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November 2017



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We did it! After years of talking about it and anticipating it and planning for it, we finally, *finally*, made it to October 31, 2017: the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. It happened. We celebrated. It’s done.

So, now what?

Now that we have made it past this monumental milestone in our history, what’s next? What do we look forward to, talk about, anticipate, plan for?

The answer is simple: the Reformation. Wait a minute, you might be thinking. Wait a minute, we just did that. And while, yes, 500 years is a wonderful anniversary to celebrate, what we celebrated was not a stagnant event, something that happened 500 years ago. What we celebrated was 500 years of the Reformation: 500 years of reforming the Church, reforming our faith, reforming what it means to be a Christian, a Lutheran, here, now, today. Martin Luther may have lit the match so to speak, and that in and of itself is worth celebrating, but we have kept that fire kindled for 500 years, and that is not going to stop just because October 31 has come and gone.

As Lutherans, we are a reforming people. We are called to constantly grapple with our faith, ask questions, and discern the best way to serve God and love our neighbor. We do this not in order to receive God’s incredible gifts of grace and life abundant, but because they have already been given to us.

500 years of being reformers of the Church is more than worth celebrating, but it doesn’t end there; here’s to 500 more.

P.S. You may wish to check out what our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton had to say on this topic in the October issue of Living Lutheran.

Pastor Seyward Ask





Help Us Grow

**“Simply Giving”
Automated Giving
At It's Best**

The Simply Giving program is a modern day stewardship program. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for you to make an “automated offering” to church through electronic funds transfer directly from your checking or savings account. You can choose weekly, bi-weekly or monthly and you can choose which day you would like as well. Donations can be for any amount you choose. Forms are available at the Welcome Center and on our website. Call Pastor Todd at church with any questions.



**A Great Way
To GIVE!
“Scan To Give”**

Check out our Quick Response (QR) code created specifically for Faith Lutheran Church.

What is this QR code and why use it?

When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the Faith online giving page. Try it yourself! To individuals who are familiar with QR codes, it will provide a quick and easy way to access our web page without having to type out a long web address and locate our link.

Council Update

We are excited to announce the completion of the Strategic Visioning process! Our new Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Priorities are as follows. You will hear more about this subject in a separate mailing and as we begin transition and implementation. Thank you to the members who participated in the survey and workshops. The input and ideas truly helped shape our path forward!

Our Vision

We will be the church of your choice, the church where you feel included, engaged and fulfilled.

Our Mission

God gathers us as a family of Faith to nurture, inspire and share the love of Jesus with all people.

Our Values

The Word ~ Grace ~ Love ~ Relationships ~ Welcoming

Our Strategic Priorities

Guided by God, the values of our congregation and the ELCA, we will focus on the following priorities for at least the next 5 years:

- ◆ Increase engagement of members. The Church should seek and reflect the passions and needs of the congregation.
- ◆ Provide additional and more meaningful opportunities for spiritual fulfillment.
- ◆ Increase awareness of Faith as a choice; growing membership.
- ◆ Members and the community will feel included as we live out our values.

In Christ's Love,
The Faith Lutheran Church Council

Check out the Faith Digital Kiosk

Faith now has a Digital Kiosk at the Welcome Center. From this very user friendly Ipad you can enter the Faith Lutheran web site, sign up for Simply Giving, or use Sign Up Genius to volunteer to be part of one of the many ministries at Faith. If you are unsure how to use it, just ask a staff member or someone working at the Welcome Center.



Remember: this is how all worship assistants will need to sign up from now on. No more schedules will be made and sent out. Thanks for volunteering!

Mission Plan for 2017

\$631,742.00



Year to date, as of September 30:

Offering Received	=	\$426,553.67
Actual Expenses	=	\$481,792.58
Excess Expenses	=	-\$55,238.91

The Feast

Wednesdays at Faith

Meal

5:15pm-5:50pm

Worship

6:00pm-6:30pm

Education/Service Project

6:35pm-7:35pm

Faith After Hours

7:45pm

Choir Rehearsal

Education/Service Project

November 1

- ⇒ Sprouts w/Hannah Nelsen (pre K - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ Confirmation Class
- ⇒ Advent Bible Study w/Hannah Hanson
- ⇒ Paul's Letter to the Philippians w/ Pastor Paul Idstrom

