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- Faith On Tap

February 2018



Faith Forecaster

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*I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!” Psalm 122:1*



Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

February is often a month of transition. Little by little the days get longer, the temperatures transition from bitter cold to cold but bearable, and February brings a transition in the seasons of the church as we move from the revealing of the presence of who Jesus is in the season of Epiphany to what Jesus does in the season of Lent. Lent begins fairly early this year, as we remember we are dust and to dust, we shall return on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

The season of Lent directs our attention to the call to turn from our sin and to return to the covenant that God has made with us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent is a time for us to consider the reality of what God does for us in and through the covenant of baptism.

The theme for our Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship Services will be "Games People Play." We will be invited to see through the games we play, how we are able to understand our relationships with others and with God. In the Faith Lutheran Gathering Area, we will have childhood board games set up for all ages. We encourage you to take a moment or two and play a game. You are also invited to bring your favorite game to church on Wednesday evenings so we might get to know one another a little bit better.

As we enter this season of Lent, may we take a RISK as we get to know our neighbors. May we not get too TWISTERed up in life's little worries. May we recognize when we are to say SORRY. In times of TROUBLE or when the busyness of life brings HEADACHEs and we feel we don't have a CLUE, may we CONNECT FOUR one another. And may we see God at work in the game of LIFE.

Your Partner In Play and Praise,
Pastor Todd

Let's Meet!

Mission Resource Team

Monday, February 5
5:30pm

Parish Arts Team

Monday, February 5
6:30pm

Council

Thursday, February 8
6:00pm

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 January:

Leland Lundberg
Jim Stinson
Mary Ann Sogge
Dick & Marge Bergo
Tom Lindemann
Kathy Quam
Jo Julius
Kent Kircher
Sara Goebel
Tom Beyer
Roger Radel
Joyce Finstrom Jensen

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8am-4pm
Closed Monday, February 19

Don't forget!

The first Sunday of each month our Parish Nurse is here to do free blood pressure checks. Head to office 114 on the east side of the gathering area to have yours checked.



Simply Giving



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!



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.

Faith's Digital Kiosk



Faith 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.

Winter Weather Alerts



Faith Lutheran Church follows the NL-S school district closing for our activities. This includes preschool, Confirmation and the church office. Check for cancellations on Q102.5 FM radio's Operation Snow Desk, look on www.yourq102.com or check our Facebook page.



Mission Plan for 2017

\$631,742.00

Year to date, as of December 31:

Offering Received	= \$624,384.45
Actual Expenses	= \$631,013.36
Excess Expenses	= -\$6,628.91

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 (6:35pm-7:35pm)

February 7

- ⇒ Sprouts w/Hannah Nelsen (pre K - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ Confirmation Class
- ⇒ SEED Bible Study written by Priscilla Shirer led by Joy White

February 14

- ⇒ No Education or Service Project
- ⇒ (Ash Wednesday Worship)
- ⇒ Palm Sunday Cantata Rehearsal 7:15pm (special time)

February 21

- ⇒ Sprouts w/Hannah Nelsen (pre K - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ SEED Bible Study written by Priscilla Shirer led by Joy White
- ⇒ Palm Sunday Cantata Rehearsal

February 28

- ⇒ Sprouts w/Hannah Nelsen (pre K - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ SEED Bible Study written by Priscilla Shirer led by Joy White
- ⇒ Palm Sunday Cantata Rehearsal

Beginning Wednesday, February 21 from 5:15pm-5:50pm all Confirmation kids meet with your mentors through March 21.

February Menu

February 7 - Shredded beef on a bun, pasta salad

February 14 - Goulash, corn & roll

February 21 - Build a burrito w/white rice & fixings

February 28 - Chili w/fixings, salad & garlic toast

February Education

SEED by Priscilla Shirer

SEED is a unique Bible study experience for those who long to dive deeply into the Scriptures. Join Priscilla as she relays three distinct spiritual principles. As God's spirit shines the searchlight of conviction, comfort, and challenge on the reality of your circumstances, you will hear His voice in an intimate and practical way. You'll walk away from this study with a revitalized relationship with the Lord and renewed interest for His Word.

