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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."

2ND ANNUAL END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

Wednesday, August 28, 2024
Music in the Sanctuary at 5:30,
with Dinner and Activities (indoor/outdoor)
Worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

Pastor Derek Harkins
(Fridays off)

Pastor Sylvia Bull
(Fridays off)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 9:30am

WED: 7:00pm

LIVESTREAM AT SUN 9:30
& 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.

RALLY DAY!

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



FLC Executive Team

Jim Sheldon, Chair

Amy Steiner, Vice-Chair

Lyla Timm, Vice-Chair

Mark Schneider, Secretary

Matthew Nygard, Treasurer

Pastoral Ministries

Baptisms:

Lucie Tayler Bagley

Mae Lynn Bagley

Callie Mae Schwarz

Silas James Zimmer

Brock Henry Grotsun

Max Allen Wanner



FINANCIAL UPDATE

June General Fund:

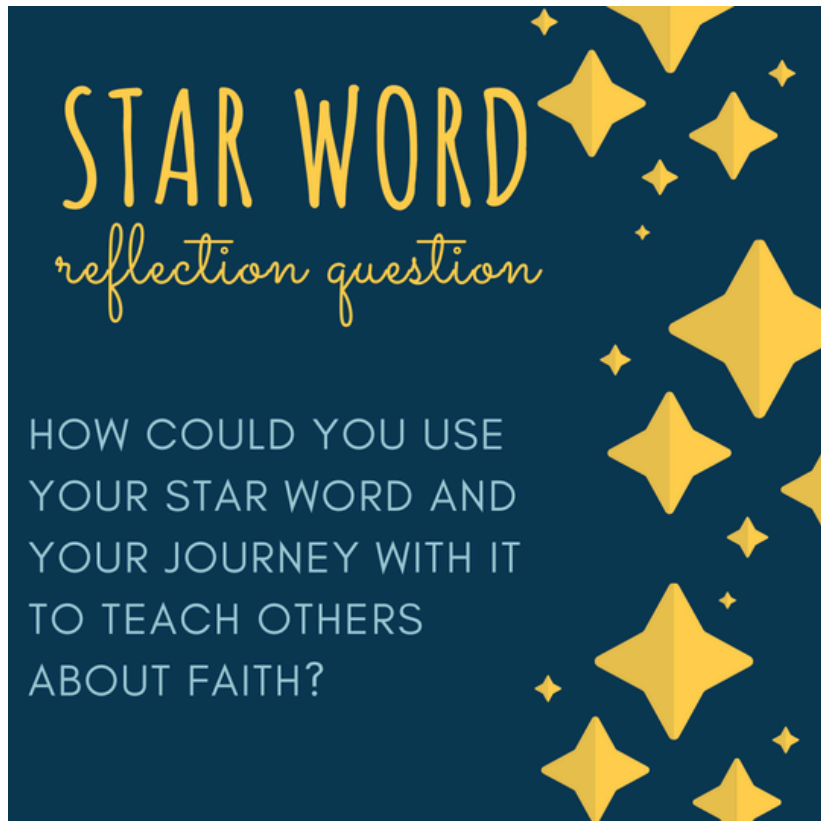
Revenues: \$43,421.58

Expenditures: \$45,280.49

2024 Total:

Revenues: \$300,199.32

Expenditures: \$308,684.09



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

Did you know?



In the Lutheran tradition, our view of communion is called Real Presence. We believe that Jesus is really physically and spiritually present in, with, and under the bread and wine. In this meal, God forgives, strengthens, and feeds us for our life of discipleship!

We Harvest, and Then We Share

Harvest is underway on the farms and gardens throughout North Dakota. Gathering of food to be canned, frozen, or pickled and grains that will be made into flour, oils, and livestock feed. It is a wonderful time when the culmination of hard work, water, sun, and maybe a prayer or two is celebrated with reverence given to mother earth.

As mother earth provides to us, we provide to others as Jesus told us to and because as humans it is what we should do. We all know the most important part of the ministry at Faith Lutheran is what we do outside of the sanctuary. Like spokes extending out from the center of a wheel, we extend out from within our church building. It is through volunteers and paid staff helping, teaching, and comforting that we serve within our building, throughout the Bismarck Mandan community, and beyond.

