

Faith Talk!

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YES!!!

To Do

Go to the office 10/22
Preach on Sunday 10/27
(OMG! It's confirmation!)
Get Installed 11/2 @ 11am
(Bishop Jon is coming!)



You are Invited...

Pastor Yolanda's installation service

Saturday, November 2 at 11 a.m.

Lunch following the service

September 20, 2019

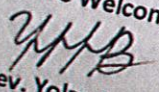
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Dear People of Faith:

It is with great honor that I write to accept the call to be your next pastor. I am overjoyed by the move of the Holy Spirit that has brought us together in this season of our lives.

I look forward to growing together with you as we share God's Love with all people. Together, may we be the hands, feet, and smile of Jesus Christ in the Becker community, and beyond, for many years to come.

All Are Welcome! (No Exceptions),


Rev. Yolanda Denson-Byers
Doctor of Ministry



*"All this could be just a dream, so it seems.
I was never much good at goodbye."*

From a Night Ranger song of my youth

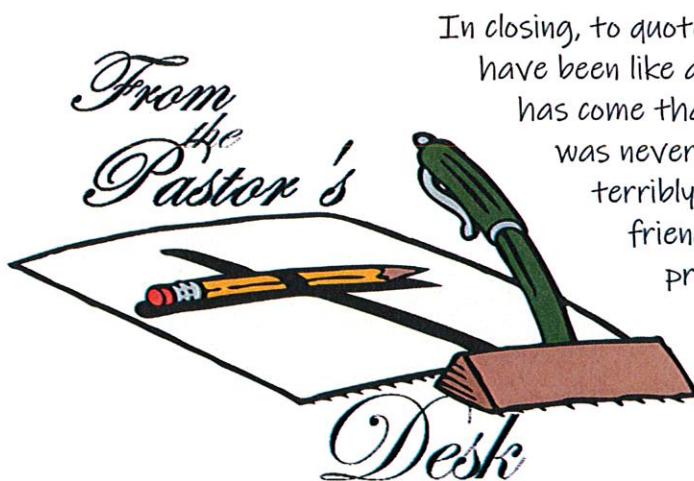
Nearly ten months ago, I received a phone call from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod office in Redwood Falls. "Hello, Mike. Would you consider interviewing for an interim position available in Becker?" I had no idea how life-changing that phone call would turn out to be.

Barely a month-and-a-half later, I found myself moving into the pastor's office here at Faith Lutheran to begin a stay that was likely to be eight months or possibly longer in duration. In the end, it was nine months, and I am thrilled that it worked out that way!

You people at Faith Lutheran will forever hold a special place in my heart. I was warmly received and have experienced much graciousness and hospitality during my tenure in Becker—memories I will cherish the rest of my days.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the staff members and leaders who have embraced me and made my life infinitely easier during my stay here. A special thanks to Donna Brown who I had the privilege of working alongside every day. I wish everyone could have the kind of joyful experience I have had at the places where they work.

My hope is that my interim ministry efforts at Faith Lutheran will prove beneficial to the future of this congregation as you welcome a new pastor into your midst. I am grateful to have witnessed and participated in successful Wednesday night programming. I am honored to have had so many opportunities to preach. My mediocre sermon jokes aside, I pray that my words helped the hearers to discover some new ways to engage and deepen their relationship with Jesus.



In closing, to quote the song above, in many ways my days in Becker have been like a dream—full of so much happiness! But the time has come that I must leave, and to quote the song again: I was never much good at goodbye. Thankfully, I won't be so terribly far away that I will never again see the many friends I have made at Faith Lutheran. I will be praying for you all. Thank you for all that you have done for me!