You can purchase the SEED member book from smile.amazon.com. It is a good idea to read before you come but not completely necessary. If you are unable to purchase the book please call Joy in the office at 796.2522.

Palm Sunday Cantata

Learn to sing with the choir! Faith will present a Passion Cantata entitled "At His Name" on Palm Sunday. Participation in this cantata is open to anyone in the congregation who would like to sing – no experience necessary! Rehearsals run for 6 weeks, from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. The cantata will be presented at the two Palm Sunday morning services. We would love to have a large mass choir participate in this special service. Please consider joining us. Even if you can't be at all the rehearsals, you are welcome to sing!

Feast meal volunteers NEEDED

We continue to need volunteers to help serve and clean up on Wednesday evenings. It's easy work and it doesn't take too long. It's a great way to involve your whole family. A sign up list is always at the Welcome Center. Please consider helping to serve or clean up one meal in 2018. Thank you!

No Service Project for February

Thank You

Thank you for the Thanksgiving treats and Christmas poinsettia. They were very appreciated.
Jim Werner

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia plant.
Karen Berg

Thank you all for the nice Christmas gifts you gave me. I can use them and it's very appreciated.
Amy Suckstorff

Thank you for thinking of me over the holidays. I enjoyed the tin of cookies and beautiful poinsettia.
Georgie Rannestad

Thank you to Faith for the treats. Big thank you everyone.
Esther Vorliceck

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gifts. We had a lot of smiling faces over the holidays due to your generosity and time. The patients were extremely happy that Santa was able to find his way to them.
CABHS Staff & Patients

Thank you for the very generous donation given to Rice Hospice. It is because of gifts such as yours that we are able to provide exceptional end of life care to the patients and families we serve.
Sincerely,
Mary Beth Potter - Rice Hospice Director

Thank you for the \$1,001 donation! This means a lot to us and the people in Kandiyohi County that we help. We appreciate you thinking of us.
Kandiyohi County Food Shelf Directors and Staff

Thank you for your gift of \$100 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you for joining with the whole church in this season of unprecedented generosity as, together, we support communities hard-hit by hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires.
Rev. Daniel Rift - Director, ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal

Thank you for your donation of \$233.33 you made in November to support the work The Link does.
Rhonda Otteson - Director

Thank you for your generous donation of \$177.26 to Safe Avenues. Our services include emergency shelter, safety planning, safe supervised parenting time, and assistance to victims in their search for jobs, housing, childcare and more.
Thank you for your support,
Safe Avenues



Hello from the Faith Lutheran Church nursery!!

My name is Megan Rooney, I am a lifetime member here at Faith and I recently returned to town after completing my early childhood degree in Moorhead. I wanted to kick off 2018 by reintroducing the nursery.

The nursery is open Sunday mornings 8:15-11:30am and Wednesdays evenings 5-7:45pm. The nursery is open to all children ages 3 and under. Two staff are in the nursery during the hours listed so feel free to drop off your kiddo(s) and enjoy a peaceful service! If the staff feels there is getting to be too many children for them to handle they may ask you to stay in the nursery to help out.

Please let the staff know if your child has any food allergies as there is often some food present and we have some snacks to share. If your child is in diapers and may need a change please let the staff know if it is okay for them to change your child or if you would rather be the one to do it. We have a random assortment of various brands and sizes of diapers but there is no guarantee that we have the right size or same brand as your child wears. If they have sensitive skin and wear a specific brand as a result please let the staff know and provide your own diapers and wipes.

We look forward to seeing both old and new faces in the nursery this year!

Nursery staff,
Megan, Emma, Caden, Nathan, Maddie, and Grace

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Thank you!

A big thank you to 3 of our Council members who have completed their terms: Ron Peterson, Brian Jensen and Sonja Madson our student representative.

Brian Jensen has taken the Property Manager position at Faith Lutheran Church. Thanks again to Gary Lagerstedt who retired at the end of the year. There will be a coffee thank you time for Gary in February.

