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News and Views

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MISSION STATEMENT

"We are building a welcoming, nurturing faith community guided by Jesus to share the Gospel."

6 WEEKS ON MONEY

Have you ever wondered about how to budget, save, pay off debt, or build wealth? Have you ever wished your relationship with money were different? What if you could set aside 6 weeks to explore values, set meaningful goals, and use a system to help make progress every day?

Join us for a new course: 6 Weeks on Money

2 Options to attend:

Wednesday (6pm) or Sunday (9:45am)
during Church School hour

Starting Wednesday October 2nd or Sunday October 6th



6 week online course (6weeksonmoney.com) with in-person group conversation to support one another and discuss what we are learning.

Visit our Forms page at faithbismarck.com/forms to sign up.

Cost: \$80/household. Scholarships ARE available!



PIE & COFFEE DAY

OCT
19
9AM-2PM



Faith Lutheran Church

1402 E Ave C
Bismarck, ND 58503

Join us in the fellowship hall for:

Delicious rolls, muffins, pie & coffee (Free Will Offering for FLCW)

Soup and Sandwiches from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm (Free Will Offering for Youth)

Shopping for homemade baked goods (including lefse and knoepla), crafts, quilts and white elephant items!



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

Pastor Derek Harkins
(Fridays off)

Pastor Sylvia Bull
(Fridays off)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:30am & 11am

WED: 7:00pm

LIVESTREAM AT SUN 8:30
& WED 7:00

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00 AM - 12 PM

1:00 PM - 5 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - Noon

**Pastoral Care
Emergency Number
701-595-0223**

Answering machine is available evenings and weekends when the office is not staffed.

Office is not open during the lunch hour.

FLC Executive Team

Jim Sheldon, Chair

Amy Steiner, Vice-Chair

Lyla Timm, Vice-Chair

Mark Schneider, Secretary

Matthew Nygard, Treasurer

Pastoral Ministries

Funerals:

Harry Darling



FINANCIAL UPDATE

August General Fund:

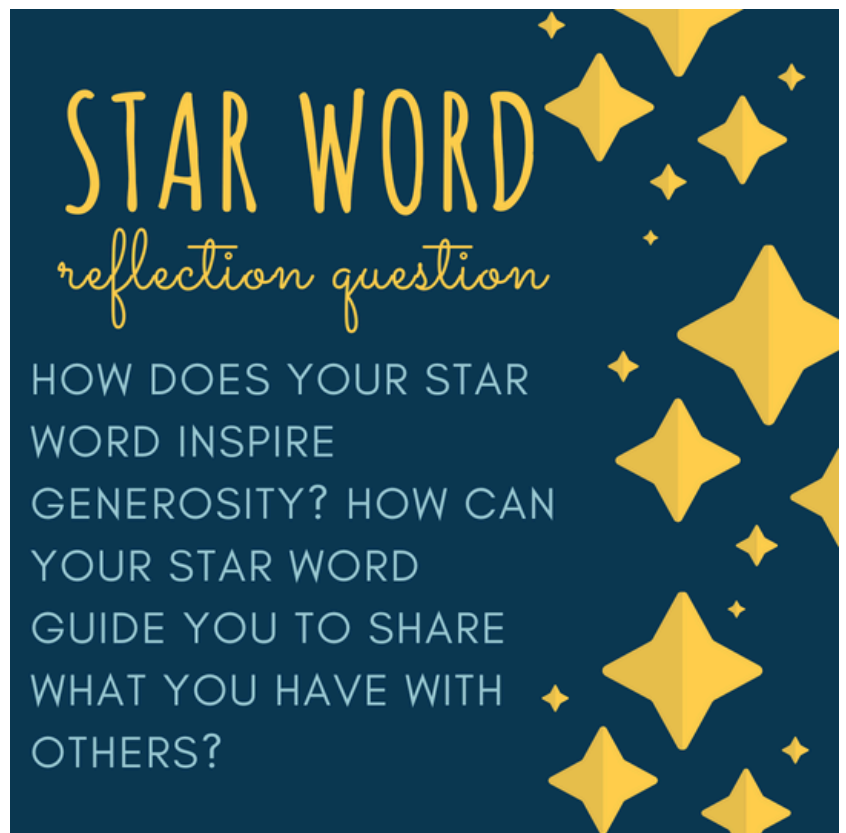
Revenues: \$46,803.07

Expenditures: \$49,571.38

2024 Total:

Revenues: \$388,721.57

Expenditures: \$410,632.49



The deadline to submit information to the News and Views newsletter is the 10th of each month prior to the next newsletter. The church bulletin deadline is at noon on Tuesday for the coming Sunday bulletin. Articles, schedules, etc., can be sent to: communications.bisfaith@gmail.com For additional information, call the church office at 701-223-2236

