



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

To say that no Lenten season is the same would be an understatement.

While the significance of Lent stays static each year: We observe Lent to prepare for Easter by efforting to renew our relationships with God through a variety of disciplines, including fasting and prayer.

And, while that remains true from year to year, our human circumstances do not. Additionally, the circumstances of our church and church family do not either. Which, of course, is very true for us here at Faith Lutheran this year!

Because we are embarking on a bold experiment in collaboration with our friends in Christ to our north, the Comstock-Hoff Lutheran Parish.

And while I'm excited to experience what Comstock-Hoff's learning series will teach me, and I'm also excited to worship alongside my Faith Lutheran family while simultaneously getting to worship alongside new neighbors at the same time as well!

I also can't shake this nagging feeling that this year's Lenten services will be "different," right? It's just different! ... Not bad. Just different!

If you've been feeling similar feelings about this year's Lenten experiment, then I just wanted to assure you that you weren't the only one!

Acknowledging all of that, I also want to invite you to enter into this Lenten season in an experiential mood! I'm pretty excited about the potential of what this learning season could teach me about my faith.

We've performed the Holden Evening Prayer multiple times in recent years, and we've performed skits several times as well. And frankly, I've wanted to host a learning Lenten series myself for some time to break up our routine. So maybe this is an opportunity for us to kick the tires a bit and see what we think of the concept!

Come join us for this Lenten series, Faith Family! There will be food, fellowship and a lot of good faith teachings!

As a recap, the presentations 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

LENT

Ash Wednesday—March 5 at 6:45 at FLC

Wednesday Lenten Services from March 12-April 9 at Comstock/Hoff see page 2 for schedule

6:15pm Suppers
6:45pm Worship



Palm Sunday—April 13 10am

Maundy Thursday—April 17 6:45pm

Easter—April 20 8am

Easter Breakfast at 9am

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!

Finally, I would reiterate that we will still be in our own beautiful church for Ash Wednesday and 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!

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

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

2025 Lenten Service: Wednesdays at 6:45 pm from March 12 to April 9

This year we are partnering with **Comstock Lutheran and Hoff Lutheran Churches** for Lenten Services. Supper will be from 6:15pm to 6:45pm. Suppers will be served by members of the Comstock/Hoff churches. Speakers will discuss various topics each Lenten service.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
March 12	Comstock	Pr. Devlyn Brooks	Churches United
March 19	Hoff	Mr. Eric Player	Mormonism
March 26	Comstock	Pr. Rebel Hurd	India
April 2	Comstock	Mr. Rias Aziz	India
April 9	Hoff	Pr. Devlyn Brooks	Story Telling

Speaker Bios:

In addition to being our beloved pastor, **Pr Devlyn Brooks** was appointed executive officer of Churches United, a Fargo-Moorhead based nonprofit organization that provides food security, safe shelter and health care to our most vulnerable neighbors, in August 2024. He founded the blog site findingfaithin.com, where he writes about finding God in the beautiful, everyday cracks of life. Additionally, he writes a weekly faith column that appears in dozens of newspapers, some of which inspired his book, "Finding Faith in Life's Beautiful Cracks."

Eric Player is president of Panther Pictures, LLC. He is a filmmaker and producer. Eric lives in Fargo and is a father, film maker, fan, storyteller, picker, Corvaire driver and Super8camera fan. A graduate of BYU and Chapman University film schools. He is also a Mormon by faith which is the reason he is speaking to us during Lent. His 2023 short film Stay With Me was an Official Selection of the Boston Film Festival which was shot in part in Comstock Lutheran, and surrounding rural area. Stay With Me can be seen on Roku T.V.

Pr Rebel Hurd was called to serve as the Director for Evangelical Mission of the NWMN Synod, in November of 2021. She is a believer in the promise, a lover of people, and an equipper of leaders. She is a graduate of St. Cloud state University (Social Work and Psychology) and Luther Seminary (M.Div.). She has served the church as a Lay leader, a Synod Minister, a Mission Developer, a Pastor, a Public Speaker, and ELCA Coach, and a Leader in the ELCA Homeless and Justice Network. She enjoys the work of the DEM, where all these leadership experiences intersect.