November 8

- ⇒ Sprouts w/Hannah Nelsen (pre K - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ Confirmation Class
- ⇒ Advent Bible Study w/Hannah Hanson
- ⇒ Paul's Letter to the Philippians w/ Pastor Paul Idstrom
- ⇒ Columbarium & Funeral Costs w/Jeff Johnson

November 15

- ⇒ Sprouts w/Hannah Nelsen (pre K - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ Confirmation Service Project
- ⇒ Thanksgiving Treat Bag Assembly - Everyone Invited
- ⇒ Operation Christmas Child Project - Everyone Invited

November 22

- ⇒ No Education - Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Meal
- *See Rejoice page for details

November 29

- ⇒ Sprouts w/Hannah Nelsen (pre K - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ Confirmation Class
- ⇒ Advent Bible Study w/Hannah Hanson
- ⇒ Paul's Letter to the Philippians w/Pastor Paul Idstrom
- ⇒ Moving Forward - Faith's Vision & Mission w/Kelly McComb

November Menu

November 1 - Spaghetti

November 8 - Chicken & Potatoes

November 15 - Taco Bar

November 22 - Tater Tot Hot Dish & Thanksgiving Pie

November 29 - BBQ'S & Mac n' Cheese

November Education

Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Pastor Paul Idstrom invites you to join him in exploring the Apostle Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi. This course will be offered during The Feast on Wednesdays, November 1, 8, and 29 from 6:35pm-7:35pm.

Advent Bible Study

Join Hannah Hanson for this 3 week Advent Bible Study. This study will take place in the Fireside room during The Feast on Wednesdays November 1, 8 and 29 from 6:35pm-7:35pm. If you have ideas for future Bible studies or book studies please let one of the Pastors know.

Moving Forward Faith Lutheran's Vision and Mission

Join Kelly McComb Wednesday, November 29 at 6:35pm for a discussion of our recent Strategic Visioning process. Kelly will share with us the findings from our recent survey, our newly established vision, mission, and values, and the strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities for our shared ministry.

November Service Projects

November 15: Assembly of Thanksgiving Treat Boxes

We will assemble treat boxes, to be delivered to our home-bound and nursing home members. We are asking for donations of regular or diabetic cookies, non-frosted bars, snack mix, candy, hot instant cocoa mixes ahead of time, as well as volunteers to package the boxes during The Feast, and others to deliver the boxes the following day. Everyone is invited to pack the boxes on November 15. Please contact Pastor Seyward if you're willing to donate goodies or deliver the treat boxes.

November 15: Assembly of Operation Christmas Child

We will also be assembling gifts for Operation Christmas Child. A list of needed donations will be available soon, and everyone is invited to help pack and wrap the gifts during The Feast on November 15.

Let's Meet!

Council

Thursday, November 9
6:00pm

Mission Resource Team

Monday, November 13
5:30pm

Weekly Faith Bible Study

Thursdays @ 9:30am

Weekly Men's Bible Study

Saturdays @ 9:00am

Our Church Family

The following members have been listed in our Prayer Concerns during the month of October:

Dorothy Hanson
Elaine Meyer
Doug Bultman
Pat Nelsen
Diane Nelson
Sharon Johnson
Kathy Quam
Vernon Thorstad
Jo Julius
Kent Kircher
Vera Hoglund
Trudie Guptill
Pastor Todd and family

Births

Gavin Quinn Rosendahl
October 11

Baptisms

Watson Scott Hood
September 24
Jacob Hugh Fladeboe
October 22

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8am-4pm

Office Closed

Friday, November 10
Thursday, November 23
Friday, November 24

Columbarium & Funeral Costs

Fall is now upon us. The leaves are turning and we have seen the Columbarium and Prayer Garden take shape and grow in usage. Just last month it was utilized for its first outdoor service during the Blessing of the Pets Service. In the future it is envisioned that this area can be utilized for weddings, baptisms, funerals and outdoor services. This is all a part of the vision that is being built for growing the congregation of Faith. Church is where you are and sometimes that may well be out in the Gardens of Faith. As Pastor Todd put so eloquently at our recent planning meeting and I paraphrase rather poorly, Church is not a structure but rather what we do. So, don't be reluctant to ask to do Church out in the Gardens. It is there for each and all of us. Stop and visit, spend a little time or a lot, take a moment to think, dream or pray.