Church Memorials

For **General Fund**, in memory of Nick Jolliffe
for **Scholarship Fund**, in memory of Harry Darling

Details can be found in the Memorial Book in the Gathering Place.



The Courage of Faith

The witches are coming. The ghosts and goblins will soon be playing tricks on us. If we are lucky, we will watch the Great Pumpkin rise from the pumpkin patch. And red will adorn the sanctuary of Faith Lutheran when we honor the courage of Martin Luther.

Courage in faith is most difficult when an event occurs that hurts one's beliefs. One night in the mid 1960s I was alone in the kitchen with my mother and father. My mother collapsed and fell to the floor. That was when I learned my sister will be getting married in a Lutheran church. It was the most devastating news that Catholic parents could receive. No compromise could be made between the four of them.

We did not attend my sister's wedding and an estrangement began. Within a few years my mother and sister reunited. For my father it was several more years.

If you have ever watched the movie *Fiddler on the Roof* you would understand my father's pain. Tevye's third daughter Chava chooses to marry Fyedka, an Orthodox Christian. Because she married outside of her faith, her father was devastated and disowned her.

My father was devout to his faith and until recently I didn't realize the courage it took for him to reconcile with his daughter. Martin Luther and Vincent Kubischta both needed the courage of their faith to make a change.

Bennett R. Kubischta

2 September, 2024, 9:19 am



Knit/Crochet Group Update



Our **Knit/Crochet group** appreciates your donations of worsted weight yarn! Our group is able to provide yarn for participants, and both knit and crochet patterns to use. If you would like more information, please contact Caitlin McCleary by calling the office at (701) 223-2236, emailing communications.bisfaith@gmail.com, or stopping by! If you would like to join our group, **our meetings for October will be Thursday, October 10th at 2pm, and Thursday, October 24th at 6pm.**



Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

While doing an inventory of the books in the library, I discovered that several books that were part of a series were missing. I've looked for and purchased some of those at the public library book sales and used-book stores. Several books have been newly accessioned and are on display in the library.

Please check for books in your home that may belong to Faith Lutheran Church. Returned books can be placed in the designated basket on the desk.

Now that school is in session, you can find some great books in our church library for your children to enhance their reading ability and encourage the enjoyment of reading. Guide them to sign the check-out card and place it in the designated box on the desk. Remind them to return the books when they are finished reading them.

STAFF EMAILS

**Need to reach one of our staff?
Emails can be found below!**

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Newsletter Update!



This year, to help with the Christmas rush, the December and January Newsletter will be combined and sent out around the end of November. **If you would like anything in the December/January newsletter, please submit by November 10th!** We will have the February Newsletter out at the end of January.

Men of Faith

The Men of Faith would like to extend an invitation to all who are interested in hearing a presentation provided by Melanie Gaebe, Director of Public Policy from the Alzheimer's Association. This organization's purpose is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia through global research, early detection and maximizing quality care and support. The meeting will be held on Thursday, 3 October 2024 at 9:00 AM, in the basement Fellowship Hall.

Please plan on attending....all are welcome.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle has started a new book study on "Parables: The Greatest Story Ever Told" by John White! Books are available for \$8 in the church office. Join us on Thursday, October 10th at 7pm for the start of the study!

ALL SAINTS' DAY

LUMINARIA WALK

SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 6PM-7PM

Join us in the Gathering Place for a brief candlelight prayer service, as we remember those who have died in the past year. Prayer service will begin at 6pm. Luminaria walk will be open for personal prayer until 7pm.