Riaz A. Aziz came to the United States over 20 years ago from India at the age of 14 and settled on the east coast where he went to school and eventually attended colleges at UND in Grand Forks and NDSU in Fargo. Aziz's career includes serving as the Chief Executive of several Minnesota counties. Prior to that he was a financial analyst and project manager at one of the largest air carriers in the Midwest. After retiring at age 52, Riaz started his second career as a university faculty teaching economics and international finance at NDSU and is currently a faculty at Concordia College in Moorhead. Riaz and his wife began a family foundation in 2012, to help underprivileged women and girls acquire an education in India. Their foundation has helped over 120 women earn either a college degree or receive technical training. He is frequently a guest speaker at economic events and can be heard on local radio stations commenting on the US economy.

MARCH

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
- 22 Savanna Nord
- 23 Melanie Getz
- 23 Wayne Slinger
- 23 Rylee Smith
- 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 Women

Faith Women will meet on Sunday, March 9 after worship. Quilting every Tuesday in March starting at 9:00. If quilting isn't your thing stop in and have coffee with us. Questions call/text Maryann/Mo at 701-361-0778 or Debi at 320-815-3414.

Endowment Grants Made

Faith Lutheran's Endowment has been actively funding grants. In 2024, \$18,000 of grants were paid; \$3000 scholarships, \$7000 local charities, \$4000 in medical needs, and \$4000 to LYO for the youth gathering trip. In January, 2025 they funded two \$500 scholarships to our college students. In February, \$500 each was given on Giving Hearts Day to Great Plains Food Bank and Wilkin Richland Food Pantry. All of this is using the interest only on the endowment.

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

Lent Offering

The lent offering collected at Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services will be given to Richland Wilkin Food Pantry. The Wednesday Lenten offering collected at Comstock and Hoff churches will be given to the respective speaker's charity.


Lutheran Social Services to Host Events on Aging Resources

Looking for resources and services for older adults? Don't miss the **LSS Rural Aging Action Network Service Older Adult Resource Fairs!**

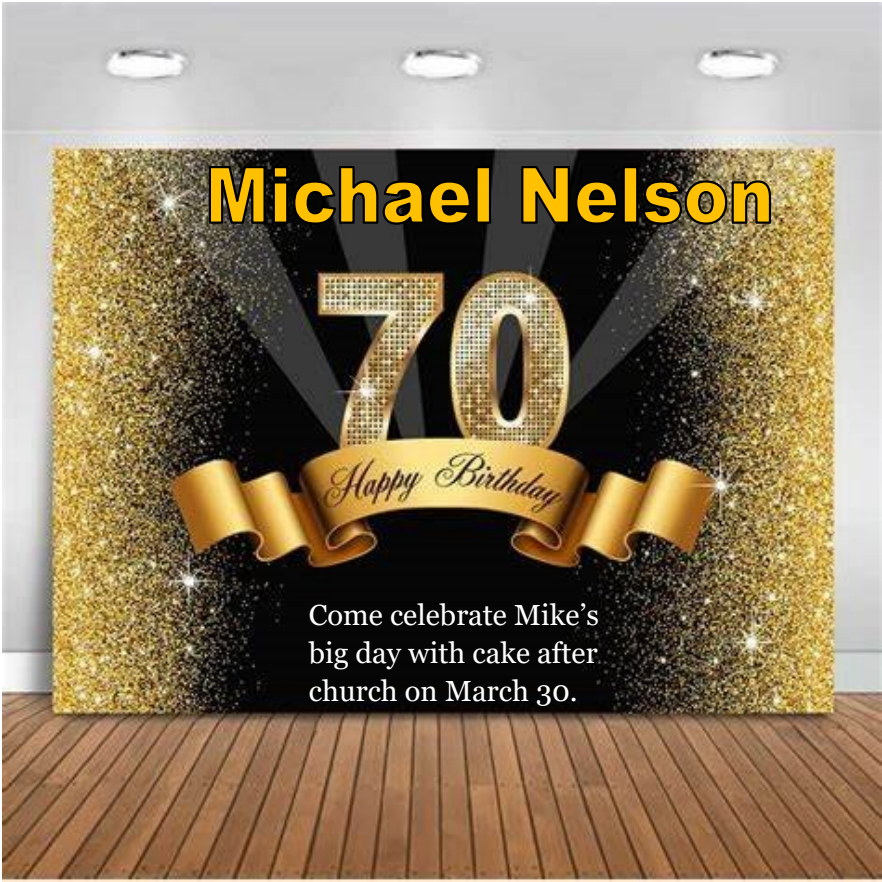
These **free events** are designed to connect older adults, caregivers and community members with valuable local resources, including health care, housing, nutrition, transportation and more.