Last month Gary Lagerstedt explained a bit how the Columbarium itself functions. **Then on Wednesday, November 8, I will be participating in one of the Feast educational opportunities exploring the costs of funerals and options.** While no one wants to think about their mortality it is important to plan so your loved ones don't have to do that thinking when they are least prepared to do so. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Planning is not just for those in the older stages of their life.

We will also be forming the ongoing Columbarium Committee or Board at the next annual election. This was approved as a by-law change last year. The Nominating Committee will be considering 2 lay persons to be on this Committee. If that is something that you are interested in please let Pastor Todd know. These positions provide policy direction for the columbarium and it is always good to have people that have an interest in participating stand for election.

Thank you,
Jeff Johnson, Columbarium Chair

Thank you

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of the members of Faith Lutheran Church who have held my dad and mom, and entire family in their prayers the past few months. Your love and concern has been greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Pastor Seyward, Joy White, Laura Weikle, Gary Lagerstedt, Dave Eliason and Paul Haney for the extra work they took on in my absence. Our family would also like to thank those who sent cards and attended the funeral service for my dad. We have been deeply touched by your care. Finally thank you for allowing me the time away to care for my dad and celebrate his life and faith.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Todd

Thank you, my dear Faith Family, for attending my 90th birthday party and for making it such a memorable day! The love and caring that all of you shared was overwhelming, and I am forever grateful to you and for you! May God bless all of you and keep you in His care!

Sincerely,
Arlys Ousman

Thank you for your donation of \$699.99 that you made in August to support the work The Link does to help people in need.
Rhonda Otteson~Director

The Faith Quilters would like to thank you for the congregational support for our quilting mission during the Blessing of the Quilts.

The Amazing Collection Bible Study

Mondays

8:15am

No Class on Monday, November 20

The Amazing Collection Bible Study, the Bible, Book by Book, continues this fall at Faith Lutheran. We meet on Monday mornings in the Faith Fireside Room, gathering at 8:15 am to grab our coffee and visit a bit, with the study beginning at 8:30am. All are welcome. This is a community Bible study. This year we are in Isaiah and study through the prophets. Feel free to join us as often as you can. Join us as we give thanks and learn about the One who is all-present, all-knowing, all-merciful, and all-loving. If you have questions, please call Diane Minke (796.2612) or Janae Rambow (320.905.1067).

Hobby Night

Friday, November 10

Bring your supplies, a friend, some snacks/beverage and plan to spend some time visiting and crafting! Call Sonya Erickson for more information at 444.1134. Everyone is welcome. See you there!

Forecaster Submissions Due

Wednesday, November 15

Women's Bible Study Circles

Wednesday, November 15

9:30am - Lydia/Mary

1:30pm - Hannah/Ruth

Thursday, November 16

7:00pm - Rachel

All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to join one of the Bible Study Circles restarting this fall. Come, join us and learn what we together say and believe when reciting the Apostles' Creed. For more info contact Nona Oie at 796-5554.

Faith On Tap

Thursday, November 16

6:30pm

Join us at Faith on Tap on Thursday evening, November 16 at Goat Ridge Brewery in New London. This is a 21 year old and over Bible study. If you are looking for something a little different than your typical Bible study, please come!

Tuesday's Table

Tuesday, November 21

6:00pm - 6:30pm

Join us for this free community meal right here at Faith! Would you like to volunteer to help? Please sign up on our monthly Opportunity to Serve cards that are in our Sunday bulletins the 2nd Sunday of each month.



Allen & Kourtney Hillstrom
Olivia
Chris & Megan Strand
Emmett & Aliza
Gary Mikkelson

Opportunities

Luther Seminary Presents: No JOKE live!

Thursday, November 2
7:30pm-10pm
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

A preacher, a rabbi and an Imam walk into ... an unthinkable friendship and forge an unbreakable bond. You might think it's a bar joke, but it's actually **NO JOKE**. Purchase tickets at <http://www.luthersem.edu>

Warehoused

Saturday, November 4
2:00pm at Faith

The film follows the struggles of the Mohamed family from their arrival at Dadaab through the years it took to make their way to the United states and finally to Willmar, Minnesota.