In Christ,
Pastor Mike Zaske



August 2019 & Year-to-Date Financial Analysis

Month of August

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<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs. Budget</u>
Contributions	\$12,286	\$14,658	\$ (2,372)
Facility Use Income	\$ 0	\$ 154	\$ (154)
Other Income	\$ 1	\$ 77	\$ (76)
Total Income	\$12,287	\$14,889	\$ (2,602)
Expenses	\$14,380	\$16,752	\$ 2,375
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (2,093)	\$ (1,863)	\$ (230)

<u>Mortgage Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs. Budget</u>
Contributions	\$ 6,355	\$ 5,321	\$ 1,034
(2,603)			

Year-to-Date

			+ / (-)
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs. Budget</u>
Contributions	\$102,522	\$124,568	\$(22,046)
Facility Use Income	\$ 625	\$ 1,308	\$ (683)
Other Income	\$ 6,631	\$ 8,154	\$ (1,526)
Total Income	\$109,775	\$134,030	\$(24,255)
Expenses	\$125,427	\$134,018	\$ 8,591
Net Income (Loss)	\$(16,653)	\$ 12	\$(15,664)

Mortgage Fund Transactions & Balance Summary

Initial Mortgage Fund balance 1/1/19	\$ 21,894
2019 Mortgage Fund Contributions to-date	\$ 47,123
Less total 2019 Mortgage Payments to-date	\$ 42,568
Equals Mortgage Fund balance 8/31/19	\$ 26,449

Simply Giving Program...

The gift of generosity

We thank everyone who has supported **Faith Lutheran Church** this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a

convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.



Visit **Faith Lutheran's website**, or find enrollment forms available on the kiosk, or contact Donna in the church office for more information.



On Sunday, October 27 we will be celebrating the **Affirmation of Faith** by our confirmands and the ongoing **Reformation of our church** with **ONE SERVICE at 9:30**. Please help welcome our newest members as they announce their intention to claim the promises that **we** first made on their behalf at their baptisms. Our confirmands are not only the church of tomorrow, but they are also the church of today. Let us join together as we seek to find how we are all called to continue to live out our mission in Christ.

Women of Faith's Annual Craft and Bake Sale!

The Women of Faith Lutheran host a Craft and Bake Sale each year open to the community. Mark your calendars... come and enjoy all the unique crafts displayed and spoil yourself with some wonderful baked goods!

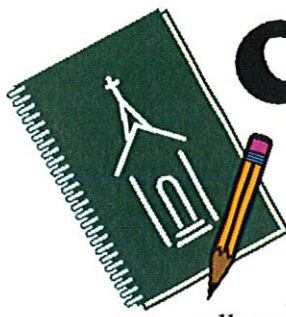
Saturday, November 9
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reserve a table for the day! Display spaces will be rented out; if you would like to rent a space or contribute crafts, please contact Joyce Sowers at 763-262-2879. Pass the word to your friends that space is available. Reserve a space:

\$25 – Faith Lutheran Church members and
\$35 – non church members

We look forward to the Baked items donated by our members... So please dust off your cookbooks and share those yummy treats with us. More information will be in the November Newsletter. So stayed

welcome everyone is tuned...



Council Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First, I would like to thank Pastor Mike Zaske for serving as our interim pastor! We were so blessed beyond words that he accepted the offer to be our interim pastor last fall as we started embarking on the call process. Personally, I've never been involved with a call process, so his guidance and wisdom to me and other leaders in this congregation for the CAT Survey and completing the Ministry Site Profile was invaluable! I will miss his jokes regarding a certain player on the Minnesota Twins team, and of course, his loyalty with the Notre Dame fighting Irish! I'll still keep his contact info in my cell phone because as I've told Pastor Mike on more than one occasion, you never say goodbye!

On Sunday, September 22, I was extremely excited to announce that Pastor Yolanda has accepted Faith Lutheran's call to be our settled pastor (see Pastor Yolanda's acceptance letter in this newsletter). What a wonderful time for our church! Her first day in the office will be on **October 22** and her first Sunday in the pulpit will be on **October 27** the same day as confirmation for this year's class. What an awesome service this will be!

