



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 - Devlyn Brooks

Dear Faith Family ...

March is shaping up to be quite a busy month, including an important congressional meeting, wonderful Lenten Wednesday services and Holy Week capping it all off at the end of the month.

So let's cover some of the important updates ...

Lenten Wednesdays

If you have not yet been able to join us for a Lenten Wednesday this year, please consider joining us in one of the upcoming weeks.

We've shook things up a bit this year, and we are working through a teaching series on Moses during our Wednesday night worships. In the first two weeks we covered how Moses was miraculously saved as a baby thanks to the dedication of five courageous women, and in the second week we covered God's calling of Moses to be the leader of the Israelites despite

his imperfections. It's been a fun and informative series so far!

In addition, we start each Lenten Wednesday evening with a family style meal being served by our LYO families at 6 p.m. Come as you are, and join other members of our Faith Family for dinner and mid-week fellowship before we head up to worship at 6:45 p.m.

There is something special about being able to gather together as a Faith Family in the middle the of week, break bread and share about our lives with others in our church. It brings a different feel than a Sunday service, and so if you haven't attended a Lenten service yet, please come out and give it a try!

Rural Revival program

Please keep Sunday, March 17, on your calendar as it will be the next important step in our involvement in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod's "Rural Revival" program, and it will be a Sunday you will not want to miss.

Pastor Melissa Pickering from the "Rural "Revival" program, who has been working alongside the FLC congre-

LENT

Wednesday Lenten Services

from February 28 to March 20

6:00pm Suppers
served by LYO
6:45pm Worship



Palm Sunday—March 24 10am

Maundy Thursday—March 28 7pm

Easter—March 31 8am

Easter Breakfast at 9am

gation to discuss what our future here may look like, will be back among us again that Sunday to preside over service.

In addition, we will be treated to special music from Todd Holdman and his band (Volunteer Corn). And if you've been in attendance any of the times that Todd's group has played at Faith Lutheran, you know that it is appointment worship all by itself!

Finally, after the service, our Faith Lutheran Men's Group will be serving a ham and scalloped potato dinner, while Pastor Melissa shares a final report of her findings from the past four months that she's been working with our congregation.

This important chapter in this process should give us information on which to dwell. Please come on Sunday, March 17, and be a part of this important day as we wrap up the information gathering phase of this process.

And please tell your friends! The more of our Faith Family that we have in attendance, the more impactful this Sunday will be!

Holy Week 2024!

Our Holy Week will begin with Psalm Sunday service on March 24, and our Faith Lutheran Sunday schoolers will again be participating in our worship with the parade of palm fronds, which is always an uplifting sight!

We will again have service on Maundy Thursday, March 28, and the best part is that there will be another First Communion student partaking in this wonderful life milestone this year. So please come out to celebrate with Anton Smeby as he joins our Faith Family in the miracle of the Eucharist!

And then in the highlight of the week, we will celebrate Easter at 8 a.m. Sunday, March 31, with the LYO group serving a delicious brunch afterward.

Come see our beautiful church dressed up in its Easter splendor! And stay for the food and fellowship after! Praise God! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

So, as you can see, we've got a busy month in March! And what a great time to be church together!

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

Rural Rival Program

Sunday March 17 during worship

Pr. Melissa will present results

Special Music by Todd Holdman and his bank (Volunteer Corn)

Dinner prepared by Men's Group

Attention Parents: Pathways Enrollment News!!

Faith Lutheran is paying FLC student registrations to Pathways Bible Camp! This is made possible by the generous bequest of Bertha Otteson. Pathways offers programs from Kindergarten to graduated seniors, families and grandparents weekend.

Summer brochures are available in the church gathering area.

Adult registrations and transportation will not be covered by FLC.

Register online at www.pathwaysbiblecamps.org and make sure that you indicate Faith Lutheran Church Wolverton as your home church. Pay nothing for your registration! If you have problems or have already registered, contact Lisa Miller.



Birthdays

- 2 Larry Ness
- 2 Owen Cook
- 4 Brandon Byars
- 5 Mack Cassidy
- 6 Joanne Wilner
- 6 Kerry King
- 8 Jaxon Krazter
- 8 Alisha Retzlaff
- 9 Alice Poppel
- 10 Paul Israelson
- 10 Todd Getz
- 11 Debi Byars
- 12 Stephanie Hanson
- 13 Wallace Nord
- 16 Pat Freitag
- 21 Devin Miller
- 23 Melanie Getz
- 23 Wayne Slinger
- 23 Rylee Smith
- 24 Louie Gruenberg
- 25 Janelle Krump
- 27 Lillianna Smeby
- 28 Jason Maesse
- 28 Matthew Johnson
- 28 Megan Cassidy
- 29 Mike Nelson
- 30 Dylan Emerfoll
- 31 John Allen
- 31 Mark Johnson

Faith Care and Share

Birth—Congratulations to Alisha Retzlaff and Kyle Andres on the birth of a son February 23. **Liam Bryan** is welcome home by big brother Brayden.

Birth—Congratulations to Luke Nord and Savanna Hill on the birth of a daughter on January 29. **Eddie Colleen** is welcome home by big brother Behr.