Dakota Road

Saturday, November 4
7:00pm
First Presbyterian Church
340-5th Ave. S, St. Cloud, MN

A free-will offering is to be collected during the concert to help support the costs associated with bringing Dakota Road to St. Cloud.

Prairie Arts Chorale

Sunday, November 12
4:00pm at Faith

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Get your tickets today from the Welcome Center! Children & students 18 or younger are admitted free! Light refreshments will follow the concert. prairieartschorale.org.

Like to bake?

Pies are needed for our Thanksgiving Eve pie fellowship. Wednesday meal & pie will be served before worship from 5:00pm-6:15pm. Please contact the church office if you are able to donate a pie or two OR sign up at the Welcome Center. Worship begins at 6:30pm.



The West Central Singers

Saturday, November 18
7:00pm at Faith

West Central Singers will present "Beatitudes". Tickets are available at the door: adults \$10, children and students are FREE.

The Link Concert

Sunday, December 3
3:00pm at Peace Lutheran - New London

Once again, a free will offering will be taken and will benefit the LINK. A beautiful and meaningful way to kick off the Christmas Season! No tickets needed.

Help Needed

We are in need of a few people to help set up, serve and clean up coffee and treats for the Prairie Arts Chorale Concert on Sunday, November 12. Donations of bars are also needed. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

Grace Notes

The November and December holidays give us lots of opportunities to share the gift of music with our brothers and sisters. In addition to our regular Sunday singing on November 12 & 26, the choir will add music at the Thanksgiving Eve service on November 22 at 6:30pm.

Faith After Hours Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays in November 7:45pm

Everyone is welcome! Come and lend your voice to the choir and praise God with music!

Special rehearsal time Wed., November 22 @ 7:30pm

November 5 Extra Special Offering Local Food Shelves



On Sunday, November 5, instead of collecting a special offering, we will be passing out paper bags along with a list of needed staple food shelf items. We are asking each family to take home a bag, fill it with the suggested food items, and return it by Sunday, November 19. Everything that is turned in will be donated to The Link Food Pantry and Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ridgewater College.

November Scriptures

Nov. 5 ~ Revelation 7:9-17, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

Nov. 12 ~ Amos 5:18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 19 ~ Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 26 ~ Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday, November 22 6:30pm

Now that we have our wonderful Wednesday evening programming, The Feast, we are combining new and old traditions for our Thanksgiving Eve service on November 22. Here is what the schedule will look like:

- ∞ 5:00-6:15pm - an evening meal and pie will be served in the Fellowship Hall (please sign up ahead of time so we can plan for the correct amount of food)
- ∞ 6:30pm - Thanksgiving Eve Worship in the sanctuary

Note: there will be no Education Hour, Confirmation or Sprouts. Nursery will be available from 5:00-7:30pm.

**As in years past, we will need several volunteers to bake and donate pies for all to enjoy, so please sign up on our Opportunities to Serve cards or at the Welcome Center.*

Worship Times

**Wednesdays 6:00pm-6:30pm
Sundays 8:30am & 10:35am**

All Saints Worship

Sunday, November 5
8:30am & 10:35am



On November 5 we will be observing All Saint's Day at our worship services. Candles will be lit in memory of all those from our congregation who have died over the past twelve months. During the service an opportunity will also be given to everyone to come forward to light a candle in memory of a loved one(s).

Poinsettias On Sale Soon!

Order your Christmas poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. They are \$12 each and can be left at church for delivery to a homebound member or can be picked up beginning Wednesday, December 27 during regular business hours. Please designate your preference on the order form. **Will you help out by delivering donated poinsettias to a homebound member?** Please sign up on the November Opportunities to Serve or contact Pastor Seyward at 796-2522.



Praise & Play Preschool

Faith families we need your help!
Please spread the word about the
only Christian preschool in the NLS
school district - right here at Faith~
Praise and Play!



**Praise & Play Preschool
Openings still available!**

October Activities

Themes: Apples, Fire Safety, Harvest-Pumpkins For Art, we made apple pies with oatmeal, painted apples, made fire hoses, a fire dog puppet and a rainbow. Cutting practice many days. It's a hard skill to master.