We give of our time and talents, and we give of the harvest we received from the income we have earned from our businesses, salaries, and pensions. In the spring of 2020, my Judy and I were featured in U Mary's quarterly magazine *Momentum*. The article about us was titled "Every Gift Has a Story." To us the most important part of that story was when we told the writer that "Every little bit helps. We have to have those people who make huge donations, but sometimes for the person who gives \$100, that is a bigger burden upon them than the person who gives a million." For those who give when the burden upon them is great are the ones we honor the most.

In a church, such as Faith Lutheran, we need those who can give alot. And we need those who can only give a little. September nears and you are again asked to give your time and talent. There is a spot for you, please accept the call to aid in the ministry of your church.

Bennett R. Kubischta
10 July 2024, 12:38 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, or stopping by! If you would like to join our group, **our meetings for the month of August will be Thursday, August 8th at 2pm, and Thursday, August 22 at 6pm.**



Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

While the books about cats are still on display in the library, I have added those about dogs as well.

David Wheaton tells the true story of his journey with his yellow lab named Ben in his book MY BOY, BEN. Their inseparable bond is marked by devotion, humor and unexpected turns. You'll enjoy this book and its hope-filled message.

George Pitcher tells the true story of the stray dog who came into his backyard and the unconditional love that developed in their time together in his book THE DOG WHO CAME TO STAY.

PUPPY IN THE PULPIT, by Raelene Phillips, will have you laughing at the heartwarming stories about Dixie.

Children will enjoy reading VIEW FROM UNDER THE PEW, the true story of a seeing eye dog who assists Pastor Diane in her daily ministries. THE DAY SCOOTER DIED answers the tough questions young children ask about the death of a pet.

These books along with others are on display on the counter in the library.

STAFF

EMAILS

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

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Crafter Thank You!



Thank you to those who purchased the handmade spring events greeting cards! The profits will be used to purchase the supplies needed for items we are making for the Sunshine Bags given at Christmas time.

Thank You from Janine!

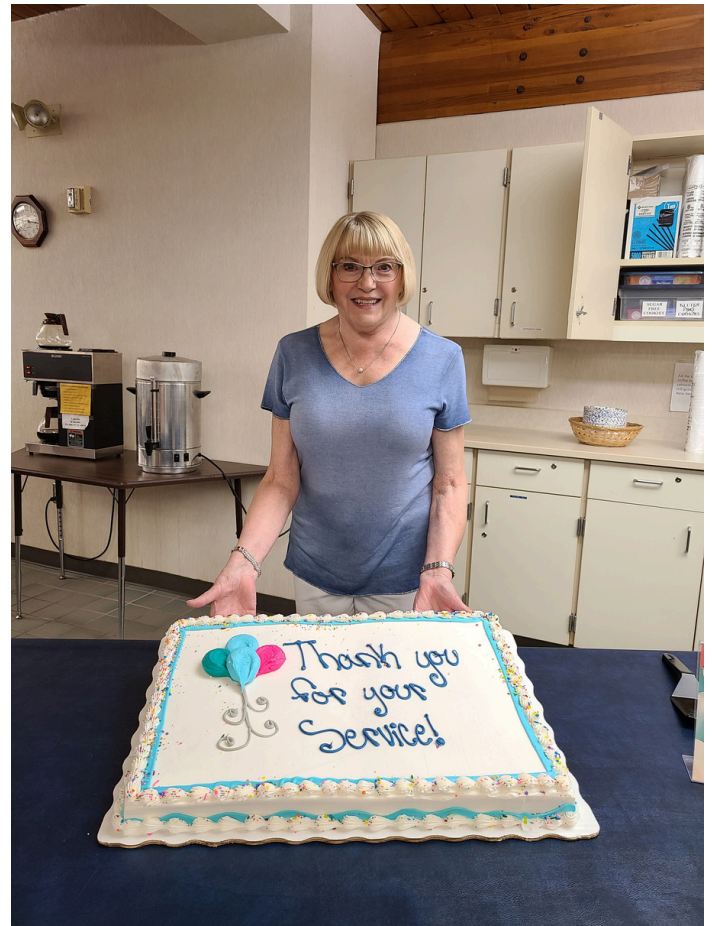
At the end of June, we celebrated our outgoing music coordinator, Janine Johannes, and her service of over 5 years! We are grateful for her work in helping coordinate our music ministry, including leading choir and encouraging our members to share their musical gifts with us and with God. She will still be playing at services starting in August, so we are glad we can still see her on a regular basis! Below is a transcript of a thank you card Janine wrote to our community. The original thank you card can be found in the Gathering Place, on one of the three sided bulletin boards.

