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# News and Views

December 2024/January 2025

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT FAITH LUTHERAN

### ADVENT (DEC 1 TO DEC 23)

Midweek Services with 11:15am Soup Lunch and 12pm & 7pm Worship:

Wed, Dec 4th, Wed, Dec 11th, Wed, Dec 18th

### Christmas Programs:

Sunday, Dec 15th @ 11am, Wed, Dec 18 @ 7pm

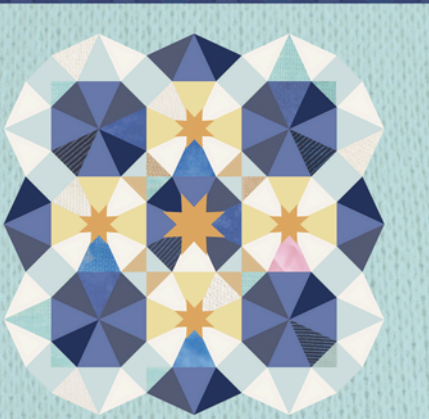
### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

Tuesday, December 24th: 3pm, 5pm & 11pm

Wednesday, December 25th: 10am only

Sunday, December 29th: 8:30am & 11am

Wednesday, January 1st: No Service



**BEGINNINGS**

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

**Pastor Derek Harkins**  
(Fridays off)

**Pastor Sylvia Bull**  
(Fridays off)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY:

8:30am & 11am

WED: 12:00pm  
(Dec 4th-Dec 18th)  
& 7:00pm

LIVESTREAM AT  
SUN 8:30am &  
WED 7:00pm

### 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.

It's that time again!

Faith Lutheran Church's Annual

## Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 14th, starting at 9am

1402 E Ave C, Bismarck, ND 58501

We will have a wide variety of cookies sold by the pound, as well as specialty items, such as krumkake, rosettes and a variety of breads. You can also shop our selection of crafts! Proceeds will go towards our Sunshine Basket and Kitchen Funds. The parking lot and entrance with the elevator are on the North side of the church. Doors open at 9am! History of the Cookie Walk and information on Sign-ups can be found on page 4.



## FLC Executive Team

Jim Sheldon, Chair

Amy Steiner, Vice-Chair

Lyla Timm, Vice-Chair

Mark Schneider, Secretary

Matthew Nygard, Treasurer

## Pastoral Ministries

### **Funeral:**

Gloria Olson

### **Baptism:**

Ella Rose Mann

# Congregational Meeting

Join us on Sunday, December 8th at 9:45am to hear how the past year has gone, our plans for the future, and to vote on the budget and open committee positions!

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



## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

### **October General Fund:**

Revenues: \$59,714.84

Expenditures: \$52,002.59

### **2024 Total:**

Revenues: \$495,192.61

Expenditures: \$509,796.19

## **Church Memorials**

For **General Fund**, in memory of Gracie Larson.

For **Kitchen & Property Fund**, in memory of Gracie Larson.

For **Library Fund & Scholarship Fund**, in memory of Harry Darling.

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

# STAR WORD

reflection question

AS WE END THIS YEAR AND BEGIN A NEW ONE, HOW DOES YOUR STAR WORD INSPIRE NEW BEGINNINGS IN YOUR LIFE?

STAR  
WORD  
2025

Please join us in service on January 5th and 8th, use the website [wordoftheyear.me](http://wordoftheyear.me), or call the office to receive a 2025 Star Word to help guide your reflections, prayers and devotions this year!

# STAFF EMAILS

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

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## Knit/Crochet Group Update



Our Knit/Crochet group is able to provide yarn for participants, and both knit and crochet patterns to use and make hats.

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, we'll be taking a break in December, in **January** we will be meeting Thursday, January 9th at 2pm, and Thursday, January 23rd at 6pm.



## **The Lighthouse**

Drawing near is the winter solstice and immediately following we will celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ. There does not appear to be a definitive answer for why December 25th was selected for this celebration.

The winter solstice is the darkest of the dark nights; but it also is when light commences it's return to us. It is appropriate that we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ at this time. Jesus is like a lighthouse. He warns us of hazards and provides guidance helping us to be better people here on the earth.

As a youngster, the darkness of the night was a troubling time for me. I was nervous when I had to go outside alone in the dark. I was afraid that someone or something was out there and would do great harm to me. As the decades of my life moved on, I overcame that fear.

I do not know if it was the lighthouse light emitted by Jesus that led me to overcome my fear of darkness. I do know that across those same decades that the teachings of Jesus, emitted from his lighthouse, have made me a better person.