Bible Stories: In October we were concentrating on Noah building the Ark, bringing in all the animals and God's promise of the rainbow.

Table time has included learning several board games including Dominoes, ABC Memory, Paw Patrol, Squirrel in the Tree.

Our dramatic play featured an apple store with real apples, later made into our own real applesauce. Next it transferred into a fire station with several houses on our walls that needed fires put out daily.

We took our first field trip to the Spicer Fire Station on Tuesday, October 17.

Those real fire trucks are so big and all the equipment each fireman has to wear! A big thank you to the Spicer Firemen for having us.

In science, we used our magnifying glasses to study all the parts of an apple as well as looking at fall leaves and nuts with them.

Our big blocks are great fun. Also a great learning time-problem solving, critical thinking, sharing but most of all teamwork as you can see in the picture.

Our animal camping chairs are for our free reading time. The four kiddos pictured above decided to make their own reading club one day.

Chapel is held every Thursday at 10:40am. We light candles, sing praises, hear a story that goes along with our class themes of the month, pray and shake each other's hands while telling them "God be with you!"

Contact Patsy Cordes for more information. (320)796-2522 or pandp@faithspicer.org.



Sunday School
Sundays
9:30am-10:30am

In Sunday School this fall students are learning about faith as they study the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. We will see how these people are challenged by unknown journeys, unbelievable promises, and terrible life circumstances. Through these challenges these people trust and believe in God. Children will learn about the steadfast love God has for us and the importance of our faith.

*** No Sunday School Classes - LARGE Group Activity Instead- Sunday, November 26**

Wednesdays
6:35pm-7:35pm

FAITH SPROUTS

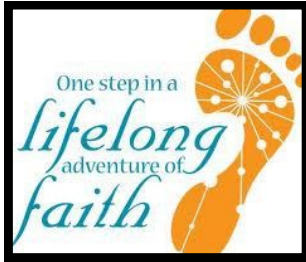


Faith Sprouts is a Wednesday night ministry for preschool through 6th grade led by Hannah Nelsen. Children are invited to join Hannah in the Conference Room as their parents are in adult education classes. The children will study the bible lesson taught the upcoming Sunday in a fun, large group setting. The children will play games, sing songs, read scripture, craft, and pray. Faith Sprouts and Sunday School teach the same lesson but the activities, setting, and study are unique enough where children benefit from both.

Children's Ministry Team Meeting
Tuesday, November 28
6:00pm at Zorbaz

The Children's Ministry Team, CMT, originally started as a group of Sunday school volunteers who would meet to briefly go over the next Sunday school lesson, while we still do this it has evolved into so much more! We have started discussing much further into the lesson. It is a very open discussion. We are empowering people to become leaders. Please join us if you have ever had an interest in being part of our Sunday school program, or just come and check it out. It has been great getting to know each other so much better!

On Sunday, October 29, fifteen 10th graders affirmed their baptism through confirmation. These students spent three years in instruction, small group discussion, and service projects. Congratulations!



James Buzzeo
Dolyn DeSchepper
Riana Halvorson
Zackary Hardebeck
Zachary Harlow

Taylor Harrier
Ethan Haugen
Patrick Larsen
Elias Martens
Andrew Nieland

Jenna Proehl
Emma Solsrud
Carter Swenson
Nathan Tebben
Payton Madison



Operation Christmas Child

Wednesday, November 15
6:35pm

Operation Christmas Child, one of Samaritan's Purse's ministries, is a worldwide event to share joy and the gospel with others. People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Churches and groups around the world pack and collect boxes in their community and then drop the boxes off at a Processing center. There the boxes are shipped to more than 100 countries where pastors and community leaders share the message of the Gospel and bless children with the boxes. In the next couple of weeks, pastors and volunteers will walk alongside children as they learn about Jesus Christ and their faith.

This year Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting an Operation Christmas Child packing party on November 15 at 6:35pm. Before that day we will be collecting toys, school supplies, personal care items, and clothing that can fit in a regular sized shoe box. We will also need money, because it costs \$9 to ship a box. Please watch for the donation boards in the Gathering Area. We hope you can contribute!