Faith Lutheran,

I can't thank you enough for the wonderful cake reception and beautiful, authentic cross framed photo that you gave to me. My service at Faith Lutheran has been such a blessing to me! I have so enjoyed every minute of my time here with all of you. I pray that my love of music came through to you as I played. I also so enjoyed working with and playing for the Church School Children. Accompanying the Adult Choir was also a learning experience and brought me great joy!

And also, last but not least, I am so grateful for the pastors and staff that I have had the privilege to work with. I have truly loved this role and all of you! I am very glad I'll be able to help out as needed so I can continue to see everyone.

God's richest blessings to all,
Janine Johannes



Pastor Derek's Parables



Grace and peace to you, siblings in Christ!

I remember my first ELCA National Youth Gathering. I was 16 and was part of an active youth group. I was excited to get to spend a week traveling with my friends and to experience St. Louis, a city I had never been to before. What I didn't expect was the profound impact that

event would have on my life. To say it was amazing to gather together with 25,000 other youth from all across the country to worship, learn about God, and serve the community would be an absolute understatement. I was inspired. I was challenged. I was stretched. I grew. I came to know God more deeply and came to understand the power it is to gather together as the Body of Christ.

Since that first Youth Gathering, I have been to 2 other Youth Gatherings as an adult leader and the experience was just as profound. I can't begin to express how powerful it is to gather with our youth and see their faith in action. It is inspirational.

I write this just a couple of days before leaving with 7 of our youth and 2 more adults from Faith Lutheran to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. By the time you are reading this we will be back home, safe and sound. But we will also come back different people than we were when we left. You cannot experience God's Spirit in such a profound way and not be changed. We will be changed. I know that is certain.

I am excited for you to hear the stories from our group of how God was at work in and through us during our time at the gathering. Mostly though, I am grateful. I am grateful for this opportunity to learn and see God in action through the youth of our church. I am grateful for your generosity and continual support of the youth of this congregation.

Without you and your support we could not have made this trip a possibility. I am grateful for your prayers. Thank you!

In Christ,
Pastor Derek



Pastor Derek and some of our group from Faith Lutheran at the NYG Opening July, 2024, New Orleans, LA

Worship and Music Task Force

WORSHIP TEAMS

For many of us, Faith Lutheran Church and the people in it provide the anchor that keeps us upright as we go about our daily lives. We are incredibly blessed to have a couple of awesome pastors who work hard to teach, preach, counsel, pray with/for us and support us in a thousand other ways every single week. We enjoy weekly worship in this beautiful worship space with modern amenities and comfortable pews. We belong to committees and special groups who serve this church family in countless ways. Without volunteers, there is very little that could be accomplished here at Faith. We literally run on volunteers. Worship Teams are one way that we have been able to streamline the recruitment of volunteers for participation in the worship service. This will be our 3rd year, and it has been an incredibly positive experience for those who have participated. We are so thankful for the 125 faithful volunteers who make up 15 worship teams for 2 services every Sunday morning. This is what each team is responsible for:

- Two ushers, who greet you as you enter the Sanctuary for Worship, take offering and let you know when it's your turn for communion.
- A tech person, who sits in the booth in the back of the sanctuary and advances the power point slides for our liturgy and hymns.
- A reader, who reads the scripture during the service.
- Several assistants to serve Communion alongside our Pastors.

Each team is, typically, assigned 5 or 6 Sundays during the school year and another 1 during the summer. Please take a few minutes to consider joining one of the teams. The teams are doing well, but a few more on each team would help to cover absences that are bound to happen. We are preparing the fall schedule, and there is a place for you on one of the teams!