Information on how to submit names of loved ones will be in the November Newsletter, as well as on the website and in the bulletin around mid-October!



Pastor Derek's Parables



Grace and peace to you, siblings in Christ!

There are a few things that are supposedly “Off Limits” to talk about with others — Politics and Religion. Those are the two big topics that everyone says to steer clear from. There is another topic that I think people stay away from more than those other two even — MONEY. Now, money gets talked about a lot, but only in terms of how to make more of it or what new thing am I going

to spend my money on. When the conversation starts getting around to budgeting, planning, goal setting, and generosity that's when we start to clam up and begin to change the topic.

Jesus, however, talked a lot about money. 15% of his discourse with others was about money. 11 out of 39 parables were directly about money. Money is a huge part of our lives and our existence as human beings. It can have the capability to take over our lives in a negative way and it can also be a tool that is used for great good in the world. Jesus knew the dangers that money could have on our lives and the power and control that it could have over us.

These are the reasons we as followers of Jesus need to talk about money. We need to address the baggage that comes up with money. Shame, anxiety, greed, scarcity mindset, and any number of other feelings and emotions arise when we talk about money based on our current situation and our past history. This is why it's important for us to talk about it and explore our relationship with money so that we can better understand its impact on our lives and our emotions.

Beginning in the month of October we will be doing just that as we begin a worship series called “Our Money Story.” We will be reflecting on our relationships with money and how we can change the narrative of shame and guilt into God's story of grace and generosity.

We will also be facilitating a bible based money management course called “6 Weeks on Money” that will give individuals and families the tools to gain financial well-being which frees us to be generous and live out of God's abundance. The course teaches basic financial concepts like budgeting and getting out of debt, but it also teaches the reason why we should do those things. It teaches us how to discern what our values are and how we can plan and make goals according to our values. I highly encourage you wherever you fall on the financial health spectrum to join us for this course. Please reach out if you are interested or have questions.

In Christ,
Pastor Derek

Church Directory!

Our Church Directory is coming! We will be creating and compiling the directory ourselves so you don't have to worry about being sold picture packages. But we will need your help! In the month of October, we will be collecting information and pictures for our directory.

Here's what you need to know:

- We will have an online form available under our Forms page, or paper forms by request.
- We will be asking for names, address, phone numbers and emails, with options on which you would like to share in the directory, and which you only want in the church database, accessed by church staff only, to contact you.
- You can **upload a picture of your family on the Google Form, or email a picture of your family** to susansheldonvo@gmail.com. There are also options on each form to let us know if you don't want a picture in the directory.
- We will **also have opportunities on Wed, Oct 9, Sunday, Oct 13, Wed, Oct 23, and Sunday, Oct 27 to have your picture taken at the church!** We will have both the online and paper forms available during these opportunities as well.
- We are currently looking into both a digital directory, only accessed by members that sign in to a secure website, and a paper directory by request.

New Member Services

Looking to join our Church? Please contact the office at (701)223-2236, or email communications.bisfaith@gmail.com to fill out a new member form, or confirm we have your information, and let us know if you can attend New Member Orientation on Wednesday, October 16th at 6pm OR Sunday, October 20th at 9:45am, and a New Member Service on Wednesday, October 23rd (7pm) OR Sunday October 27th (8:30am or 11am). We are excited to celebrate new members of our church family!

A Note from the Gracie Larson family:

I wanted to give you an update about how we are managing out here in Minneapolis - we have been here nearly two years now. With Gracie's ongoing complex medical needs and needs for infusions every other week in Minneapolis, we have made the decision to move to Victoria, Minnesota. We've had some close friends out here for 20+ years. Their daughter is Gracie's best friend and also has Down syndrome. Pastor Snow and his wife are just absolutely wonderful and we are now members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Chaska, Minnesota.

I can't thank you enough for all of your kindness, love and prayers! We were so blessed by our congregation at Faith Lutheran, and want to convey our utmost gratitude for the years of prayers and support to our family.

Blessings, The Larsons

Gracie and her family continue to have significant needs for prayer and support. Anyone from FLC who wishes to send notes or stay in touch can reach them at their new address: 10409 Robinwood Rd. Victoria, MN 55318

You can also follow their journey on Facebook by following Gracie's mom: AlejandraLaura Larson.





