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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."*



Join us on Wednesday, September 4th and Sunday, September 8th for the first week of Church School! Registration Form for 3 years-5th Grade (Church School) and 6th-9th Grade (Confirmation), and the Church School Handbook, can be found under the Forms Tab.

[www.faithbismarck.com/forms](http://www.faithbismarck.com/forms)

## REGULAR WORSHIP HOURS

We will be returning to our Regular Worship Hours the week of September 4 & 8!

Wednesday: 7:00 pm (Livestream)

Sunday: 8:30 am (Livestream) & 11:00 am

## 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**

**Church Memorials**

For **General Memorial Fund**, in honor of lone Schmidkunz's 90th birthday.

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



**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**July General Fund:**

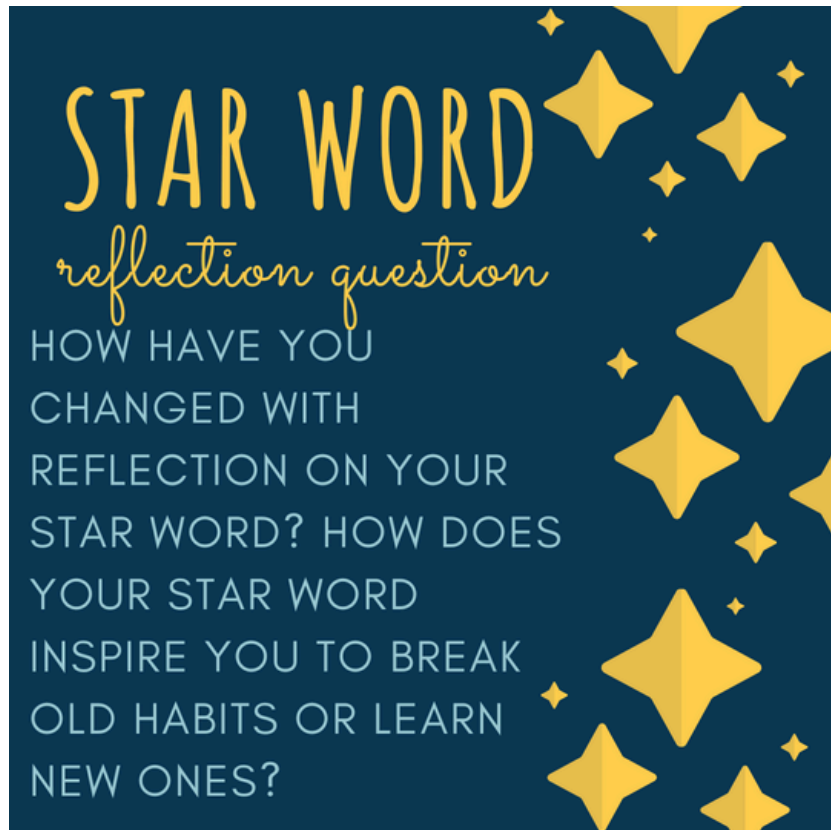
Revenues: \$41,719.18

Expenditures: \$52,377.02

**2024 Total:**

Revenues: \$341,918.50

Expenditures: \$361,061.11



**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](mailto:communications.bisfaith@gmail.com) For additional information, call the church office at 701-223-2236**



We are looking for a Music Coordinator! Duties will include providing accompaniment during Wednesday evening (and afternoon during Lent and Advent) and Sunday morning services, as well as recruiting and empowering lay musicians to participate in music ministry. 20 hours a week at \$19-\$21 an hour. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please call the church office at (701) 223-2236 for more information or to apply!



## God's Gentle Touch

My Judy and I once went on a Caribbean cruise. A selling point of the company promoting this cruise were the spectacular sunsets one would see. I was eagerly awaiting to view those sunsets. When I saw them, I was disappointed for I had seen them before. Sometime after our return to Bismarck the cause of my disappointment became apparent.

That promotion of spectacular sunsets was not to me. It was to the people who lived in the mountains, who lived in the forests, and who lived amongst the tall buildings of the cities. It was to those who could not see the horizon.