Pastor Yolanda's installation service will be on Saturday, **November 2 at 11 a.m.** with lunch following the service. Bishop Jon Anderson and fellow clergy from the Southwest Minnesota Synod will be present to participate and witness Pastor Yolanda's installation. We hope that many members of our congregation will also be at this service to witness and support Pastor Yolanda as she starts her ministry at Faith Lutheran as well as give a heartfelt welcome to all the visitors!

First Annual Trail of Treats on Saturday, October 26 from 5 pm to 7 pm (see further information in this newsletter). This will be a fun and safe Halloween event for families! Children can come dressed in their Halloween costumes! Congregation members can decorate the trunks of their vehicles and load with treats (store bought wrapped treats) for the little ghosts and goblins! Kids and adults of all ages can enjoy a hayride on the church property, make smores at a bonfire, and enjoy hot chocolate and apple cider. There will be signup sheets for donation of smore ingredients, hot chocolate, apple cider, decorations, and helpers (including older youth). What a great way to open our church to the community for a safe and fun seasonal activity!

Donations of items to church – if you have any items that you would like to donate to the church, take a picture, and text, email, or see me at church. Now that we've done a good thorough cleaning of our church this spring and with the education wing remodel, before we accept donations, the Facility Review Team will determine if we have a use and where. Thanks!

In conclusion, thank you to the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church! We are so blessed beyond words that God has taken care of us through this pastoral transition as well as the many activities and projects this church has undertaken the past year and a half. We are faith strong – we are Faith Lutheran Church where all are welcome with no exceptions!



Blessings,
Sandy Engdahl, Council President

Youth NEWS & NOTES...

Sunday School and Grapple... Off to a GREAT Start!



The Sunday School year started strong on Rally Sunday... We had almost 50 kids join us! Our lesson was the lost sheep and the lost coin. The children learned that even if they get a little lost sometimes, God will never stop until he gets them back.



Grapple is going strong! The students learned about communication with people that were different than themselves! If you have any questions, please contact Katie Meyer at kdmam3@gmail.com.



Fun at Faith's Fall Festival

Yes... it was a rainy day for our Fall Festival, but that didn't dampen our spirits or enthusiasm! With the opening of the education wing this past year, we were able to hold or move many of the activities inside... and still enjoy outdoor activities as well! In fact, we had so much fun (and extra food and prizes) we extended the festival to the following day. So yes!... Sunday, after church services we enjoyed walking tacos, hot dogs, brats, cookies, watermelon and many of the activities that brought people in on Saturday!

Thanks to everyone for their support of this fun-filled event. From the generous donations of church members and local businesses to the hard work of committee members to everyone who braved the weather to come in on Saturday to those that stayed after church on Sunday....
 "a good time was had by all!"

Looking forward to another great turn out and something new... sunshine!... at next year's Fall Festival!



Pastoral Acts

Baptism

September 1 Everett Blake Henderson, son of
ReNita & Josh Henderson

Thank you to:

- ☺ The Money Counters
- ☺ Polly Anderson for helping with the September Newsletter assembly
- ☺ Pat Gedatus for picking up the Sanctuary flowers each week
- ☺ All the worship volunteers each Sunday in September
- ☺ LaVonne Lund for the TLC of the sanctuary each week
- ☺ Lynn Wilson for helping with the extra mailings



Would like to share something on Faith's FaceBook Page?

If you would like something added to our FaceBook page, please contact Kaelyn Lombard at kaerae10@icloud.com



Blessings on your Birthday!