Church School News



Our theme for this year is Hooked on Jesus! All of our Church School Teaching Positions are filled, but we would like to build a Church School Sub List, so if you are interested, please contact Kenny. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Confirmation News

We will be needing confirmation kids to sign up or bring sandwiches to the Pie/Coffee event in October. We will be sending out information this month.

Youth News

Lastly, LYO (our Western Synod youth get together) will be held on the following dates;

- High School LYO: Thursday-Friday Afternoon, October 17-18
- Middle School LYO: Friday Evening-Saturday Afternoon, October 18-19

The total fee for the event is \$100 we will pay \$50 per student through the youth account. If you need financial help to afford the other \$50, please contact Kenny. Sign-ups are available at faithbismarck.com/forms

Church School Families! Please join us on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 for a free-will offering meal! This is a great opportunity to grab dinner before Church School and Worship, and a good way to meet other young families in the congregation!

October Acolyting Schedule

Sundays

8:30- Open

11:00- Ella Ukestad / Kadence

Syverson

Wednesdays

7:00 - Bennett Brown / Sutton Brown (2,9,16)

Teagan Wagner/Hayden Berquist (23,30)

Tech Assistant - Avery Brown



LYO 2024

The theme for this year's LYO is centered around Rest. Join other Middle and High School youth as you listen to speakers, pray, worship and enjoy activities together! Still looking to learn more? Their Facebook page has videos and posts explaining what LYO is and why you should join! Search for "LYO West NoDak Synod Youth Gathering" on Facebook, or just go to www.facebook.com/WNDLYO

MISSION Focus

OCTOBER: MINISTRY ON THE MARGINS COFFEE HOUSE

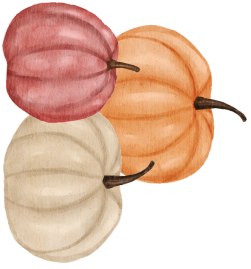

MOTM Coffee House provides a place of rest and safety for those in need throughout the night. They welcome in ALL people, and serve food and coffee to those spending the night with them. Some of their biggest needs are disposable hand and foot warmers (such as "HotHands"), protein bars, beef sticks, decaffeinated coffee, and nonperishable/powdered coffee creamer. Full list of items can be found on the Concierge Table and on our website under the Serve tab. Your donations will help a ministry that serves those that are often forgotten. Thank you!

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians

9:7



October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
6 8:30 Worship 9:45 Acolyte Training 9:45 Money Class 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	7 5:00 HR Meeting 7:00 AA	8 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 6:00 Elem. Comm. 7:00 Scouts	9 10:00 Bridging the Gap 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Money Class 6:00 4th Grade P/S 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship	10 Newsletter Deadline 2:00 Knit & Crochet Group 7:00 Ruth Circle	11 8:00 NA	12
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Faith Lutheran Church October 2024 News and Views

You're invited to a free Workshop Series:

SKILLS FOR BRIDGING THE GAP

Two options:

Faith Lutheran Church 1402 East Ave C	Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 10-11am
Bismarck United Church of Christ 1200 E. Highland Acres Rd.	Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 7-8pm

We encounter difference around us - in religion, culture, and politics. With the right skills, we can learn how to respectfully and courageously reach across the divide.

Curriculum adapted from:



Sponsored by Bismarck Interfaith

October 2/3

Why Build Bridges?

What motivates you to engage with bridge-building? We'll explore how our background and traditions can inspire us in reaching across deep divides.

October 16/17

Sharing Your Story

Sharing our own story authentically requires courage. We'll consider the elements of a powerful narrative and practice brave vulnerability.

October 9/10

Listening

Listening is the central skill of bridge-building. By practicing grounded skills, we'll be able to move past typical listening into truly hearing others.

October 23/24

Engaging Tension Constructively

Reaching across divides can lead to conflict. How do we decide to ease up or press on in a difficult conversation? How can we understand conflict?



Facilitated by Karen Hooge Michalka, Ph.D. Karen grew up in Cavalier County, North Dakota, and has lived throughout the Midwest and in Mexico. She is a sociologist and educator in Bismarck.