Ongoing Opportunities

The Amazing Collection Bible Study

Mondays
8:15am

The Amazing Collection Bible Study, continues at Faith Lutheran. We meet Monday mornings in the Faith Fireside Room, gathering at 8:15am to grab our coffee and visit a bit, with the study beginning at 8:30am. This is a community Bible study. Join us as often as you can. If you have questions, please call Diane Minke (796.2612) or Janae Rambow (320.905.1067). **No Bible study Monday, February 19.**

Hobby Night

Friday, February 9

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

Thursday, February 15

Faith On Tap

Thursday, February 15
6:30pm

Join us at Faith on Tap on Thursday evening, February 15 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 - Volunteers Needed

Tuesday, February 20
6:00pm - 6:30pm

Join us for this free community meal right here at Faith!

Women's Bible Study Circles

Wednesday, February 21
9:30am - Lydia/Mary Circle - Fireside Room
1:30pm - Hannah/Ruth - Fireside Room
Thursday, February 22
1:30pm - Rachel - Sandy George's

We use the "Gather Magazine" from Augsburg Publishing for our studies. Check your weekly worship bulletins for updates or changes of locations. All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to join one of the Bible Study Circles. For more info contact Nona Oie at 796-5554.



Team Work - At it's best!

Personnel Policy Team

The Executive Committee has decided that a team should be formed to review and update the existing policies and amend or create a new handbook governing personnel policies. Jeff Johnson will serve as the chairperson. We are seeking volunteers to serve on this team and help formulate these policies. Volunteers should have access to a computer and be familiar with or willing to learn how to use Microsoft Word and/or Google Docs. If you are interested in being part of this very important 5 or 6 person ministry or desire more information, please contact Jeff Johnson at 320-905-1539. It is anticipated that the Team will kick off their important work soon.

Video Team Training

Wednesday, February 21
5:30pm & 6:35pm

Have you ever missed a sermon but wish you could have heard it? Well now you can! If you would like to be a part of the Video Team come to the training. You don't need to commit just come and check it out and see if it's something you would be interested in doing. We've got the equipment, now we just need the willing and able bodies of volunteers to make it happen.

You can choose from two different times to come. If you have questions please call the church office.

Tuesday's Table Team

Our team is in need of more helpers. We serve a free community meal every 3rd Tuesday of the month here at Faith. We have a stable crew of cooks but we could use a few more volunteers to help serve and clean up. You can do it once or twice or make it a monthly tradition for yourself and even your family. Check out the monthly Opportunity to Serve Cards found in your bulletins on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Family Promise Team

Our Family Promise Committee at Faith has had five (5) very faithful volunteers steering the way. We are now down to four (4) volunteers, along with Pastor Seyward. **We need 1 or 2 more volunteers to be on this committee.** As with any volunteer committee, a rotation of members is healthy. Please give this your prayerful consideration. Contact Pastor Seyward at 796-2522 if you are interested.

Make Faith the church of YOUR choice!

Interested in becoming a member at Faith? Consider attending our Faith 101 class!

Please attend our Faith 101 classes! This three-week course is for people wanting to learn more about our church and the ministries and programs we have to offer.

Class #1 will be offered Sunday, February 18 (9:45-10:30am) **and** Wednesday, February 21 (6:35-7:30pm) - *choose one to attend*

Class #2 will be offered Sunday, February 25 (9:45-10:30am) **and** Wednesday, February 28 (6:35-7:30pm) - *choose one to attend*

Class #3 will be offered Sunday, March 4 (9:45-10:30am)

*New members will be officially welcomed on Sun., March 4 during our 10:35am worship. Please contact Pastor Seyward to sign up.

SHROVE (FAT) TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Youth Fundraiser

The Faith Lutheran Youth traveling to the National Youth Gathering are hosting a Shrove (Fat) Tuesday Pancake Dinner from 5:00pm- 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 13.

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice and Coffee will be served.

Cost for the meal is \$10.00 for Adults, \$7.00 for kids 4-11, Kids 3 and under eat free.