Future Dates ...

April 21 - Confirmation

May 5—Dedication of exterior cross in memory of Pr. Ted Peterson. More information to follow in April and May's newsletters.

Faith Women

Faith Women will meet on Sunday, March 10 after worship.

Endowment Grants Made

Faith Lutheran's Endowment has funded grants recently. In January they funded four \$500 scholarships to our college students. In February, \$500 each was given on Giving Hearts Day to Great Plains Food Bank, Wilkin Richland Food Pantry, Eventide Foundation, Perry Center Maternity, Min-Kota Paws, and Brady Oberg Foundation. They also gave \$1000 to the Anne Carlsen Center for their building project. They have also given a \$2000 gift to a member in medical hardship.

If you know of any needs in the community, grant applications can be found on our website or in the church office.

Kaden at Basic Training

Kaden Schroeder is at basic training and will graduate on April 5. If you would like to drop him a note this is his address:

AB Schroeder, Kaden, T
321 TRS/FLT 259
1320 Truemper St.
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-6407

Please use white envelopes only and do not send any food.



Easter Breakfast

SUNDAY MARCH 31ST
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOLVERTON MN

The LYO will be serving breakfast immediately following Easter Sunday Service. Meal includes:
French Toast Bake; Scrambled eggs, Fruit Salad, Ham, Sausage, Juice and Coffee.

Free will offering.
All proceeds will benefit the Faith Lutheran LYO who are raising funds to get to the ELCA National Youth Gathering



Spring Labor Auction

Have spring cleaning you need done?
How about yard work?
Projects you have been delaying?
We have an answer for you!

Bid on any LYO member to help you get the work done!

Where: Faith Lutheran Church
When: March 31st with Easter Breakfast
Why: Fundraising for LYO members to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering
Starting Bid: \$25 per LYO member
LYO member will work for 6 hours
Date to be arranged by Buyer and Member

FLC LYO HOTDISH CONTEST

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6 P.M.

- Contest hotdish entries must be to FLC by 5:30 p.m.
- Unlimited entries
- Voters will pay a \$5 entry to sample the hotdish entries.
- \$5 buys one vote!

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LYO Upcoming Events:

February 28, March 6, 13, and 20: Serving Lenten Meals prior to each Wednesday night Lenten service

February 20: Hotdish Contest

March 31: Easter Breakfast & Labor Auction



Concession fundraising at the Fargo Dome



Murder Mystery Night Characters

The Easter flowers that beautify our sanctuary this Easter Sunday, are given in honor and memory of the following

Ross & Tina Aigner(3L)	<i>In honor of Faith Lutheran Church</i>
Greg & Pat Freitag (2M)	<i>In memory of Lyle and Lois Picotte</i>
Dennis & Jane Getz (3L)	<i>In memory of Monte Getz, Burnell Schulz, Lyla Schulz, Don Schulz, Bernie Schulz, Oswald and Marilyn Getz, Diane Brendemuhl and in honor of Donna Mae Askegarrrd</i>
The Hendrickson Family (2M)	<i>Karen Hendrickson and Kari Wagnon</i>
Keith & Norma Kragerud (1L, 2A)	<i>In memory of Orlyn and Jackie Kragerud</i>
Mark & Lisa Miller (M)	<i>In honor of Jesus' love</i>
Mike Nelson (H)	<i>In memory of Don and Leone nelson</i>
Tim Nicklay & LaDawn Turner (3M)	<i>In memory of Fred, Steve, and Ron Nicklay</i>
Sheri & Tory Nissen (3M, 1T)	<i>In memory of Glen Buchholz, Abbie & Eileen Buchholz, Jean Swenson, Joy(Swenson)Rose and in honor of Jane Buchholz</i>
Jay & Cindy Nord (H)	<i>In memory of Ayven Peeters, Alda & Duaine Raeder</i>
RC Stein (2L)	<i>In memory of Karen Kaye Stein</i>

M= Mum T = Triple Lily L = Lily H = Hydrangea, A = Azeleas

You may take your flowers home with you after our Easter morning worship service.

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March Ushers Brad Nelson Paul Nelson Duane Nelson			28 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Lent Service	29	1	2
3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship—Pr Brooks 11:00 am Fellowship	4	5	6 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Lent Service 7:30 pm Council Meeting	7	8	9
10 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Lay Worship —Pat Freitag 11:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Faith Women Meeting	11	12	13 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Lent Service	14	15	16
17 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship—Pr. Brooks and Pr. Melissa Special Music—Volunteer Corn 11:00 am DINNER	18	19	20 6:00 pm Supper (Hotdish contest) 6:45 pm Lent Service	21	22	23
24 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Palm Sunday Worship w/ communion- Devlyn Brooks 11:00 am Fellowship	25	26	27	28 7PM Maundy Thursday Service	29	30
31 8:00 am EASTER Worship 9:00 am Easter Breakfast by LYO						

Prayer Requests

Jane Buchholz—Sheyenne Crossing Long Term Care West Fargo, ND
 Kaityln (Israelson) Schafer—on bed rest during remainder of pregnancy
 Arlene Nelson—Eventide Senior Living Moorhead, MN
 Keith Nelson—at home in Wolverton, MN
 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.