Take care my friends. I hope that love, joy, and peace will be emitted by you and to you during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Bennett R. Kubischta

6 November 2024, 9:41 am



## **Library Link**

by LeAnn Severson

Our Church Library has been decked out for the Christmas season and all Advent/Christmas themed books and DVDs have been pulled and are on display in the window shelves, on the counters, and tables for easy access. These materials can provide a bit of quiet time during the hectic schedules of this season.

The children/grandchildren in your life will delight in hearing or reading the wide selection of Christmas books available for them.

Don't have time to visit the library before Christmas? These materials will be still be on display beyond Christmas Day. You can extend the joy of the season and relax, reading from the wide variety of materials.

# Cookie Walk

Our Cookie Walk is back this year --- Saturday, December 14th. The doors will open at 9 am to our community. In past years, there were folks lining up and waiting to make their purchases.

Faith's Cookie Walk began in 2014 and has raised over \$16,000. Proceeds have assisted with the organ fund; the staining and lighting project; purchase of a standup freezer; HVAC system updating project; renovating the library with new window treatments, table and chairs; new window treatments and chairs for the offices.

This year, proceeds made will be split with the Sunshine Basket fund and the Kitchen Fund. Pastors can use funds from the Sunshine Basket fund to help any needs of congregation members. The kitchen fund will help with upgrades to our church kitchen. Stop down and see our new oven! And plans are being made for a new island with options of seating around the island.

Come join us in utilizing our new oven --- we plan to bake cookies at church on December 11th and 12th . There will be 4 different shifts (morning or afternoon). Ingredients will be purchased, just need to mix and bake. Look for sign up sheets and come join us on one of the shifts. Please bring your cookies on Friday, December 13th . If you would like someone to come to your house and pick up the cookies on this Friday, please call the church office at (701) 223-2236.

## Christmas Ornament Thank You

Thank you to those who purchased the handcrafted Christmas ornaments in memory/honor of your loved ones. The proceeds from the sale were given to the Sunshine Fund. The fund not only provides a gift of "sunshine" for some of our members during the Christmas season, but can offer assistance, as needed, during the rest of the year as well. Your ornaments will be available for pick-up in the Gathering Area in January.



## Christmas Poinsettias



Each year, Altar Guild sells Poinsettias that decorate the church during the Christmas season, and are available for pick-up in January. Poinsettias can be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. This year, they will be \$15 each. They will be available for purchase on Sunday, Dec 1, and Sunday Dec 8 between services!

# FLCW Mission Group

## Thank You

Our last shipment of items to Lutheran World Relief was sent in October. The total number of items shipped this year was 128 quilts, 28 personal care kits, 70 baby kits and 109 school kits. None of this could be done without the help of so many, such as the faithful quilters, sewers, anyone donating any supplies and the Men of Faith for delivering the boxes to the trucking company.

In addition, we sent 261 pillow case dresses to the Orphan Grain Train in Jamestown, and 15 quilts were given to our graduating seniors. We gave 10 large quilts and 7 baby blankets to Ministry on the Margins along with some miscellaneous items, and we gave 12 quilts to Abused Adult Resource Center. We gave 17 quilts to AASK (Adults Adopting Special Kids). They handle the adoptions for the state of North Dakota. We also need to thank Thrivent, Walmart and the Eagles for the monetary donations provided to us.

As you can see, we have had a busy year and have provided many items both locally and world wide. Thank you for your continued support.

## Pie and Coffee Day Thank You

Another fun Pie & Coffee Day has passed. It was nice to see the fellowship happening over that piece of pie and cup of coffee. This event could not happen without the help of many, many folks. Thanks to all who moved tables, unpacked and repacked white elephant items, made lefse and knøepfla, worked in the kitchen, washed dishes, cleaned up tables, cashiered, and made purchases. The money raised was \$4,400 and will help many local community and Lutheran World Relief missions as well as supporting the women in seminary. The Faith Women also encourage Camp of the Cross attendees by paying 40% of each camper's registration.

Job well done!



## Hat & Mitten Tree



Starting in December, help us decorate our hat and mitten tree! At the end of the season, we will donate hats, mittens and scarves to local non-profits. Look out for it at the beginning of December!