THE CASE FOR CHRIST

Movie Night
Friday, February 23
6:00pm

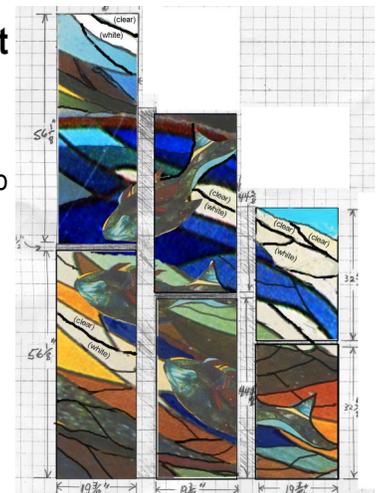
In 1980, Lee Strobel's (Mike Vogel) award-winning, investigative reporting earns him a promotion to legal editor at the Chicago Tribune. Things at home aren't going nearly as well. His wife Leslie's (Erika Christensen) newfound faith in Christ compels Lee to utilize his journalistic and legal training to try and disprove the claims of Christianity, pitting his resolute atheism against her growing faith.

We will show this in the community room. Bring a snack and your favorite beverage (non-alcoholic of course) and join us for this thought provoking and true story. Ages 13 and up. Runs approx. 2 hours.

Stained Glass Project

A group of almost 20 people met on Sunday, January 7, to discuss the Stained Glass Windows Project. It was exciting to see the interest and expertise that those people shared!!! The Parish Arts Team met on January 14 to move forward with this project. We have been given some money which enables us to proceed with initial

steps in this project which involves getting patterns printed to scale for the windows. We will be using the glass taken from the churches in our building history, but we will need to purchase supplies such as the leading and possible additional colored glass to complete the design. It is anticipated this project will cost about \$1500 and we hope this money can be obtained through memorials and honorariums. If you would like to be a part of this project and were unable to attend the meeting, please let the Parish Arts Team or church office know. Watch for updates in future Forecasters.



EVERYDAY REFORMERS

SWMN SYNOD EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS DAY

Saturday, February 10

8:30am – 3:30pm

Vinje Lutheran & Bethel Lutheran, Willmar, MN

Keynote Speaker-Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Join us for an exciting day of workshops and learning as together we grow in our Faith. If you would like to attend, please speak with either Pastor or sign up on the sheet posted at the Welcome Center. Your registration will help the Synod plan for materials and meals.



Camp Sunday

Sunday, February 11

Our very own, Hannah Nelsen will be our preacher for Camp Sunday. We will sing Camp Songs, Learn about Summer Bible Camp Opportunities offered by Green Lake Lutheran Ministries and maybe even play a couple of camp games. To learn more about camping opportunities at GLLM check out the GLLM Website at GLLM.org or pick up a brochure from the Welcome Center. **Everyone is invited to wear your camp attire and flip flops to worship on Sunday to show your support of Camp Sunday!**



Good News, Good Brews Men's Retreat

February 9 - 11

Join Pastor Reggie Klindworth and Dave Eliason at the Medayto Lodge at Green Lake Bible Camp as they share the Good News and walk you through the craft brewing process. No matter the experience level, come join us for a great opportunity for crafting, conversation and community. Experience the brewing process from start to finish-you'll even go home with some of your own home brew! Go to GLLM.org to sign up or call 796.2181.

* Fee: \$145 includes 2 nights lodging (double occupancy), snacks, four meals and supplies.



Mark Your Calendar For Faith Family Camp

Faith Lutheran will once again participate in Family Camp at Camp House in Brimson, Minnesota. Faith's dates for family camp are August 9th to the 12th. If you are interested in learning more about Family Camp please speak to Pastor Todd.

Two exciting musical opportunities happening in February!

Palm Sunday Cantata

We're trying something new this year for Palm Sunday. We're going to present a Passion Cantata entitled "At His Name" on Palm Sunday. Participation in this cantata is open to anyone in the congregation who would like to sing – no experience necessary! If you like to sing but can't find time to sing regularly, here's an opportunity to sing over a short period of time – 6 weeks, from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. Our first rehearsal will be right after the Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:15pm and then each Wednesday night following the Feast worship service. Rehearsal will last 45 minutes to an hour and will conclude with presenting the cantata to the congregation at the two Palm Sunday morning services. *Regular Choir rehearsal will continue to be at 7:45pm on Wednesdays.* We would love to have a large mass choir participate in this special service. Please consider joining us. Even if you can't be at all the rehearsals, you are welcome to sing!

