



# Faith News

## 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 6:45 pm  
Supper & fellowship - 6:00

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



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## From our Pastor - Devlyn Brooks

There is a very logical reason that we install fixed terms on a variety of positions we serve in.

Church Council, elected positions, nonprofit boards. ... The list is long.

We do so because human nature is that after serving in any position, your flame begins to grow dimmer. You lose the passion you once had for the service; your ideas become stale; the work seems more burdensome. Right? ... That's just what being human is!

Late in 2023, our congregation boldly took part in a revitalization initiative with Pastor Melissa Pickering who does this work with our synod. And then in March 2024, 10 folks from our congregation raised their hand to sit on the committee that was the outgrowth of that work. We called it "Faith Forward."

Since the creation of that committee, the passionate and dedicated members of that committee planned, organized and hosted dozens of events in our church. There were food truck nights aplenty! There bingo days, and storytelling nights and benefit concerts for Churches United.

We worked with the City of Wolverton on events, and our new neighbor The Red Silo, and the longtime community institution C-W Elevator.

We reached out to our community in new and exciting ways! And this committee's efforts produced a lot of fun, joy and a lot of awareness about our church through those events.

But that work also took time, resources and commitment. And it's apparent that our "Faith Forward" committee could use a jolt of revitalization. This is not a negative judgment of those who faithfully served on the committee. They went above and beyond the call of duty!

This is just a reflection of the reality that one only has so much bandwidth to serve.

And so, some 14 months after "Faith Forward" was launched I'm writing to you all to ask new volunteers to raise their hand and serve on Faith Lutheran's revitalization committee.

I celebrate the early pioneers of this effort.

## Summer Worship

**Wednesday Night Summer Services begin June 4 at 6:45pm**

Come early and enjoy the summertime fun with our neighbors The Red Silo. There will be a food truck each week and market vendors. Check out Red Silo's Facebook page for details.

Outdoor services planned for June 18, July 16, and August 20. No Service July 2.

Look at all the joy and energy they brought us over the past year and more!

But now, we're looking for others who can serve with just as much passion and with just as many fresh new ideas and just as faithfully to help keep our revitalization effort moving forward.

Ideally, we hope that one member who represents each of our established committees (Men's Group, Faith Women, Youth, Music & Worship, etc.) would be willing to serve, and then a few extra hands as well. Because even with 10 volunteers this past year, there were plenty of responsibilities to go around!

Please prayerfully consider serving Faith Lutheran in this way. Revitalization is hard work. Extending our mission efforts outside of our four walls is hard work. Trying to imagine church differently is hard work. And it doesn't get done without some committed folks raising their hands and saying, "I'm willing to take my turn."

Last year, some brave members accepted the invitation to launch "Faith Forward" to help our church chart a new way forward, including finding a way that turns our gaze and our mission outward rather than in. Now we need the next generation of committed members willing to take the handoff and lead us into the next year of revitalization.

Please reach out to me or Lisa if you have any questions. And thank you in advance for prayerfully discerning whether "Faith Forward" is right for you!

Blessings to you all, Faith Family!

See you in church!

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## 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 2025/26 academic year. **The deadline is June 15.** Applications are available at [www.faithwolverton.org](http://www.faithwolverton.org) and in the church office.



## Online Worship

Coming this summer...

Video recording equipment will be installed this summer. Services will be recorded and available online soon.

Check our Facebook page for updates.



## 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
- 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
- 4 Chloe Nord
- 6 Carter Erickson
- 8 Harlie Nord
- 9 Mike Byars
- 11 Olive Israelson
- 13 Tony Emerfoll
- 14 Marie Skoblik
- 15 Kyle Affield
- 15 Madison Nord
- 15 Kaitlyn Schafer
- 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

## Prayer Requests

Arlene Nelson—Eventide Moorhead, MN  
 Keith Nelson—at home in Wolverton, MN  
 Wallace and Beverly Nord—Eventide Linden Moorhead, MN  
 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.

## Men's Group Hosting a BBQ Supper before worship on June 25.



With the Red Silo Market being closed on June 25, the Men's Group stepped forward and said "Heck yeah— we'll BBQ!"

Come early for church and enjoy some summertime eating. Serving to begin at 5:30 p.m.



## Vacation Bible School Being Planned for August

Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School to be held in August.

Look for more info in August newsletter. Questions can be asked to Renata Smeby.



Faith Lutheran Church Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2025

**Members Present:**

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

Members absent: Greg Freitag, Tina Aigner

Others present: Pastor Brooks

Next Meeting: June 4, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Opening Prayer: Pastor Brooks

Devotions for June 4: Mark

Communion Assistant May 18: Lisa

June 4: Dike

Secretary's Report: Motion by Mark, second by Lisa:

Approved

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Sara, second by Mark:

Approved

Pastor's Report: Pastor has been doing counseling. He also has been working to coordinate with Red Silo for the summer. They will arrange Wednesday evening food trucks. LYO will do fundraising as well. Red Silo would like to use the church Thursday evenings this summer for offering classes. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the summer months will be outdoor services.

**Committee Reports:**

Education & Youth- Lisa: Confirmation planned for May 18. Sunday School takeover is May 11.

Faith Women- Sara Aigner Women's spring social is May 10.

Men's Group- Wayne Krump: Men's group will serve supper June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Music & Worship- One local person has been contacted about being a backup musician for Mike, but has not committed to it yet.

Property & Maintenance- Mark Johnson, Wayne

Krump: Mark reported the painting is done in the Sunday School rooms and the water damaged sanctuary ceiling and wall. Total bill of \$2400. Sink faucet in the fellowship room leaks. Mark will check it out. Dike made contact with Kahoun Flooring about getting the choir loft floor finished. Is on the schedule for this summer. Quality Air will service our air conditioner units.

Faith Forward- Next meeting May 14.

**Old Business:****Goals for 2025-**

Music/Worship- Video Enhancement: The video equipment has been ordered. Also need to purchase 2 large screen TV's and a computer for the system. Lisa will research and purchase these.

Discussion about area advertising once the system is running.

Adult Education- Tabled until fall.

Mowing: We have interest in mowing from Colton Olsgaard for \$40-\$50 per mowing and A J Lindblad, who is local. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Duane. Lisa will check rate from A J. and a decision will be made on rate charged.

**New Business:**

Sara will purchase confirmation gift.

Motion to adjourn by Dike, seconded by Sara.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Duane Nelson

June Ushers

LeRoy Turner

Kevin Olthoff

July Ushers

Randy Emerson

Tim Nicklay

## *May Happenings*



Congratulations to Bridgit Hendrickson on confirming her faith on May 18.

### Faith Women's Spring Social





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## **Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, June 1**— NO SERVICE

**Wednesday, June 4**—First Wednesday Night Service at 6:45pm

### **Summer Schedule—**

Wednesday night supper—check out the food truck at the Red Silo

Wednesday night worship—6:45—Communion on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

(No service on July 2)

Outdoor service planned for June 18, July 16, August 20 (Bring a lawn chair)

No Sunday Services in June, July, or August

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