The northern Great Plains is like the vastness of the ocean. Our days on the prairies begin with that slow and wonderful transition from full night to sunrise and end with sunset transitioning to full night. And often during these times of the day Mother Nature provides splendor along the horizon equal to any other place on the earth.

Looking out across the horizon during these times of transition one experiences calmness and relaxation. It is a wonderful time for thought and contemplation. As our mind works through and develops our ideas and plans, we may not think about God. But God is there, welcoming us when we wake in the morning and providing a gentle touch when we lie down for sleep.

Bennett R. Kubischta  
10 August 2024, 2:15 pm



## 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](mailto:communications.bisfaith@gmail.com), or stopping by! If you would like to join our group, **our meetings for September will be Thursday, September 12th at 2pm, and Thursday, September 26 at 6pm.**



## Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

This summer we were encouraged to request our favorite hymn to be sung during services. There was a short history printed in the bulletin of how some of the hymns came to be written.

You can read the stories behind 150 best-loved hymns in Robert J. Morgan's two-part series entitled THEN SINGS MY SOUL.

Morgan includes a one page story and the lyrics and music for these hymns (including several Christmas carols). Did you know that the hymn WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS was written following several tragedies in the life of the writer? Or that IN THE SWEET BY AND BY was written in less than 30 minutes as a "prescription" by a pharmacist for a friend who suffered frequent bouts of depression? Were it not for a broken organ, there would never have been a SILENT NIGHT.

These two enjoyable books are available for checkout in our church library.

# 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

After a few months of hiatus, it's time to get back into our sequence of meetings/events. Our first meeting is scheduled for **9:00AM, Thursday, September 5, 2024** and will feature **Kevin Klipfel from Bismarck Parks and Recreation**, who will provide a broad overview of their programs and facilities.

Looking forward to seeing you all and welcome back to the fold.

# Worship Team Schedule

We have our Worship Team Schedule through December! Team members should get a schedule in the mail, and extra copies are available on the back table in the sanctuary, and online under our Schedules tab. If you are interested in joining a worship team, you can always contact the front office, one of the pastors, or Judy Kubischta. Thank you!

**Note: 11am Teams 4,5,6 & 7 have gone up one number after the dissolution of Team 3!**



**SAVE  
THE DATE**

## 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](http://6weeksonmoney.com)) with in-person group conversation to support one another and discuss what we are learning

Contact Pastor Derek or Kenny to sign up

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

# Pastor Sylvia's Parables



*For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. - Ephesians 2:14*

As a pastor, I spend a lot of my time talking with people: about their lives, about the world, about God. Through these conversations, sometimes themes emerge - the things that are keeping people up at night, stuff going on in the world that is on people's minds, cultural and societal events and patterns that are grabbing people's attention.

One of the biggest themes I've heard, time and time again over the past few years, is that people are noticing and concerned about increasing polarization in our families and communities. It seems like people are farther apart than ever, and that differences in religion, culture, and politics are becoming massive chasms separating folks from each other. Conversation and connection across these differences feels more fraught, less possible.

Maybe this is something you've worried about, too. Maybe you have someone in your life - a family member, friend, neighbor, coworker, or even fellow church member - that you struggle to connect with because of difference. Maybe you're grieving how hard it feels to have a respectful conversation in today's political climate. You're not alone!

As Christians, we follow Jesus, who broke down the wall of hostility between Jews and Gentiles, drawing all people into one community of God's children. Empowered by his love, we too can reach across divides of difference with love and compassion and respect. But it takes practice!

We are so blessed to have opportunities coming up this fall to reshape and positively impact our Bismarck-Mandan community by developing these skills. You are invited to a free workshop series called Skills for Bridging the Gap, led by FLC's own Dr. Karen Michalka, and co-hosted by us with Bismarck Interfaith and Bismarck United Church of Christ. This series is skills-based and interactive, geared toward helping us learn and practice how to reach respectfully and bravely across divides to connect with others in a meaningful way. No experience or knowledge is required, only a desire to learn and connect.