Children's Christmas Service Practice and Pizza Party

Saturday, December 16
9am-11am

We will be practicing our Christmas Program. All students ages 3 years old through 6th grade should attend. Parents, please watch your email for a list of the songs we will be singing. We will begin rehearsing in Sunday School starting October 29.

Children's Christmas Service

Sunday, December 17
10:35am

The Caterpillar – Grade 6 classes will share their annual Christmas service on Sunday, December 17 at the 10:35am service. Make plans now to invite all those special people in their lives to come and enjoy this event! We NEED your help to make this happen. Please let us know how you can help with the wonderful Christmas worship!





National Youth Gathering

**June 27- July 1, 2018
Houston, TX**

Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible Study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. Many youth look back on this event and say that it was one of the most impactful moments in their faith journey. Youth who have finished 8th grade through youth who just finished 12th grade by the time of the Gathering, may go on this remarkable experience.

**Early Bird registration ends November 10th so turn in your
\$150 Non-Refundable Deposit by then!!!**

**No Confirmation
Wednesday, November 22
Come to Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30pm instead!**



Now until December 31st all Teals receipts submitted will be doubled! That means instead of the 1% we typically receive back we will receive 2%! We've already seen this happen with a recent check for \$746 from Teals to be used for our Tuesday's Table Community Meal program. Please bring in your receipts and leave at the Welcome Center. Thank you for continuing to help fund our Tuesday Table dinner. ***You are making a difference!***

Family Promise Update

Faith hosted 3 homeless families the week of October 1-8. Thank you to those who volunteered your time! Family Promise is currently serving the maximum capacity of families (5). Word is out that the program is available, and the need is there.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering a few hours, just 5 times a year, WE NEED YOU! Each week we host, there are 72 volunteer slots to fill. They're all easy, and they're all necessary. We will be looking for ways to increase our number of participating volunteers. Any feedback can be given to Pastor Seyward or any Family Promise Committee member.

At the Family Promise County level, a Donor Dinner took place the evening of October 14. Musical entertainment was provided by Green Lake Bluegrass Band. Financial donations given to Family Promise of Kandiyohi County support the Director/Case Manager position, as well as the expenses of the van, and Day Center. Donation envelopes are always available at the Welcome Center.



The Green Lake Bluegrass Band provided entertainment at a recent Family Promise Donor Dinner on October 14.

The Mitten Tree

It's that time of year again - Christmas is around the corner! Faith is continuing a wonderful tradition of partnering with The Link and using a Mitten Tree to bring a little extra Christmas cheer to our area neighbors. Gifts and items will be purchased and delivered to them before Christmas. The Mitten Tree will be up by the Thanksgiving Eve service in our Gathering Area.

Please take a mitten, record your name and mitten number, purchase the item(s) listed on the mitten, and return the items per the instructions listed on the mitten. You can also help out by delivering these gifts in the weeks leading up to Christmas; watch for future Opportunities to Serve cards to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Seyward. Thank you for being part of this wonderful ministry to help a neighbor in need!



Watch for the Mitten Tree to be out soon. Plan now so you can help by purchasing a gift for someone in need.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Link has been chosen to receive the funds from the Dickens Christmas event on Saturday, December 9th. Plan to attend this fun, family friendly event. This year, there will be a high tea and fashion show. The Christmas Choir Concert to benefit The Link will be held Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm at Peace Lutheran Church.



Wildcat Backpack Program Update:

Each Friday, students participating in the program are receiving two entrees, two breakfast items, two juice boxes and two snacks for the weekend. The goal of the program is to ensure that all students arrive at school on Monday, fed and ready to learn. Because of your generous support, the Wildcat Backpack Program is already serving about 60 students each week and participation continues to grow! So far, \$18,000 has been raised to support kids in our community. Thank you!



Holiday Happenings:

Each year, The Link partners with area churches to help local families in need have a joyous holiday season. Thanksgiving food baskets and Christmas Joy (as we call it) will provide supplemental food and gifts. Please connect with Chasity if you are interested in sponsoring a family during the Thanksgiving or Christmas season by calling 320.354.5555 or email at outreach@youarethelink.org

“Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other.”