FLC Council Minutes

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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

Others Present: Pastor Devlyn Brooks and LYO members and leaders

Opening Prayer: Pastor Devlyn Brooks

Devotions: Sara Aigner

Preliminary Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

March 6 Devotions: Greg Freitag

Communion Assistants: Wednesday, February 14/Ash Wednesday – Tina Aigner,

Sunday, February 18 – Sara Aigner, and Sunday, March 3 – Dike Krump.

Secretary's Report: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approved

Pastor's Report

There will be a memorial service held for Calise Carriere (Lucille Nelson's daughter) on July 27 at the Salem Cemetery. More details will be available closer to the date. Pastor is spending a great deal of time working with the LYO and confirmation students as they fundraise and prepare for the National Youth Gathering held in New Orleans this coming July. The Lenten series will focus on Moses. Pastor is assisting on the Synod assembly team. In April he will attend his last "First Call" retreat in Crookston, MN.

Committee Reports & Assignments

Education & LYO – Lisa Miller – LYO is hosting a Valentine's Murder Mystery dinner as a National Youth Gathering fundraiser at the church on February 9. Ticket sales are going well. There will be a Sunday School takeover during the February 11 worship service.

Endowment – Duane Nelson – Pat Freitag joined the committee. The committee met last week and voted to give \$1,000 to the chapel being built at the Anne Carlson Center. \$3,000 will be coming back to the committee from the Israel trip cancellation. In order to make the most of the endowment's funds, the following organizations are being given \$500 as part of Giving Hearts Day: Great Plains Food Bank, Richland/Wilkin Food Pantry, Eventide Foundation, The Perry Center, Minn-Kota PAAWS, and the Brady Oberg Foundation.

Faith Women – Sara Aigner – The quilters are meeting, Friendship Bags will be assembled and distributed on February 14, and a meeting will be held in March.

Men's Group – Wayne (Dike) Krump and Keith Kragerud – A meal will be prepared and served on March 17 after worship as part of our congregational meeting.

Music & Worship – Tina Aigner – The Todd Holdman Band will

participate in worship on March 17 and Confirmation is April 21.

Property & Maintenance – Keith Kragerud & Wayne (Dike) Krump – The new basement bathroom has to be looked at because there are issues with locking the door.

Old Business

-Peterson Memorial, exterior cross – Keith Kragerud reported that Mildred, Karen and Dawn are excited to participate in an event to celebrate the exterior cross being hung in memory of Pastor Ted Peterson. May 5 is being tentatively set as the date for an event. Keith will follow-up with Petersons regarding the date, and Dike will research how to hang the cross.

-Israel Tour – The refund is expected by February 15, 2024.

-Rural Revival Project – The demographic work, congregational and community interviews are complete. Pastor Pickering is putting together a report to present to the congregation after worship on March 17, she will also lead worship that Sunday. She asks that as many members of the congregation as possible attend. (The Men's Group will prepare and serve a meal as mentioned, above.)

New Business

-The LYO members gave a presentation asking the Council to consider contributing funds toward their upcoming trip to New Orleans for the National LYO Gathering. Motion was made and seconded to give \$8,000 to the LYO members out of the Bertha Otteson Fund. The Council feels it's necessary that the LYO members be given a presentation about Bertha and her history with Faith Lutheran as part of this gift.

-The offering taken during Lent will go to the Barnesville Food Pantry.

-Giving Hearts Day- **Motion was made and seconded to give the \$1,500 budgeted for outreach to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod Seminary Debt Relief Fund as part of Giving Hearts Day.**

-Other New Business:

Ross Aigner asked to use the church basement for Firearm Safety class on Sundays and Mondays in February from 7 to 9 p.m. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request.

Lisa brought up opportunities for investing cash in interest bearing accounts. **Motion was made and seconded to invest \$65,000 in a 1 year CD at 4.85%, \$65,000 in a 2 year CD at 4.85%, and \$65,000 in a 3 year CD at 5%.** All three CDs will be in the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund.

The question was asked if the Pastor has a job description and if he does, has it been reviewed recently? A position description does exist. Brief discussion followed.

Motion to adjourn

The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Sara Aigner, Secretary

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Worship Schedule

Wednesday, February 28—Supper at 6pm —Lent Service at 6:45PM

Sunday, March 3— Worship - Pr. Devlyn Brooks w/ communion

Wednesday March 6—Supper at 6pm —Lent Service at 6:45PM

Sunday, March 10— Worship—Lay Service—Pat Freitag leading

Wednesday, March 13—Supper at 6pm —Lent Service at 6:45PM

Sunday, March 17— Pr. Devlyn Brooks & Pr. Melissa Pickering (Rural Revival) Special Music and Dinner after worship

Wednesday, March 20—Supper at 6pm —Lent Service at 6:45PM

Sunday, March 24 —Palm Sunday Worship—with communion

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, March 31—EASTER Worship at 8am with breakfast following