Oct 1	Doug Wilke	Oct 17	Joey Isaacson
Oct 2	Nate Gunderson	Oct 17	Kathy Neill
Oct 3	Abigail Dove	Oct 17	Kim Golembeck
Oct 3	Bev Knutson	Oct 18	Cole Benson
Oct 3	Kendra Oliver	Oct 18	Kayden Rosendahl
Oct 4	Ethan Reed	Oct 19	Glenn Radeke
Oct 5	Margery Free	Oct 20	Kory Reiners
Oct 8	Katy Aanenson	Oct 20	Linda Balk
Oct 9	Kara Pickwall	Oct 21	Kelsey Pederson
Oct 9	Pat Gedatus	Oct 21	Nate Sydow
Oct 10	Becky Olmscheid	Oct 21	Patty Cook
Oct 10	Catrina Holm	Oct 21	Sally Berthiaume
Oct 10	Kaelyn Lombard	Oct 22	Anna Rosendahl
Oct 10	Shalana Bolton	Oct 22	Hank Bjerga
Oct 11	Betty Olson	Oct 22	Heather Vieau
Oct 12	Carolyn Free	Oct 23	William Mackedanz
Oct 12	Gretta Ihrke	Oct 24	Brad Rust
Oct 12	Megan Gorecki	Oct 24	Madi Rogers
Oct 12	Rylee Gunderson	Oct 24	Reese Gosch
Oct 13	Kaejen Tatge	Oct 25	Drake Rhodes
Oct 13	Riley Wilke	Oct 27	Kurt Haag
Oct 15	Jack Olmscheid	Oct 29	Clara Bond
Oct 15	Ron Hubbard	Oct 30	Katie Meyer
Oct 15	Ronn Hubbard	Oct 31	Matt Aho
Oct 16	Jona Jorgensen	Oct 31	Michelle Anderson
Oct 16	Mikayla Campbell		



Oct 1	Fred Goodrie	Oct 16	Gregg Engdahl
Oct 1	Jordan Quast	Oct 19	Hunter Sable
Oct 1	Kerry Sydow	Oct 21	Evan Hubbard
Oct 2	Meghan Swanson	Oct 24	Megan Gorecki
Oct 4	Audrey Oliver	Oct 25	Calleigh McDowell
Oct 5	Cheryl Larson	Oct 25	Donna Wagner
Oct 6	Michael Veldman	Oct 26	Doug Wilke
Oct 6	Paige Roesler	Oct 27	Caden McDowell
Oct 7	Jeremy Dove	Oct 27	Erik Brandt
Oct 8	Miranda Abrahamson	Oct 27	Olivia Peckskamp
Oct 9	John Anderson	Oct 28	Joey Isaacson
Oct 10	Cody Cook	Oct 28	Trinity Robinson
Oct 11	Cooper Pany	Oct 29	Betty Olson
Oct 14	Ava Connolly	Oct 29	Pat Seavert
Oct 14	Carter Aanenson	Oct 29	Tristan Pickwall
Oct 14	Deckard Delgado	Oct 31	Hope McDowell
Oct 14	Wesley Hansen		

Puzzle!

Each year, the Israelites had three harvests.
Find and circle these foods that the people gathered.

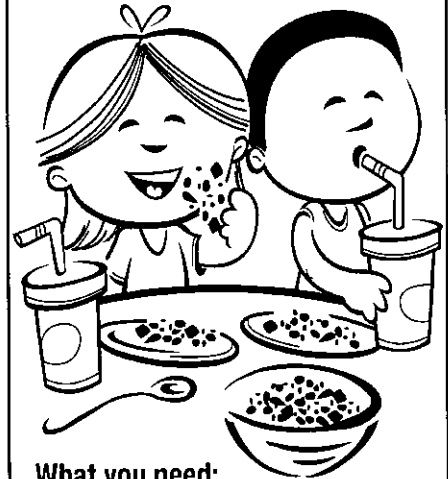
almonds	gourds	nuts
apples	grapes	olives
barley	herbs	onions
beans	leeks	pomegranates
cucumbers	lentils	rye
figs	melons	wheat

H A C B R Y E B R V E N
 G A U A S N O L E M S U
 R L C R F I G S T A T T
 A M U L I M B E H A N S
 P O M E G R A N A T E S
 E N B Y E S E L P P A K
 S D E H R O N I O N S E
 V S R E S G O U R D S E
 T I S M E S L I T N E L
 S E V I L O W H E A T H

HARVEST

* Trail Mix *

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BECKER

TRAIL OF TREATS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
5 PM TO 7 PM



HALLOWEEN TREATS GALORE!