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

I think we would all agree that music plays a very important part of each worship service. I believe that the gift of music is something that we all possess in one form or another. Most of us enjoy singing the hymns at worship or listening as those around us sing. We enjoy the piano or organ music and special music provided by individuals or groups, including Sounds of Faith. If you play the keyboard or piano at home and are ready to play for us, there's a place for you here. If you have been given a gift of music, play an instrument or have the desire to sing and share your gift with others, you can do that here. You may choose to play or sing a solo selection, or join the choir or Sounds of Faith, or sing in a small group or ensemble. When you are ready, all you have to do is talk to one of the pastors, to Cheryl or Caitlin in the office, or myself. Just let us know what you need in the form of accompaniment and when you would like to share your gifts.

Worship and Music Sign-ups Continued

ARTISTS

If you are an artist or a person who loves to design, decorate, embroider, paint or sew, we would love for you to help us add to a Visual Arts team to assist the Altar Guild and Visual Arts person in creating meaningful visual experiences for our worship space, and providing additional backgrounds, and items for seasonal decoration.

Sometimes we need to be reminded that our creative gifts are God Given. By God's design, we don't all have the same gifts. But we can all do something. Our intent is not to create pretty banners or art exhibits to look at for our own sake, but as a way to offer to God our praise and gratitude. Our aim is not to "Provide Musical Entertainment" for our own sake, but to share our gifts in Praise to our God. Our goal here is not to "rope you into something just to get the job done," but to invite you and encourage you to help shape the worship experience. Please watch for sign up opportunities, now and throughout the church year.

Thank you - from Judy Kubischta, the Worship and Music Task Force, and the Pastors.



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.

SCHOOL KITS



Back to school and school supply sales are right around the corner! If you are shopping and see items to fill a school kit, we would greatly appreciate the donations. Here is the list of items needed for one kit: **70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper (spiral), centimeter (or inch AND cm) ruler, pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink), box of 16 or 24 crayons and 2 ½ " eraser.** This list, along with items for the Baby and Personal Care Kits will be available at the Concierge's Desk and online under our Serve tab. Items may be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for continuing to support this project!

An outdoor potluck flyer with a green and yellow background. It features a circular logo for Bismarck Interfaith with the text 'BUILDING COMMUNITY • ONE MEAL AT A TIME'. The main title 'Outdoor Potluck' is in large white letters on a green banner. Below it, a red banner says 'SATURDAY, AUGUST 17'. A green box contains the text: 'Bring school supplies to donate to local non-profits. If you can, bring a dish to share and your own reusable tableware to reduce waste.' A white speech bubble contains the event details: '11:30am-1pm Sertoma Park Shelter 10 Riverside Park Rd, Bismarck Come together with friends and neighbors for an outdoor potluck in the park - join in the fun!'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a picnic basket on a red and white checkered blanket with various food items like watermelon, bread, and a drink.

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 for more information!

Thank you to our current volunteers for providing this ministry!

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!



MISSION Focus



AUGUST: COMMUNITY ACTION BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

The Backpacks for Kids program has been serving food- and housing-insecure students in the Bismarck-Mandan area since 2006. Students are sent home with a backpack of food to help supplement meals over the weekends when they are not in school. The program currently serves over 1300 students at 40 area schools.

This year, we would like to collect one pound peanut butter jars, granola bars, and fruit snacks! Thank you for your generosity!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." - Matthew 25:35



August 2024



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------------|--|--|--|---|-------------------|---|
| | | | | 1 9:00 Esther Circle 1:30 Mary Martha Circle | 2 8:00 NA | 3 |
| 4 9:30 Worship | 5 7:00 AA | 6 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts | 7 10:00 Bible Study 3:00 Kid's Bible Study 7:00 Worship | 8 2:00 Knit/Crochet Group | 9 8:00 NA | 10 Newsletter Deadline |
| 11 9:30 Worship | 12 7:00 AA | 13 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 6:00 Elementary Comm | 14 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship | 15 | 16 8:00 NA | 17 11:30 Bismarck Inferfaith Potluck (Sertoma Park) |
| 18 9:30 Worship | 19 7:00 AA 7:00 WELCA Gathering | 20 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 5:15 HR Committee 5:45 Stewardship Committee | 21 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship | 22 6:00 Knit/Crochet Group | 23 8:00 NA | 24 |
| 25 9:30 Worship | 26 7:00 AA | 27 9:00 Quilting 2:00 Crafts 6:00 Compass Group 7:00 Executive Committee | 28 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 End of Summer Celebration 7:00 Worship | 29 | 30 8:00 NA | 31 9:30 Altar Guild |

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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