New Lenten Liturgy

There will be a new liturgical setting presented on Sunday, February 18 (First Sunday in Lent) that we will use this year during the Lenten season. It's entitled "Mercy, Come Again O Lord" and uses folk songs as its musical basis. Psalm 51, (a Psalm of repentance) provides most of the lyrics for the service. Many of you will recognize the melodies and the lyrics that are used and should find learning this new music to be pretty easy. Our hope is that this will provide another helpful and meaningful way to walk through the Lenten journey again this year.

LENT

Ash Wednesday

February 14
6:00pm

Lent Worship Services

Wednesdays
February 21 - March 21
6:00pm

Maundy Thursday

March 29
7:00pm

Good Friday

March 30
7:00pm

We will continue with our Wednesday meals from 5:15pm-5:50pm before Lenten worship. (No meal March 28)

Worship Times

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

Special Music

February 11 & 25

Chancel Choir sings at both services

February 14 - Ash Wednesday Worship 6:00pm

Faith After Hours

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays in February

7:45pm

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

Special Practice Time February 14 @ 7:15pm

February Scriptures

Feb. 4 ~ Isaiah 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

Feb. 11 ~ 2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Feb. 18 ~ Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Feb. 25 ~ Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38



Winter Fun and Animals of the Cold

Art: Paint real snow, paint with colored ice cubes, and make our names with snowballs (mini marshmallows) make matching mittens and a polar bear.

Dramatic Play Area: Ice fishing area and igloos made with white tablecloths over our tables.

Stories Read: When Winter Comes; Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit; Snow Day; The Missing Mitten Mystery.

S.T.E.M. activities: Build with toothpicks and mini-marshmallows, make all kinds of towers with small paper plates and small plastic glasses, magnetic discoveries and designs out of sparking glass beads.

Small Group: Play follow-the-leader with different exercises; Build indoor forts, then play snowball fight with wadded up newspapers, relay race with winter clothes, matching mittens, shaving snow.

Bible Stories: Our Bible stories center around Jesus and the miracles He did. Leaders for the day lead us in prayer during circle time. Pastors take turns leading us in worship on Thursdays in the sanctuary at 10:40am.

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

Faith families!
Please spread the word about the only Christian preschool in the NLS school district, right here at Faith~Praise and Play!

Herberger's
COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE®

Herberger's Community Days Booklet's go on sale February 1! Just \$5. Praise & Play receives 100% of the sale! Preschool parents are selling along with the Welcome Center.

Help support us by buying a booklet!

Donations Needed
Children's snow shovels
& plastic sleds.

We have openings yet for this year and have started taking registrations for 2018-19! Send in a \$35 non refundable registration fee along w/ registration forms - found on our website, faithspicer.org

Sunday School

Sundays

9:30am-10:30am

Check out what our Sunday school kids are up too!

- ⇒ February 4: The Good Samaritan
- ⇒ February 11: Mary and Martha
- ⇒ February 18: The Lost Sheep and Coin

All children are welcome. If you haven't been to Sunday school yet this year, that's OK! Please come! Contact Hannah Nelsen at education@faithspicer.org for more information.



Sunday School February Offering

Sunday School offering will be going to Heifer International for the month of February.

By bringing offering, kids will be able to see how many animals they can donate to families in need!



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.

Wednesdays in February are: February 7, 21 & 28

No Sprouts February 14 do to ASH Wednesday Worship Service at 6:00pm.

Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 27

6:30pm (place TBD)

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!



Sunday School will sing February 25 at the 10:35 service.



FAT Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 13 5pm-7pm

Bring an empty belly to Faith's Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper for some delicious pancakes and sausage! Fat Tuesday's pancake supper is a great chance for you and your family to help our youth fundraise for their National Youth Gathering Trip to Houston Texas.

Youth from 7th to 12th Grade sign up to work at the FAT Tuesday Pancake Supper. Money you earn is added to your youth account and can pay for Bible Camp, Youth Gathering, Youth Trips and Events. A sign up sheet will be posted outside of the main office.

Advanced tickets are available at the Welcome Center.

Adults: \$10

Children (ages 11-4): \$7

Kids (3 and under): Eat Free!

Confirmation Kids!