Tuesday's Table

November Schedule

Serving from 6:00-6:30pm

Nov. 7: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

Nov. 14: Evangelical Covenant Church

Nov. 21: Faith Lutheran Church

Nov. 28: Peace Lutheran Church

Household Exchange

& Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday: 9am-3pm

Thursday: 9am-3pm

3rd Wednesday: 4pm - 7pm

Revive + Redeem

Boutique | Thrift Hours

1st and 3rd weekend

Friday: 10am - 4pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Stock the Pantry

Key food items: Milk, eggs, bread, cereal, canned fruits & vegetables, noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly and tuna. Please contact Chasity at 354.5555 to make a donation of food.

Backpack Needs:

- Single serve, pop top, pull tab, easy open single servings of pasta and soup
- Fruit cups
- Veggie cups
- Breakfast/cereal bars
- Granola bars
- 100% juice boxes
- Cheese and crackers
- Single serve cereals
- Single serve oatmeal

The Link

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Shawna Roemeling

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Women of the ELCA November 2017 Bible Study

"The Apostles' Creed"

I Believe In the Holy Spirit

Bible Text: John 20:24-31

Quilting

November 13 & 14

November 27 & 28

9:00am-3:00pm

WELCA Board Meeting

November 13

After Quilting

Lydia/Mary Bible Study

November 15

9:30am (place TBD)

Hannah/Ruth Bible Study

November 15

1:30pm (place TBD)

Thanksgiving Treat Assembly

November 15

6:35pm-7:35pm

Rachel Bible Study

November 16

7:00pm (place TBD)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

November 22

6:30pm

WELCA General Meeting & Thankoffering

December 7

Everyone is invited to join us in our meetings, Bible studies and mission projects.


Contact Nona Oie 796-5554 for more information.

Altar Guild Members Needed

An Altar Guild member is a "behind the scene" person who helps the pastors provide a good spiritual worship service. We are looking for women, men, or couples who would be willing to assist with the setting up for communion & baptismal worship services, approx. 4 weekends a year (Saturday evening & 2 Sunday worship services) Contact Nona Oie 796-5554 for more information.

- 1) Bev Helgeson, Maddie Prentice, Parker Solberg
- 2) Nathan Kriese, Anitra Loe, Sharolyn Peterson, Tyson Prentice, LuAnn Sogge, Daniel Vanderwerf
- 3) Harvey Arends, Trudi Wall
- 4) Diane Doty, Jonah Louwagie, Peggy Morrison, Phil Scheevel
- 5) David Dietz, Karen Erickson, Allen Hillstrom, Henry Vetsch, Jason Wig
- 6) Rylee Johnson, Don Meyer, Jan Munkvold, Cheryl Nordby, Rosie Peterson
- 7) Stacy Brisendine, Kelly Eckhoff, Rhonda Otteson, Connie Swanson, Paige Verch
- 8) Tommy Anderson, Linda Hedlund, Tony Johanneck, Pat Nelsen, Jill Rohman, Casey Sandven, Garret White
- 9) Sadie Hatlestad, Ashley Hood, Kassondra Loftness, Betty Nordby, Jeff Paffrath, Cora Paulson
- 10) McCall Amundson, Tom Jacobson, Mary Peterson, Gerald Sebey, Josh White
- 11) Jane Brisendine, Lori Chastek, Elizabeth Lippert
- 12) Bea Anderson, Pat Carlson, Evangeline Dalton, Megan Field, Kellon Hanson, Maddysen Johnson, Ingrid Malchow, Thelma Sogge, Nicholas Suchy, Abby Sweep, Tracy Tebben
- 13) Linda Bundy, Mike Bundy, Harley Davenport, Wendy Engelbrekt, Aaron Finstrom, Jean Lindemann, Kathryn Smith
- 14) McKenna Field, Malayna Kolar, Grant Lien
- 15) Kyle Collins
- 16) Melba Lundeen, Alexandra Maynard, Lynette Nelson, Betty Rodi, Miranda Tebben
- 17) Archer Haats, Evan Haugen, Ruth Idstrom, Leon Zimmerle
- 18) Kaitlyn Anfinson, Suzanne Harlow, Renner Haven, Ryan Michelson, Gary Noehl, Michael Vanderwerf
- 19) Ron DeZeeuw, Elaine Iverson, Gary Mikkelson, Alex Swanson
- 20) Wyatt Allen, Jennifer Russell, Roger Schroeppl
- 21) Travis Aufderheide, Mary Barber, Collin Bice, Emma Bice, Michael Fossen, Todd Willen
- 22) Kailey Collins, Adam Jensen, Kendall McComb, Al Rohman, Nathan Tebben
- 23) Dan Joneson, Kathy Munsell, Quinn Rosendahl, Breck Thompson
- 24) Rayah Erickson, Brian Gieseke, Melvin Rohner, Renae Thompson, Christopher Weber
- 25) Ian Kastner, Cadie Meyer, Carter Stenberg
- 26) Ed Fick, Emily Peterson, Matt Peterson, Mackenna Radunz, Katelyn Swenson
- 27) Kelsey Fredrick, Lyle Weismantel
- 28) Mike McDonnell
- 29) Art Driggs, Peter Mortenson, Annabelle Roebke
- 30) Dayton Lien, Diane Madden, Zachary Trettin, Chris Ward