The series of hour-long workshops will be offered on **Wednesday mornings at 10am here at Faith Lutheran on October 2, 9, 16, and 23** in the Fellowship Hall. It will also be offered on **Thursday evenings at 7pm at Bismarck United Church of Christ (1200 E Highland Acres Rd)**. The Thursday evening classes will also have a zoom option (call the church office for more information).

Pastor Sylvia's Parables continued...

The four sessions will cover:

- What Motivates Us To Build Bridges
- How to Carefully Listen to Others
- How to Courageously Share Our Stories
- How to Engage Tension Constructively

We hope you will consider joining us in this important work. Imagine the difference we could make in our families, neighborhoods, and communities by being disciples who bridge the gap!

In Christ, Pastor Sylvia

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.



## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for people to help drive our church van, or use their personal vehicle, to pick up members that need a ride on Sundays!

Interested in helping? Please call the office at (701) 223-2236 or email [communications.bisfaith@gmail.com](mailto:communications.bisfaith@gmail.com) for more information!

Thank you to our current volunteers for providing this ministry!

# LWR KITS



Our quilters will be packing up and sending out LWR Kits soon! As they have been looking through donations, they noticed a big need for: **70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper (spiral, each kit requires four, about 200 needed), black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink, each kit requires five, about 200 needed), centimeter (or inch AND cm) ruler (about 35 needed), and boxes of 16 or 24 crayons (about 35 needed).** The complete lists of items needed for kits can be found on the Concierge Table and under the Serve tab on our website. Thank you so much for all your generous donations so far! Your contributions help us to continue this ministry.

# WELCA East Missouri Fall Cluster Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

9:30AM-1PM

HOSTED BY:  
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1402 E AVE C  
BISMARCK, ND 58503

Join us for food and fellowship with area churches, while we learn about the F5 project, which aims to disrupt the cycle of crime, addiction, and isolation through individualized care that fosters resilience and restores hope.

Theme: Refresh with Grace  
Registration begins @ 9:30

Speaker: Megan Indvik with the F5 project @ 11am

Noon Meal: Taco Bar with Fruit and Dessert

Also featuring a Book Exchange

We will be collecting the following Love items for F5 Project:  
Deodorant, Body Wash, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo & Conditioner, Men's and Women's Razors, Nail Clippers, Combs

Cost: \$10 per person, please RSVP by Monday, September 23

## Ruth Circle is Back!

Ruth Circle will resume meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm starting September 12th. Please join us as we will study Vashti and Esther from the book of Esther, Job's wife from the book of Job, and the "women of substance" from Proverbs 31. All are welcome! If you have any questions, you can call Sue Anderson at (701) 214-0065.

## PIE AND COFFEE DAY



OCT  
**19**  
9AM-2PM



1402 E Ave C  
Bismarck, ND 58503

Save the Date for pie, baked goods, crafts and White Elephant Sale. More info coming soon!





# Church School News



Our theme for this year is Hooked on Jesus! We are in need of volunteers, so if you are interested, please contact Kenny. Thanks!

## Confirmation News

We are making a change this year in our confirmation program. Confirmation is now 6th grade through 9th grade. We are going to do more emphasis on the Bible in 6th & 7th Grades (weekly basis/along with church schools schedule). 8th & 9th graders will continue to work with the pastors on the first Wednesday of the month.

## Youth News

What an exciting summer! Pastor Derek, Brooke, and Kenny accompanied 7 youth to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering. We were there for a week enjoying the city as well as the events at the Gathering. We ate great food, saw amazing culture/scenery, and heard a lot of great speeches. We thank everyone who supported us. We who went will be conducting a worship service at some point in the future to help you see some more of what we did and how it affected our youth.

Next, area churches are holding a mock in event for 6th-8th graders from 6pm-10pm. Blasts have already been sent. If you missed it contact Kenny for more information.