Beginning February 21 and every Wednesday through Lent you will meet with your own personal confirmation mentor. Your mentor will call on you to set up a specific time for a guided conversation to meet on these Wednesdays, from 5:15pm-5:50pm. You will meet for 1/2 and hour and then all confirmation kids are expected to go to Lenten Worship service at 6:00pm.

Who Wants to SKI?!

**Andes Tower Hills
Sunday, February 18
10am-5pm**



Cost for Ski Lift and Rentals: \$55

Cost for just Ski Lift: \$40

Permission slips required and due by Feb. 4

Will need extra money for food and drinks.

Contact Hannah Nelsen if interested at
(education@faithspicer.org)



We collect Teal's grocery & **GAS** receipts. We will receive 1% of all receipts we turn in. No matter what size of purchase you have, please bring in your receipts. All monies we receive go towards our Tuesday's Table meal. Thank you for continuing to help fund our community dinner.

Your receipts brought in over \$2,300 in 2017! Thank you!

Mission Donations Needed

Please take a look at the list below for items that our Women's Missions are in need of:

- ◆ yarn (all colors)
- ◆ t-shirts for diapers
- ◆ children's clothing up to size 2 (including t shirts, sleepers, sweaters, and socks, and receiving blankets)
- ◆ lightweight dark hand towels
- ◆ bars of individually wrapped ivory soap.

If you can help out please leave them in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

Easter Cards for Homebound

In past years, Faith has distributed remaining Easter lilies from our Easter Sunday services to our members who are homebound or in nursing home facilities. However, by the time Easter is over, the lilies are mostly wilted, making them not the best gift to give. This year, in place of the lilies, we will instead be sending a card of Easter blessings. If you know of a homebound member at Faith who would appreciate an Easter card this year, please contact Pastor Seyward. Thank you!

Faith Women's Missions

Quilting, baby care kits, school kits, personal care kits etc. It is true that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts when we think about our quilts and kits. From pieces of random fabric, thread, yarn, gently used colored sheets, and sometimes batting, we produce sturdy quilts to provide warmth and shelter. From old t-shirts come diapers, from pencils, crayons, paper, toothbrushes, towels, and other everyday items emerge baby care, school, and personal care kits to facilitate cleanliness and learning, health and education--and hope. The result is definitely greater than the sum of the common utilitarian items comprising the kits. We appreciate your support of these missions thru your donations of items needed or monetary contributions. We also invite you to join us in one or all of our mission projects. No experience necessary!! Watch the bulletin for meeting times or contact Nona Oie 796-5554 for more information.



Look what Faith has done!

Your donations to New 2 You have turned into \$180 of gift cards that will now go to Safe Avenues and help families that are in crisis. Whether you donated one item or many, on one occasion or several, thank you! You continue to make a difference in many lives right here in your community.



New 2 You is located on 1401 First St. S in Willmar and is open for donations from 10am to 5pm Monday thru Saturday, Thursday until 8pm. For donations of large household items, such as furniture and appliances, they offer free pick up for donors within close proximity to their store. Give them a call at 320-231-1850 if you have any questions.

What happened to the MFAD calendar?

You may have noticed there is no longer a Missionary For A Day calendar hanging outside the main office. Please note that we are still supporting our ELCA missionary, Pastor Elisabeth Johnson, and she very much depends on our donations to continue her missionary work in Cameroon. So while the calendar is no longer being used, Pastor Elisabeth still needs our support. Please consider donating as little as \$7 to support her for a day! You can read more about Pastor Elisabeth and her work in Cameroon from her most recent letter, which is posted outside the main office, or you can read her blog: camerooniangrace.wordpress.com. Thank you for your continued support!



A Year in Review

What an incredible year! As we take stock and look back at 2017 (and count our blessings), here are just a few examples of the ways your support has made a difference.