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:30am-5pm Preschool 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm-6:30pm Worship 6:35pm-7:35pm Education Hour 7:45pm Faith After Hours (Choir)	2 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 12pm-1pm NLS Ministerial 4pm-6:30pm Just For Kix	3	4 9am Bible Study 2pm Warehoused Movie
5 8:30am All Saints Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School/Blood Pressure Checks 10:35am All Saints Worship *Special Offering - Local Food Shelves <i>Daylight Savings</i>	6 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 8:30am Amazing Bible Study 10:30am Staff	7 7:30am-5pm Preschool 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Our Lady of Lakes	8 7:30am-5pm Preschool 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm-6:30pm Worship 6:35pm-7:35pm Education Hour 7:45pm Faith After Hours (Choir)	9 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 4pm-6:30pm Just For Kix 6pm Council	10 Office Closed All Day 6:30pm Hobby Night	11 9am Bible Study
12 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School 10:35am Worship 4pm Prairie Arts Chorale Concert *Opportunity to Serve Cards	13 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 8:30am Amazing Bible Study 9am-3pm Quilting 10:30am Staff 3pm WELCA Board Meeting 5:30pm Mission Resource Team Meeting	14 7:30am-5pm Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Evangelical Covenant Church	15 7:30am-5pm Preschool 9:30am Lydia/Mary Circle 1:30pm Hannah/Ruth Circle 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm-6:30pm Worship 6:35pm-7:35pm Service Project 7:45pm Faith After Hours (Choir) Forecaster Submissions Due	16 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 4pm-6:30pm Just For Kix 6:30pm Faith On Tap @ Goat Ridge Brewery in New London 7pm Rachel Circle	17	18 9am Bible Study 7pm West Central Singers Concert
19 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School 10:35am Worship Return food shelf bags	20 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 10:30am Staff 4:30pm Link Board Meeting	21 7:30am-5pm Preschool 10:30am Lutheran Social Service Caregiver Meeting 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Faith	22 5pm-6:15pm Meal 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:30pm Faith After Hours (Choir)	23 Office Closed All Day 	24 Office Closed All Day	25 9am Bible Study
26 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour/ Large Group SS Activity 10:35am Worship *Family Promise Week Begins	27 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 8:30am Amazing Bible Study 9am-3pm Quilting 10:30am Staff	28 7:30am-5pm Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Peace Lutheran 6pm CMT Meeting	29 7:30am-5pm Preschool 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm-6:30pm Worship 6:35pm-7:35pm Service Project 7:45pm Faith After Hours (Choir)	30 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 4pm-6:30pm Just For Kix		

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Worship Times

Labor Day — Memorial Day

At Faith Lutheran Church

Wednesdays 6:00pm-6:30pm

Sunday at 8:30am & 10:35am

Education Hour at 9:30am

Memorial Day — Labor Day

At Green Lake Bible Camp Chapel

Saturday at 6:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am

At Faith — Sunday at 10:00am

Bell Tower Update

Don't forget we are still collecting donations to get our bell tower operational again. As of today we have \$3,025 in our bell tower fund. So, we are half way there! Memorial monies can always be designated for our bell tower. Let's get it ringing again!