Lastly, LYO (our Western Synod youth get together) will be held on the following dates in Bismarck; (we will pay half of the fee through the youth account)

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

## September Acolyting Schedule

### Sundays

8:30- Open

11:00- Collins Steiner/Calliope

Crawford

### Wednesdays

7:00 - TJ Lacher/Maici Zins (4, 11)

Riley Hoff/Braxton Sprenger (18, 25)

Tech Assistant - Tavyn Carson

# Scholarship Recipients

The FLC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the **2024 recipients**. Each winner will receive \$500 for tuition at the university of their choice. Applicants were chosen based on being active members of FLC and their community.

The first scholarship winner is **Madison Wutzke**. She is a student at NDSU pursuing a Pharmacy degree. The next recipient is **Connor Dykema**. He is attending the University of Mary obtaining a degree in Business Education. The last recipient is **Hailey Dykema**. She is attending the University of Mary working towards a degree in Radiologic Technology. Congratulations to these amazing students!

The Scholarship Committee would like you to prayerfully **consider contributing to the FLC scholarship fund**. In order to continue to assist FLC youth we are in need of your gracious donations. If you feel called we are looking for new members to join our committee. Our committee and our scholarship award winners appreciate your prayers and contributions.

In Christ,

FLC Scholarship Committee

**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!**

## MISSION Focus

### SEPTEMBER: HEART RIVER FRESH START KITS

Heart River Bridges of Hope could use some donations for their Fresh Start Kit ministry! These kits allow women and youth transitioning from incarceration to experience the love and care of the community and God while navigating their new lives. Please bring donations of hairbrushes, combs, hats, gloves, & Walmart/Target Gift cards (labeled with the amount on the card). A link to other needed donations can be found on our Facebook page and website, as well as a printed list on the Concierge Table.

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your well-being and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*

- Jeremiah 29:11





# September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>2</b> Labor Day Church Office Closed 7:00 AA	<b>3</b> 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 6:00 Church School Teacher Training	<b>4</b> Rally Day! 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 BLAST Meal 6:00 Church School 6:00 Conf Opening 7:00 Worship	<b>5</b> 9:00 Esther Circle 9:00 Men of Faith 1:30 Mary Martha Circle	<b>6</b> 8:00 NA	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Rally Day! 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	<b>9</b> 7:00 AA	<b>10</b> Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 6:00 Elementary Comm 7:00 Scouts	<b>11</b> 10:00 Bible Study 4:30 8th/9th Conf 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship	<b>12</b> 2:00 Knit/Crochet Group 7:00 Ruth Circle	<b>13</b> Street Fair 8:00 NA	<b>14</b> Street Fair
<b>15</b> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	<b>16</b> 5:00 Worship and Music 7:00 AA	<b>17</b> 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 5:15 HR Comm 7:00 Scouts	<b>18</b> Giving of Bibles 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells 6:00 3rd Grade P/S 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00 NA	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Giving of Bibles 8:30 Worship 9:45 3rd Grade P/S 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	<b>23</b> 7:00 AA	<b>24</b> 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 6:00 Compass Group 7:00 Executive Comm 7:00 Scouts	<b>25</b> 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells 6:00 3rd Grade P/S 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship	<b>26</b> 6:00 Knit/Crochet Group	<b>27</b> 8:00 NA	<b>28</b> 9:30 Fall Cluster Meeting
<b>29</b> 8:30 Worship 9:45 3rd Grade P/S 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	<b>30</b> 7:00 Altar Guild 7:00 AA					

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## Faith Lutheran Church September 2024 News and Views

# *Volunteer for Rice Pudding Booth!*

September 13 & 14  
Downtowners Street Fair

Look out for volunteer sign-ups in early to mid August!



Rice Pudding Booth is back!  
We need volunteers for:  
Cooking  
Driving  
Booth Workers  
Set Up and Tear Down.

We greatly enjoy this tradition, and many hands make light work! Even a 2 hour shift helps! Look for sign-ups in the Gathering Place, right next to the table where we serve for Coffee Hour!

