



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

*Confirmation Class—
Wednesday at 6:30 PM*

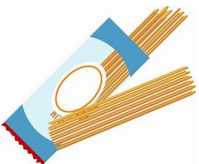


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Food Pantry May Item—



Pasta

From our Pastor - Devlyn Brooks

Imagine yourself walking in the hallowed footsteps of Jesus Christ throughout the holiest places in the Holy Land.

Imagine taking a guided tour on the Sea of Galilee, or seeing where the Apostle Paul was imprisoned, or taking a moment to pray in the Church of All Nations, which is built over the rock on which Jesus is believed to have prayed in agony the night before he was crucified.

Everyone who has ever visited the Holy Land that I've had the opportunity to talk with tells me the same thing: It is a life-changing and faith-enhancing experience which you'll never forget.

And maybe we soon will be experiencing a similar unforgettable and spiritually enhancing adventure together.

Long story short -- one that I will share in more detail in coming weeks -- I was approached by a veteran and historic group travel company pitching the opportunity that as Faith Lutheran's pastor I could lead a group from our congregation to the Holy Land **next February**.

There are a lot of details to share -- far too many to share in these few hundred words in the newsletter -- and we'll be talking about this opportunity in depth in the coming weeks. But first, a little context.

The company organizing the trip is called Collette, a family-owned firm in business for more than 100 years. And they've organized countless trips all over the world, including faith-based trips such as the one we are proposing.

The good news is that for one all-inclusive price, the travel company will cover all the details, from the air travel, to hotel accommodations, to the itinerary, to the guides who will take us around the Holy Land.

In addition, I would be bestowed the honor of leading our congregation in the pre-trip planning and while we are on the ground in Israel. And I can't imagine a greater honor for a pastor than being able to travel with his congregation to experience the land where Jesus walked together!

I shared the opportunity about this trip with our Faith Lutheran Council at our April meeting, and they felt that it was worthy to bring forward to the entire congregation. And so we are doing just that.

I will begin to share more of the details about the trip on **Sunday, April 30**, during ser-



vice, and in subsequent Sundays when I preside. In addition, our trip advisor working for Collette is going to record a video that contains more details as well. We'll also share that with the congregation. And finally, later in June or early July, our trip advisor will schedule an in-person meeting with our congregation to go through the entire trip from start to finish. This would give everyone a chance to ask their questions to a real, live person.

While the trip seems a bit far away in February, there is a time element involved. We would need commitments from all who are interested **by August** to ensure that we have all of our travel reservations secured.

This is just the beginning of the conversation, of course. There will be much more information to share, and I'm sure a good many questions asked about the trip in the coming weeks.

For now I just ask that you prayerfully consider the possibility of participating with your faith family in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to travel together to the land where Jesus was born, baptized, carried out his ministry and launched the church as we know it today.

Thank you Faith Family!

Blessings to you this May!



April at Faith





Birthdays

- 1 Keelee Pfau
- 5 Piper Henderickson
- 5 Drew Byars
- 5 Kase Kappes
- 10 Lori Nord
- 10 Kylie Hendrickson
- 11 Veronica Nelson
- 11 Grace Thornton
- 12 Linda Lucke
- 14 Bruce Slinger
- 16 Amber Nord
- 16 Siriana Heitman
- 16 Flynn Aretz
- 22 Stephen Dockter
- 22 Kevin Olthoff
- 23 Jane Buchholz
- 24 Travis Smeby
- 27 Kelsey Emerfoll
- 30 Linda Jones
- 31 Donna Johnson
- 31 Michael Aigner

Anniversary

- 2 Shawn and Andrea O'Dell
- 4 Mike and Debi Byars
- 5 Steve and Maryann Olthoff
- 19 Mike and Peggy Mastin
- 21 Ron and Cheryl Affield
- 22 Jason and Kyle Hendrickson
- 30 Greg and Pat Freitag

Saturday, May 6 @ 10:00 am

Please join us for a fun time May 6th at 10 am.
For our annual Mother Daughter Other Tea.
Fancy hats and dresses are encouraged but we
will be pleased to have you any way you come.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to dress up our tables (Tablescapes). There will be time from 10am–6pm Friday May 5th to set up tablescapes. If you need to come sooner or need help to set up your tablescapes please contact Renata Smeby. We will have a little form to fill out about your table so we can introduce it during the program and want everyone to get one.

Other Faith Women News...

At our April 16 meeting we discussed changing our auction day to an afternoon to accommodate people coming from a distance and also for people not wanting to drive at night. We chose Sunday, November 12 at 1:00 for the auction.

November 12 will be an event filled day at Faith. WELCA will also be doing our Thank Offering Service that AM, with Sue McCracken from pelican Rapids, MN speaking on "Gentle Nudges". A free will lunch will be served after the service.

The next WELCA meeting will be October 15 after worship.

Thank you Janelle

As my time as Faith Lutheran's LYO leader comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Faith Family for all of the support given to our congregation's youth. It has been a pleasure to work with families and youth over the past 8 years. I especially want to thank Michael and Sara Aigner and Chad and Christie Erickson for all of the extra help they provided. They reached out offer assistance and spent many hours providing that assistance. I also need to thank my biggest supporter and the person who has volunteered as many hours as I have, my husband, Dike. He has served as cook, grocery shopper, dishwasher, auctioneer and more.

Besides preparing and serving copious amounts of food over the years, I have also enjoyed the social interactions with the students and their families. Some of the memories that stand out are the National Youth Gathering in Houston, grocery shopping and serving at the Ronald McDonald House, and bell ringing over the holidays. Each student left an impression and I will think of each of them fondly.