# Update from our Afghan Friends

Abdul Malik, Shogufta, and Mohammad Zikria arrived on May 7th from Afghanistan. Within just a few short weeks of their arrival, they started taking English classes, bought a car, Abdul Malik got a job at Walmart, and he also started studying for his learner's permit. They also discovered that they would have another baby in January, which was a great source of excitement for their family. Over the summer, Abdul Malik got his driver's license and they attended classes for New Americans. They had a wonderful experience here in North Dakota, but ultimately decided to relocate to Virginia. The tough reality for them is that there are only 2 other families from Afghanistan here in Bismarck, which means that Shogufta was especially isolated (not an ideal situation as she prepared to have a new baby). Their move meant a bigger community of support for them and more job opportunities for Abdul Malik, who would potentially be able to work as a translator or in other, more skilled work rather than at Walmart.

They expressed their incredible thanks for our church's welcome and support of them in their first few months of life in America. It really meant the world to them. They experienced God's love and care through us; and they wish us many blessings from God in return. They also were able to pass on most of the goods and furniture we provided to other new families in our area. Your generosity made a difference! Thank you for following God's call to welcome the stranger by welcoming this family!

## All Comers' Choir

Interested in singing with our choir? We're trying an All Comers' Choir! Take a look in the Newsletter or Bulletin for opportunities to rehearse one time before services, then provide prelude music that day! Singers of **all experience levels** are invited to join. Opportunities in December include:

- Sunday, December 1st (7:30am rehearsal, with performances at 8:30am and 11am),
- Wednesday December 4th (6:30pm rehearsal with performance at 7pm)
- Sunday, December 22 (7:30am rehearsal, with performances at 8:30am and 11am),
- Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve (rehearsal at 4:15pm with performance at 5pm)
- Keep an eye out for more opportunities starting in February!

# Pastor Derek's Parables



*God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them care for the fish of the sea, and the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." (Genesis 1:26)*

Grace and peace to you, sisters and brothers in Christ! For a very long time I thought that being made in the image of God meant that

God looked like a human being. Perhaps that is true, but I have grown to understand that when we are told in scripture that we are "made in God's image," scripture is speaking more to the nature of our very being and not necessarily what we look like. What does God look like? We have no idea.

Perhaps a better questions to ask is, "What is the nature of God?" Through scripture, tradition, and experience we have some ideas as to the nature of who God is. God is relationship. At the core of who God has been revealed to us to be, as Holy Trinity, God is relationship. God is love. God is generous.

These are 3 truths we can confidently claim about God and they are very important in understanding who we are as creatures who were created in the likeness of God. We are created to be in relationship. It's our purpose, to be in community with God and one another. We are created to love. And we are also created to be generous.

One of God's core attributes has to be generosity. After all, God gave everything life and then God gave it's care and safe-keeping to us. All that we have from the water we drink, the food we eat, the ground beneath our feet, the air we breathe, the materials that our clothes and homes are made of, ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING is a gift from God.

When we live lives of generosity, we are living our life as God created us to be, in God's likeness. When we live out of generosity, we are literally showing the world the image of God. Generosity is one of the most powerful ways to preach the Gospel. People see God and God's kingdom here on earth when an act of generosity happens.

We want to thank you for showing us God's image through your generosity over and over again! Through your generosity of time, talents, money, and possessions we continually see God at work, and we are able to continue being the community that we believe God has called us to be here at Faith Lutheran Church.

This year you continue to respond to special offerings and needs as they arise, and still you stay consistent in your General Offering as well. We thank you! As we approach the end of the year we want to report that we are currently running behind in Revenue versus Expenses by -\$14,000 as of the end of October.

We invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your support to ensure we close out this



*Pastor Derek's Parable's Continued*

year strong and start 2025 well. If you are interested in giving electronically please visit [faithbismarck.com/give](http://faithbismarck.com/give) to find out more or contact our Office Manager, Cheryl Johnson, at the church office and she would be happy to help you.

Thank you again for your generosity and for continually showing us God's presence!

# ***A Head's Up about the New Bonhoeffer Movie:***

A few years ago, during our Speaking of Saints series in Eastertide, we learned more about the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor, teacher, writer, and theologian who was a key founding member of the Confessing Church, which spoke out against the Nazi dictatorship of Adolf Hitler. Bonhoeffer was active in resistance efforts against the Nazi regime, including an assassination plot. Bonhoeffer was arrested by the Gestapo in April 1943, imprisoned, and then executed on April 9, 1945.

I was initially interested to see that a new movie about Bonhoeffer's life was being released this fall (*Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin.*). I thought the name was a bit weird but was looking forward to the movie because Bonhoeffer is an important person within the Protestant tradition and I was excited for more people to learn about his story.