Event Details:

- **Tuesday, April 11:** Breckenridge Senior Citizens Center, 10am–2pm
- **Thursday, April 17:** FARGODOME, 10am-2pm

 Enjoy complimentary coffee and snacks while you explore!

Learn more by emailing lssraanservice@lssmn.org or calling 888.489.8270.

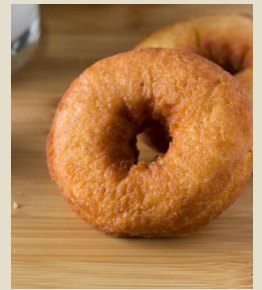


Skills and Spills!

This month's activity is Doughnut making. First timers or experience doughnut makers are welcome. If you already know how to do it we'd love to have you come and help support new learners or just come hang out. We will meet from 6pm- 8 pm. Snacks will be provided. All activities are free to anyone who wants to give them a try. Food ones will be used as snacks and will be available for purchase and take home if you would like.

March 13- Doughnuts
Hope to see you!

Renata



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.

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.

**Please join us for
PTO FUN NIGHT!**

March 28, 2025, 5-8pm
Richland High School in Colfax

Come for the dinner, stay for the fun!

- New and classic games
- Raffle and other prizes
- Concessions available all night

PLATED DINNER \$10

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>March Ushers</u> Brad Nelson Paul Nelson						1
2 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship—Pr Brooks 11:00 am Fellowship	3 6:30pm Fitness	4	5 6:45 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:45 pm Council Meeting	6	7	8
9 SPRING AHEAD 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Lay Worship —Sunday School Takeover 11:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am Faith Women	10 6:30pm Fitness	11	12 Lent Service at COMSTOCK 6:15 pm Supper 6:45 pm Lent Service	13 6:00pm Skills & Spills Doughnut Making	14	15
16 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship—Pr. Brooks 11:00 am Fellowship 11:00 Faith Forward	17 6:30pm Fitness	18	19 Lent Service at HOFF 6:15 pm Supper 6:45 pm Lent Service	20	21	22
23 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship - Guest Pr. Hel- en Beth Kuhens 11:00 am Fellowship	24 6:30pm Fitness	25	26 Lent Service at COMSTOCK 6:15 pm Supper 6:45 pm Lent Service	27	28	29
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Prayer Requests

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.



Order an Easter Plant

to beautify our church on Easter Sunday Morning!

Orders must be placed no later than

Wednesday March 12, 2025

Cost:

\$10.00/plant for Easter Lilies (6")

\$25.00/plant for Triple Easter Lilies (10")

\$10.00/plant for Mums(6.5")

\$30.00 for Hydrangea (9")

\$14.00 for Azaleas (5")

The flowers will be delivered directly to the church.

*On the order blank below, please indicate the number of plants you wish, and if they are being given in honor or memory of a specific individual. **There will be an insert in the Easter bulletins with a list of those so honored.***

Attach payment for the plants to this form and drop in the offering plate, or drop it by the church office. Orders can also be emailed to faith@wtc-mail.net with payments sent to FLC po box 175 Wolverton, MN 56594. Plants can be picked up after the Worship service on Easter Morning.