- ⇒ **January:** The Link moved its offices from Faith Lutheran Church to the old clinic in New London, consolidating our services in preparation for the opening of the Food Pantry.
- ⇒ **February:** The Link Food Pantry opened in response to a growing need for food resources in the community.
- ⇒ **June:** Another successful (and delicious) Rib Fest raised \$16,000 to support people in need.
- ⇒ **September:** The Wildcat Backpack Program was launched to ensure that all children arrive at school fed and ready to learn by receiving weekend food AND Revive and Redeem Boutique + Thrift opened its doors to raise additional funds to support The Link's mission.
- ⇒ **December:** The Christmas Choir Concert and the Dickens' Christmas events combined raised almost \$8,000!

2017 IMPACT

Outreach: 252 households (332 adults /182 kids) received financial assistance and/or connected to other resources and referrals to stabilize their situation.

Food Pantry: 357 households (503 adults & 386 kids) received food through the Food Pantry. Over 12,267 pounds of food were donated by the community.

Just the Basics: 147 households (228 adults & 159 kids) received household and hygiene items to help stretch their budget.

Household Exchange: 90 households received free, basic household/furniture items.

Wildcat Backpack Program: Almost 700 bags of weekend food were packed and provided to NL-S students to ensure that they arrive at school on Monday, fed and ready to learn.

Tuesday's Table: Hundreds of volunteers were engaged, serving 7,068 meals—WOW!

Save the Date!

March: Minnesota Food Share Month

Saturday, April 28: "Just the Basics" Household & Hygiene Distribution

Sunday, June 10: Rib Fest



Tuesday's Table

February Schedule

Serving from 6:00-6:30pm

Feb. 6: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

Feb. 13: Evangelical Covenant Church

Feb. 20: Faith Lutheran Church

Feb. 27: Peace Lutheran Church

Household Exchange & Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday: 9am-3pm

Thursday: 9am-3pm

3rd Wednesday: 4pm - 7pm

Revive + Redeem *NEW HOURS*

Boutique | Thrift Hours

Tuesday: 9am-3pm

Thursday: 9am-3pm

Special Weekend:

Friday, February 9 from 10am-3pm

Saturday, February 10 from 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.

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Women of the ELCA

Women of the ELCA February 2018 Bible Study

Multiple meanings - Learning from other interpretations
Prepare the Way of the Lord
Devotional: Luke 3:3-17

Quilting

February 12 & 13 - 9:00am-3:00pm
February 26 & 27 - 9:00am-3:00pm

Lydia/Mary Bible Study

February 21 - 9:30am in the Fireside Room

Hannah/Ruth Bible Study

February 21 - 1:30pm in the Fireside Room

Rachel Bible Study

February 22 - 1:30pm at Sandy George's

Bold Women's Day

February 25 - Are You BOLD

Everyone is invited to join us in our meetings, Bible studies and helping with our mission projects. Quilters need people to iron and cut materials. No experience necessary!
Contact Nona Oie 796-5554 for more information.



BOLD WOMEN'S DAY

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

(Celebrate the bold women in your life)

Bold Women's Day--observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February--celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ. Are you bold?