As I look forward to attending the Sunday School Christmas Program and Easter service (rather than listening from the kitchen) I know that the future leaders of Faith's LYO will serve them well and I know that our congregation will continue to support Faith Lutheran's Youth Organization.

Sincerely,
Janelle Krump

Faith Lutheran Church Council

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Prayer: Pastor Devlyn Brooks

Opening Devotions: Keith Kragerud

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

Others Present: Pastor Devlyn Brooks & Bob Stein

Absent: Jessica Nelson

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

Devotions: Sara

Food Pantry Item: Pasta

Communion Assistant Sunday, May 7: Tina

Secretary's Report: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Pastor's Report: First Communion went well. The Maundy Thursday Service was well attended and the efforts that went into the service are appreciated very much. Three students were confirmed on March 19. There are five students who will be continuing instruction this spring. Devlyn and Pastor Jill Steichen were invited to attend the C-W Valley Co-op annual meeting. They appreciate being included and enjoyed visiting with community members. Devlyn gave the invocation. Pastor Dominique, Crossroads Ministry at MSUM, resigned and will be moving to Bismarck, ND, with her family because her husband has taken a job there. Her contributions to Crossroads is appreciated. Senior Sunday is April 30.

Great Synod Get-Together Update: Bob Stein

Bob and Pastor Jill Steichen attended the event together on Saturday, March 18, in Bemidji, MN. There were almost 200 people in attendance. The Bishop gave a "State of the Synod" address and the need for leadership training within congregations was discussed. There are fewer students enrolling in the seminary and this will be affecting congregations throughout our synod and the nation. What is our plan as a congregation to keep our parish vibrant? The synod has resources to help. Pastor Rebel Hurd is leading programs to help congregations. She is the assistant to the Bishop.

Committee Reports & Assignments

Education – Kylie Hendrickson for Jessica Nelson – The Sunday School is holding a "take over" on April 16.

Faith Women – Sara Aigner – Quilting has come to an end

for the season and will begin again in the fall. Faith Women/WELCA meets on Sunday, April 16. We host the Synod Gathering for our conference on Saturday, April 22. Sue McCracken will be the guest speaker. The Mother/Daughter event is May 6.

Property & Maintenance – Keith Kragerud & Wayne (Dike) Krump – Window cleaning needs to be scheduled. Brad Nelson and Jason Hendrickson will be starting on the balcony ceiling soon. The contractor who refinished the sanctuary floor was contacted to see if he'd refinish the choir loft and he said he would and plans to begin at the end of May or in June.

Youth – Kylie Hendrickson – LYO served Easter breakfast and Lenten meals. The ELCA Youth Gathering is in New Orleans in July of 2024 and registration needs to take place in September, 2023.

Old Business

Peterson Memorial – Exterior Cross – Tabled until weather permits working outside.

Video & Sound improvements in the sanctuary – Tabled until May meeting.

Annual Meeting Date Change – On hold until Lisa receives the Education Committee's bylaw edits. There were Synod-wide changes made to the Model Constitution and Lisa will incorporate those changes, too. The suggestion to reduce Council membership will be discussed at the time the edited bylaws are ready for review.

Other Old Business

A Congregational discussion about the organ will be added as an annual meeting agenda item.

New Business

Graduation gifts will be purchased for our seniors (Ava, Carter and Tiana). They will be presented with their gifts on Senior Sunday (April 30).

Other New Business

Council asked Pastor Brooks to see if Pastor Rebel Hurd will attend the next meeting to discuss the programs she makes available to congregations to keep parishes vibrant.

Pastor Brooks shared information about a trip to Israel that will take place February 2024. He was asked to be the local leader of the trip. Information will be shared during worship, in the newsletter, and an informational meeting will be held at Faith Lutheran if there is enough interest.

Submitted by Sara Aigner, Secretary

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.

FLC encourages all FLC post secondary students to apply that will be attending school in the 2023/24 academic year. **The deadline is June 15.** Applications are available at www.faithwolverton.org and in the church office.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Council	4	5	6 10:00 am Mother Daughter Other Tea
7 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ com- munion—Devlyn Brooks 11:00 am Fellowship	8	9	10 6:30 pm Confirmation	11	12	13
14 Happy Mother's Day 10:00 am Worship - Pr. Kirsten Frantsvog 11:00 am Fellowship	15	16	17 6:30 pm Confirmation	18	19	20
21 10:00 am Worship w/ com- munion—Devlyn Brooks 11:00 am Fellowship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 am Worship — Lay Service—RC Stein 11:00 am Fellowship	29 11:00 Memorial Day Service @ Salem Cemetery	30	31 7:00 pm Council (June Meeting)	<u>May Ushers</u> Nils Hanson Greg Freitag		<u>Altar Guild</u> Debi Byars Christie Erickson



The Nelson-Otteson Post 370 of the American Legion will celebrate Memorial Day on May 29 at 11:00 at the Salem Cemetery. There will be a short program followed by a lunch at Faith Lutheran Church. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Faith Lutheran Church. Please come and honor those that have served and sacrificed so much for our freedom.

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 Senior Living Moorhead, MN

Keith Nelson—at home in Wolverton, MN

Lyle and Lois Picotte—Sheyenne Crossing West 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 Pr. Devlyn know of any other prayer concerns.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 30—4 Easter—Pr. Devlyn Brooks—**Senior Sunday**

Sunday, May 7— 5 Easter – Pr. Devlyn Brooks and communion

Sunday, May 14 —6 Easter—Pr. Kirsten Frantsvog

Sunday, May 21—7 Easter—Pr. Devlyn Brooks and communion

Sunday, May 28—Pentecost Sunday—Lay Service—RC Stein

Sunday, June 4—No Service as we transition to Summer Wednesday Night Services

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

Last day of
Sunday
school—May
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