassidy
- 19 Dennis and Jane Getz
- 22 Chad and Christie Erickson
- 22 Ryan and Sarah Nord
- 24 Ron and Joanne Wilner
- 25 Randy and Jann Emerson
- 26 LeRoy and Bonnie Turner
- 28 Brandon and Jamie Byars
- 29 Ashley and Clint Malikowski

## July Birthdays

- 1 Erica Halverson
- 2 Lois Picotte
- 4 Chloe Nord
- 6 Carter Erickson
- 8 Harlie Nord
- 9 Mike Byars
- 11 Olive Isaelson
- 13 Tony Emerfoll
- 14 Marie Skoblik
- 15 Kyle Affield
- 15 Madison Nord
- 15 Kaitlyn Israelson
- 17 Ben Krump
- 19 Maren Cassidy
- 20 Adrienne Tucker
- 21 Colton Mastin
- 21 Mason Tucker
- 23 Randy Emerson
- 23 Brendon Skoblik
- 24 Elizabeth Aigner
- 24 Kirk Lindblom
- 24 Kaden Schroeder
- 25 Nancy Israelson
- 25 Lisa Miller
- 28 Boden Schroeder
- 29 Jessica Mastin
- 30 Chad Erickson
- 30 Natalie Nelson
- 30 Darin Smith

## July Anniversaries

- 9 Spencer and Lanette Nord
- 17 Jay and Cindy Nord

## Faith Lutheran Scholarships Available

FLC has two scholarship opportunities for students attending college or trade school. The Memorial Scholarship is open to all members or a blood relative of a current or former member of FLC. This scholarship is awarded one time per student.

The Endowment Scholarship is open to all confirmed members of FLC. This scholarship is renewable each year the student is enrolled in college up to four years.

For each of these scholarships, there is no limit to the number of scholarships awarded. The amount of the scholarship will depend on the number of scholarships granted.

FLC encourages all college students that haven't previously applied for the scholarships to do so as long as they will be attending school in the 2023/24 academic year. **The deadline is June 15.** Applications are available at [www.faithwolverton.org](http://www.faithwolverton.org) and in the church office.

## Vacation Bible School Set for August

Faith Lutheran Church will host a Vacation Bible School on August 14-16 from 6 to 8:30 pm. Look for more details to come!





**Faith Lutheran Church Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

Prayer: Pastor Devlyn Brooks

Opening Devotions: Tina Aigner (Sara’s pick)

Members Present: Duane Nelson, Lisa Miller, Kylie Hendrickson, Keith Kragerud and Greg Freitag  
Others Present: Pastor Devlyn Brooks  
Absent: Jessica Nelson, Wayne Krump, Sara Aigner

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 31, 7 p.m.  
Devotions: Lisa

Food Pantry Item: Condiments  
Communion Assistant Sunday, May 7: Tina  
May 21: Kylie

Secretary’s Report: Approved.  
Treasurer’s Report: Approved.

Pastor’s Report: Lyle Picotte passed away. Funeral date has not been set. Lois has been moved to Eventide Fargo. Pr. Devlyn will be attending the 1<sup>st</sup> Call Retreat in Crookston this Sunday afternoon through Tuesday. Pastor and RC will attend the Synod Assembly on June 3. Pastor will attend Crossroads last service of the academic year which will include thanking Pr. Dominique’s service. The last confirmation class will be May 10. Assistant to the Bishop Pr. Rebel, NWMN Synod, will be at our next council meeting which has been rescheduled for May 31 so that she can attend. At the last pastor’s meeting, the Bishop shared that last year our synod was assigned 1 newly ordained pastor for 71 openings in our synod.

**Committee Reports & Assignments**

Education – Kylie Hendrickson for Jessica Nelson – VBS will be August 14-16. They will be working on several service projects. Faith Women – Sara Aigner – The Mother-Daughter-Other Gathering is this Saturday.  
Music & Worship – Tina Aigner – Wednesday services will begin June 7.  
Property & Maintenance – Keith Kragerud & Wayne (Dike) Krump – Brad Nelson and Jason Hendrickson repaired the balcony ceiling. Jessie Nelson will be asked to provide a bid for painting the balcony and Sunday school rooms.  
Youth – Kylie Hendrickson – Janelle Krump has resigned as LYO Advisor. Deb Smith and Lanette Nord have offered to co-advise LYO.

**Old Business**

Peterson Memorial – Exterior Cross – Tabled until weather permits working outside.  
Video & Sound improvements in the sanctuary – Tabled until June meeting.  
Constitution changes – Lisa will present recommended changes at June meeting.  
Israel Trip – Brochures are available. The trip is February 26-March 5, 2024. Informational video will be shown during worship on May 21. Open to all Faith Lutheran members (and guests of members as long as space is available).

**New Business**

Other New Business  
A motion was made and approved to request Chad Erickson to raise uneven pavers in front of entrance to prevent a fall. FLC will cover materials and labor.

Submitted by Lisa Miller

<u>June Ushers</u>	<u>July Ushers</u>
LeRoy Turner	Randy Emerson
RC Stein	Dave Matz
	Tim Nicklay

## Photos from Mother-Daughter-Other Tea



The American Legion will be hosting a Memorial Day Service on May 29 at Salem Cemetery at 11:00 am. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church. A lunch will be served after the service at Faith Lutheran Church. All are welcome. Please come and honor those that have served and sacrificed so much for our freedom.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Death: **Lyle Picotte** passed away on April 29 at the age of 87. His funeral services are pending.



**Seniors** received their quilts made and given by Faith Women on April 30. Congratulations Ava, Carter, and Tiana and best wishes!



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## **Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, May 28**—Day of Pentecost—Lay Service—RC Stein leading (Last Sunday service until fall)

**Monday, May 29**—Memorial Day Service (see page 5 for details)

**Sunday, June 4**— NO SERVICE

**Wednesday, June 7**—First Wednesday Night Service at 6:30pm

### **This Summer Schedule—**

Wednesday night supper—5:30 to 6:15

Wednesday night worship—6:30 (No service on July 5)

No Sunday Services in June, July, or August

Watch for any updates to schedule on our Facebook page and on our website.