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Number of plants ordered:

____ Easter Lilies 6" @ \$10.00 = _____

____ Triple Easter Lilies 10" @ \$25.00 = _____

____ Mum 6.5" (assorted colors) @ \$10.00 = _____

____ Hydrangea 9" @ \$30.00 = _____

____ Azaleas 5" (assorted colors) @ \$14.00 = _____

_____ (Total Due)

FLC Council Minutes

Faith Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes
Feb 5, 2025

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

Members absent: None

Others present: Pastor Devlyn Brooks, Renata Smeby, Jess Nelson

Next Meeting: March 5, 2025 7:45 PM

Opening Prayer: Pastor Brooks

Devotions for March 5: Greg

Communion Assistant February 9: Greg Freitag

February 23: Dike Krump

Wednesday, March 5: Mark Johnson

Secretary's Report: Motion by Greg, second by Tina: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Tina, second by Sara: Approved

Pastor's Report: January has been fairly quiet. The confirmation class is requesting a sleepover for May. Possibly invite friends. More TBD. Looking ahead to Lent/Easter, we will have Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter services at FLC. No Good Friday service. All lent services will be held jointly at Comstock Hoff churches.

Committee Reports

Education & Youth- Lisa: None

Endowment- Duane: Endowment is giving \$1000 each to Richland-Wilkin food pantry and Great Plains food bank. Endowment donated a total of \$14,000 last year.

Faith Women- Sara Aigner Quilting will be going on month of February. Meeting Feb 9 after worship.

Men's Group- Wayne Krump: Men's group will be serving a meal after service Feb 23 with youth conducting Bingo.

Music & Worship- Tina Aigner: Covered through August. Renata and Vicky will continue playing once/month. Summer services will be Wednesday evenings again this year, skipping the week of July 4.

Property & Maintenance- Mark Johnson, Wayne Krump: Sunday school rooms cinder block walls need painting. Dike donated a leaf blower for light snow removal.

Faith Forward- Next meeting is March 16 after service.

Old Business

Goals for 2025-

Music/Worship- Video Enhancement: Renata and Jess presented quotes from Site on Sound and answered council questions. After Renata and Jess left, council held more discussion on subject and came up with 3 recommendations:

Each service on video will need an equipment operator. Need to know we have people willing to serve this role.

Equipment for audio-visual should be moved to the choir loft. Need a firm bid on moving it.

A job description needs to be developed for the operators. Pastor Devlyn volunteered to do this.

Adult Education- no more discussion this month.

Church Utilization- Ross Aigner requested use of the church basement for gun safety training the last half of February and all of March Sunday and Monday evenings. Approved.

Just beyond balcony wall & ceiling paint: Mark will look into finding a painter.

New Business

CD Renewal- MIF CD coming due 2/14/25. Decided to reinvest principle of \$65,000 in a new CD. Take the interest of \$3,152 for the general fund.

Giving Hearts Day- Feb 13, 2025: \$1,500 is budgeted. Decided to give \$750 each to Pathways and Churches United for the Homeless. Motion Greg, second Mark.

Lent Offering- This year the only 2 will be Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. The other Lenten services will be held jointly with Comstock Lutheran with giving determined in Comstock. Motion Tina, second Greg to give the two services' donations to Richland /Wilkin food pantry. Passed.

Motion to adjourn by Tina, seconded by Mark.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Duane Nelson

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 2— Worship - Pr. Devlyn Brooks w/ communion

Wednesday March 5—Ash Wednesday Service at 6:45PM

Sunday, March 9— Worship—Lay Service—Sunday School Takeover

Wednesday, March 12—Supper at 6:15pm —Lent Service at 6:45PM COMSTOCK LUTHERAN

Sunday, March 16— Pr. Devlyn Brooks w/ communion

Wednesday, March 19—Supper at 6:15pm —Lent Service at 6:45PM HOFF LUTHERAN

Sunday, March 23 - Guest Minister or Lay Service

Wednesday, March 26—Supper at 6:15pm—Lent Service at 6:45PM COMSTOCK LUTHERAN

Sunday, March 30—Pr. Devlyn Brooks— Cake served to celebrate Mike Nelson's 70th birthday.