Happy Birthday

- 1) Dianna Erickson, Brian Fredrick, Kira Grotelueschen, Riley Lorensen, Lois Meyer, Patrick Rolighed
- 2) Bev Bahr, Kendra Spillman
- 3) Dean Anfinson, Bonnie Rae Dutchak, Chelsea Eckhoff, Abby Reich, Craig Shuck, Aliza Strand
- 4) Jodi Chastek, Gary Hanson, Eddie Hauer, Paulette Lien
- 5) Gabriel Hoffman, Thurston Jorgensen, Lyndsey Paffrath-Bice, Brian Paulson
- 6) Palmer Dalton, Angela Geske, Austin Holden, Brian McComb, Laura Stafslie
- 7)
- 8) Joan Espelien, Isaac Jemielita, Annie Larson, Miranda Swenson
- 9) Jackie Condon, George Couleur, Darlene Lind, Riley Nelson
- 10) Doris Fossen, Kareen Hayden, Jessica Jacobsen, Alexandra Powell, Owen Quisberg, Greta Torison
- 11) Janet Novak, Jake Rooney, Lisa Sampson
- 12) Mari Kooiman, Shari May, Collin Peterson, Claire Verch
- 13) Colton Anfinson, Archer Brown, Lilly Doty, Joshua Proehl, Kyle Quinn, Caleb Reich, Brandon Shuck, Joel Steffensen
- 14) Rylee Bice, Loni Bultman, Lynda Manselle, Karen Peters, Sandy Radel, Gary Ruter, Phyllis Tompt
- 15) Pat Dwyer, Jacob Pederson, Lori Reich
- 16) David Spears
- 17) Lacey Ninow, Bryan Thorsrud
- 18) Aaron Halvorson, Ethan Haugen, Aaron Peterson, MacKenzie Wagner
- 19)
- 20) Vanessa Henjum, Diane Hoffman, Matthew Robnik
- 21) Josh Boone, Tom Lenz
- 22) Miclaryn Mandery, Diane Minke, Michael Nelson, Jean Paris, David Schmiedeker, Lindsay Sukalski
- 23) Jessica Eichhorst, Claire Fries, Blaine Goracke, Lolly Jammeh, Jaclyn Peterson, Jinae Plumhoff, Blake Shuck, Maurice Thompson
- 24) Mitchell Knight, Patty Kruger, Mark Lundberg, Todd Malchow, Jeremy Pavlicek
- 25) Leah Hardebeck, Lachlan Smith
- 26) Daryl Bengtson, Averi Prentice, Garmon Tipka
- 27) Paul Carlson, Kerin Christiansen, Kyndal Collins, Hadley Olness, Charlotte Pearson
- 28) Heather DeSchepper, Mylo Gjerde, Hayden Klebe, Ron Peterson, Joann Skaalrud, Roger Wig
- 29) Jarl Borresen

Easter Lily Orders

Purchase an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of a loved one for our Easter Sunday Services. Forms are available at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$12.00 per plant.

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 4pm-6:30pm JFK	2	3 8am-3pm Piano Festival 9am Bible Study
4 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School/Blood Pressure Checks 9:45am Mentor Training 10:35am Worship 2pm Piano Recital *Special Offering - Camp Scholarships	5 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 8:30am Amazing Bible Study 10:30am Staff 4pm-9:30pm JFK 5:30pm Mission Resource Team Meeting 6:30pm Parish Arts Team Meeting	6 7:30am-5pm Preschool 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Our Lady of Lakes	7 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)	8 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 4pm-6:30pm JFK 6pm Council	9 6:30pm Hobby Night	10 9am Bible Study
11 Camp Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School 10:35am Worship *Opportunity to Serve Cards	12 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 8:30am Amazing Bible Study 9am-3pm Quilting 10:30am Staff 4pm-9:30pm JFK	13 7:30am-5pm Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting 5pm-7pm FAT Tuesday Pancake Dinner 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Evangelical Covenant Church	14 7:30am-5pm Preschool 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm-7pm ASH Wednesday Worship 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	15 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 4pm-6:30pm JFK 6:30pm Faith On Tap @ Goat Ridge Brewery in New London Forecaster Submissions Due	16	17 9am Bible Study
18 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School 9:45am New Member Orientation 10am-5pm Youth Ski Trip 10:35am Worship	19 Office is Closed 4pm-9:30pm JFK	20 10:30am Lutheran Social Service Caregiver Meeting 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Faith	21 7:30am-5pm Preschool 9:30am Lydia/Mary Circle - Fireside Rm. 1:30pm Hannah/Ruth Circle - Fireside Rm. 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm-6:30pm Worship 6:35pm-7:35pm Education/ New Member Orientation 7:45pm Faith After Hours (Choir)	22 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 1:30pm Rachel Circle 4pm-6:30pm Just For Kix	23 6pm Movie Night "The Case for Christ"	24 9am Bible Study
25 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School 9:45am New Member Orientation 10:35am Worship -Sunday School sings Family Promise Week Begins	26 7:30am-5pm Pre-school 8:30am Amazing Bible Study 9am-3pm Quilting 10:30am Staff 4pm-9:30pm JFK	27 7:30am-5pm Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Peace Lutheran	28 7:30am-5pm Preschool 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm-6:30pm Worship 6:35pm-7:35pm Education/New Member Orientation 7:45pm Faith After Hours (Choir)			

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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

ASH Wednesday Worship

February 14
6:00pm

Lenten Worship Services

February 21 - March 21
6:00pm

Join us for... *Games People Play*