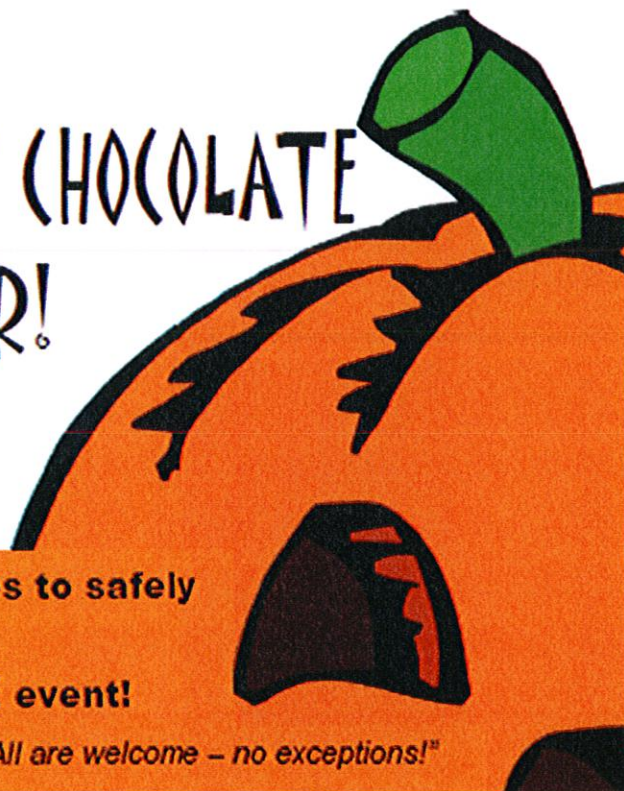
HAYRIDE!



SMORES, HOT CHOCOLATE
AND HOT CIDER!



BONFIRE!



**A great time for children of all ages to safely
celebrate the Halloween season!**

Come join in the fun at this FREE event!

Faith Lutheran Church of Becker "All are welcome – no exceptions!"

October 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Women of Faith 6:30 Joyous Ringers	2 9:00 Bible Study 5:15 Grapple 6:30 7 & 8th Grade 7:30 9th grade	3 <i>Pastor Mike's last day in the office</i>	4	5 <i>SWMN WELCA Fall Gathering at Bethlehem in St. Cloud</i>
6 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments ← Fall Theological Conference—St. Joseph →	7 <i>—Office Closed</i>	8 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Joyous Ringers	9 9:00 Bible Study 5:15 Grapple 6:30 7 & 8th Grade 7:30 9th grade	10 5:00 Council	11	12 9:00 Band practice
13 8:30 Band practice 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion, New Life Band and Baptism 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments	14 <i>—Office Closed</i>	15 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Joyous Ringers	16 9:00 Bible Study 11:00 Woodbriar NO CLASSES	17 ← MEA—No School →	18 <i>Newsletter articles due in the office</i>	19
20 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments	21 <i>—Office Closed</i>	22 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Joyous Ringers	23 9:00 Bible Study 5:15 Grapple 6:30 7 & 8th Grade 7:30 9th grade	24	25	26 9:00 Band practice 5-7pm Trail of Treats
27 <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 8:30 Band practice 9:30 Worship with Communion, Confirmation, New Life Band 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments	28 <i>—Office Closed</i>	29 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Joyous Ringers	30 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Newsletter assembly 5:15 Grapple 6:30 7 & 8th Grade 7:30 9th grade	31		

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Worship Schedule

October 6 9:30 am Worship

October 13 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, Baptism, New Life Band, Noisy Offering

October 20 9:30 am Worship

October 27 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion/Confirmation and New Life Band