However, I soon saw that nearly all scholars in the International Bonhoeffer Society, as well as 86 of his 100 living relatives, and several of the actors involved, have written in opposition to the movie! What was going on?

It turns out that this movie is based upon a controversial and problematic biography of Bonhoeffer by Eric Metaxas. Far right groups have used this biography to misappropriate Bonhoeffer and his legacy for their own ends.

The International Bonhoeffer Society writes, "Today [Bonhoeffer's] life and work are increasingly used to promote political violence and to make false and menacing equations between our present time and the totalitarian Nazi regime. These dangerous narratives are cause for our deep concern. We, the undersigned, are scholars and church leaders from the United States and Germany who want to bring this misappropriation of Bonhoeffer to your attention for the sake of the common good. We represent many colleagues who share our concerns." To read their full statement, visit: <https://www.change.org/p/stop-misusing-dietrich-bonhoeffer-to-support-political-violence-and-christian-nationalism>

His family writes, "We are horrified to see how the legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer is

## *Bohnhoeffer Film Continued*

increasingly being distorted and misused by right-wing extremists, xenophobes, and religious agitators. As direct descendants of the seven siblings of the theologian and resistance fighter executed by the Nazis, we can testify based on what we learned from our families that he was a peace-loving, freedom-loving humanitarian. Never would he have seen himself associated with far-right, violent movements such as Christian Nationalists and others who are trying to appropriate him today. On the contrary, he would have strongly and loudly condemned these attitudes... At a time when intolerance, antisemitism and other forms of racism and xenophobia, nationalism and authoritarianism are on the rise around the world, we believe it is important to clarify publicly: Dietrich Bonhoeffer fought narrow mindedness, oppression, and exclusion throughout his life." To read the family's full statement, visit: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SIKs7\\_yO3nbPFjRb4FV8wi-WKwghBvUP/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SIKs7_yO3nbPFjRb4FV8wi-WKwghBvUP/view)

Cast members from the film wrote the following, "We, the actors of the film *Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin*, by Todd Kormanicki are deeply concerned about the misuse of our film and the legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Christian Nationalists... To us, the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer tells a tale about: speaking up against totalitarian regimes; and acting against systems of lies, bigotry, Nationalism, racism, antisemitism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia. To defend our history and culture from appropriation, historical revisionism. His legacy teaches us to always look out for the marginalized in our society; not to judge people for their race, gender, sexuality and class. Bonhoeffer would not judge how we find love, compassion, solidarity with one another. He would encourage us to find a way we can learn from each other and that our faith, whatever it may be, should never be taken away by extremist demagogues and always lead with Love. As the actors of this film, we hope this message will resonate with you as it's the reason we agreed to take on this project and honor Bonhoeffer's legacy. We distance ourselves from everyone who tries to take this film for narrative to take up arms and harm one another." To read the cast's full statement, visit: <https://bonhoeffersociety.org/2024/11/04/statement-lead-actors-in-bonhoeffer-spy-pastor-assassin-speak-out-together-against-the-misuse-of-bonhoeffers-legacy/>

I haven't yet decided if I will go see this new movie, given this response. But if I do, I will be certain to go in eyes-wide-open, knowing that this movie doesn't tell the whole story, and aware of how certain groups are misusing Bonhoeffer's legacy to justify their own violence. I hope you will, too. Let me know if you do see it, or would like to talk about this more. Pastor Derek and I can also recommend other books and articles about Bonhoeffer's life and legacy if you would like to learn more about this remarkable man.

In Christ,  
Pastor Sylvia

**2025 SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL TRIP:  
DISASTER RESPONSE MISSION CAMP  
NEWLAND, NC**



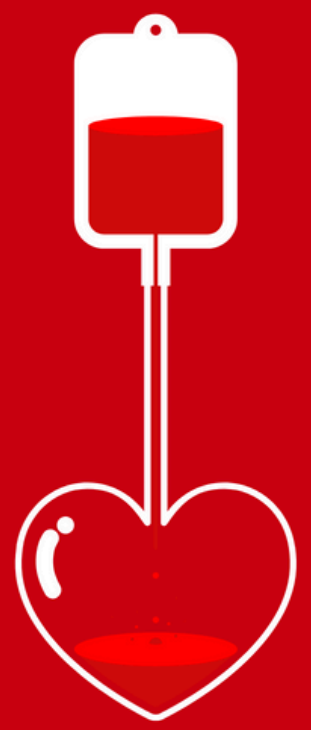
**JULY 27 — AUG 2, 2025**

Anyone 9th grade and above is welcome to join Informational Sessions for a trip to Lutherock Camp in Western North Carolina to work with Lutheran Disaster Response on hurricane relief.

**INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS:  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AT 12PM  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 7:45PM**

**SAVE THE  
DATE FOR  
OUR  
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DRIVE**

**WEDNESDAY,  
JAN 8  
4:30PM-7PM  
FELLOWSHIP  
HALL**



**SCRIPTURE CIRCLE**

**AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1402 E AVE C, BISMARCK**

**WED, DEC 4 2024 | 10:30 AM TO 3:00PM**

Join us in a transformative group approach to Bible study led by U.S. Jones (friend of Rabbi Noah!)  
Soup lunch is provided.  
We will break for Advent mid-week worship at 12pm

⋮ **ALL ARE WELCOME** ⋮



# Church School News



The theme for this year is Hooked on Jesus. We are collecting this quarter for Soul 57. So far we have raised \$450.42!

Rehearsals for this year's Christmas Program start November 24th for Sunday Church School, and December 4th for Wednesday Church School. We will perform the Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec 15th at the 11am service, and Wednesday, Dec 18th at the 7pm service. Please read the Christmas Program letter, linked on our Forms page, for more important information.

## Youth News

We are finalizing an inter-generational trip for hurricane relief to North Carolina! We have more information on the previous page in the newsletter, and on our Facebook page. There will be a local High School lock-in the night of January 10th. Look out for more information coming soon!

**Church School Families! Please join us on Wednesday, December 4th and Wednesday, January 8th at 5:30pm 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!**

### December

#### Acolyting Schedule

##### Sundays

**8:30**- Open

**11:00**- Trevor Hein / Bryce Johnson

##### Wednesdays

**7:00** - Bennett Isaak / Keagan Isaak

**Tech Assistant** - Drew Heisler

**Volunteers needed for December  
24/25/29**

### January

#### Acolyting Schedule

##### Sundays

**8:30**- Open

**11:00**- Colin Krueger, Jackson Krueger

##### Wednesdays

**7:00** - Conner Kuntz / Bridger Franklund (8/15)

Caitlyn Brady / Cambree Brady (22/29)

**Tech Assistant** - Lauren Schorsch



# MISSION Focus



## DECEMBER: GIFT CARDS & BUS PASSES

For December, we are collecting gas gift cards, grocery gift cards, and bus passes (any kind, monthly, one day, or one way). These gift cards will be kept at Faith Lutheran Church, and handed out to those in need that are members of our church, as well as people in our community that reach out to us for assistance. All amounts are greatly appreciated!

Please write the amount on each gift card with pen or marker. Thank you for your generosity!

*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? - 1 John 3:17*

# MISSION Focus



## JANUARY: YOUTHWORKS

Youthworks provides short-term transitional housing and support services to homeless young adults ages 18-24. They also assist families and youth under the age of 18 as well in many different ways. For more information and ways to support this organization check out their website: [youthworksnd.org](http://youthworksnd.org). They are currently looking for menstrual supplies, hats, gloves, winter coats, scarves, new socks, diapers, baby wipes and baby formula.

*Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? - Isaiah 58:6-7*



# December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 NO CHURCH SCHOOL</b> 7:30 All Comers' Choir 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	<b>2 7:00 AA</b>	<b>3 9:00 Quilting</b> 2:00 Crafts 7:00 Scouts	<b>4 10:30 Scripture Circle</b> 11:15 Soup Lunch 12:00 Worship 4:30 8th/9th Conf 5:30 Handbells 5:30 BLAST Meal 6:00 Xmas Prog Practice 6:30 All Comers' Choir 7:00 Worship 7:45 Summer Trip Info Session	<b>5 9:00 Esther Circle</b> 6:00 Men of Faith Christmas Supper	<b>6 8:00 NA</b>	<b>7</b>
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# Men of Faith Christmas Supper

**Thursday, December 5th, 2024 at 6:00 pm**  
**Free Will Offering**

Join us for a Christmas Supper featuring scrumptious ham, potatoes, green beans and of course, those infamous Faith bars. Entertainment will also be provided, so make sure to bring your singing voices! This year will be a Free Will Offering, so bring your check book or greenbacks. Proceeds will go to the Kitchen Fund, Baptismal Meals and Boy Scouts!

