FEBUARY NEWSLETTER 2017

Faith Lutheran Church 308 2nd St. NW Dodge Center, MN 55927

Times of Worship

Sundays

8:00 am	Traditional service
9:00 am	Fellowship/education
10:00 am	Contemporary service

Wednesdays

6:30 pm	Worship

Upcoming Activities

Wednesday, February 1,8,15,22
WOW Coffee/Devotions
9:30 am

Tuesday, February 6 and 20
Wise Guys Breakfast/Devotions
9:00 am

Tuesday, February 7
Ruth Circle (Bible Study)
1:00 pm

Monday, February 5 and 26
Women's Bible Study "Uninvited"
7:00 pm

Thursday, February 9 and 23
Just for Fun (Senior Citizens)
1:00 pm

Tuesday, February 14
Deborah Circle (Bible Study)
7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 22
No Wednesday activities

Sunday, February 26
8 and 10 am Worship service
February 1st Baptismal Anniversaries

A note from your pastor...

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Well friends, January is but a memory and what a memorable January it has been. Where do I begin when thanking everyone for all the support, love, and encouragement I have received this past month? My list of thank-you notes has grown so very long that I fear I may not find the time to hand-write the notes that I should. I pray that you will accept this as my heart-felt thank you. In the past month my cup of blessings has been over-flowing as I received Christmas joy from the cards and gifts given; as I received cards of sympathy when I and my siblings had to make the difficult decision to remove dad from life-support and as we said good-bye for now; as I received notes of encouragement as I ministered to Nacia Olson's family at the time of her death; as I received words of celebration (and some sympathy too) as I celebrated my 50th birthday; as I received sentiment of congratulations upon the ordination of our daughter Allyson as an ELCA pastor. My cup overflows because of you.

When I accepted the call to become the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, I knew that all I wanted to do was bless and love the people of Faith with everything I had. I did not know that I would receive the same, but I have. You, my dear people of Faith, are good people… really good people. God's love shines in and through you and for that I say THANK YOU.

Pastor Barb

Pastor Barb on vacation

Dates:
February 12 (after worship) - February 25

In case of emergency call:
Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt
507-271-0348
nbreinschmidt@gmail.com

Monthly Activities

Faith Quilters	
Tuesdays	**9:00 am**
Wise Guys Men's Group	
1st & 3rd Tuesdays	**9:00 am**
WOW (Women On Wednesday)	
Wednesdays	**9:30 am**
Just for Fun	
2nd and 4th Thursdays	**1:00 pm**
Ruth Circle	**1:00 pm**
1st Tuesday of the month	
Deborah Circle	**7:00 pm**
2nd Tuesday of the month	
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group	**5:00 pm**
Thursdays	
Ministry Teams	
Worship Assistant Training	**9:15 am**
4th Sunday of the month	

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Faith Staff Meeting: Tuesdays at Annadine's	**10:00 am**
Outreach Leadership Team: Thursday, Feb. 2	**6:30 pm**
Education Leadership Team: Monday, Feb. 6	**6:30 pm**
CYF Leadership Team: Tuesday, Feb. 7	**6:30 pm**
Properties Leadership Team: Sunday, Feb. 12	**9:00 am**
Church Council: Sunday, Feb. 19	**6:30 pm**

JANUARY MONTHLY STATISTICS

Attendance week of….	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am	Wednesday 6:30 pm	Total
Jan. 1	97	X	85	182
Jan. 8	86	42	X	128
Jan. 15	102	68	75	245
Jan. 22	120	X	X	120
Jan. 29	101	72	84	257

Finance Report to Faith Council for December 2016

General income for month	$26,116.08	Building income for month	$10,801.00
Dedicated income for month	$ 6,372.64	Building expenses for month	$ 5,424.00
Total income for month	$32,488.72		
General and dedicated expenses	$30,254.83		
YTD general income	$189,690.54	YTD building income	$102,594.35
YTD dedicated income	$ 46,876.77	YTD building expenses	$103,383.99
YTD total general and dedicated income	$236,567.31	**YTD building fund difference**	**-$789.64**
YTD general and dedicated expenses	$199,312.96		
YTD general fund difference	**$ 5,377.00**		

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting
January 15, 2017

Council Members Present: Jim Jensen, Corey Woxland, Barb Erler, Kevin Peterson, Melissa Pflaum, Lauren Asprey, Kristyn Maixner, Harold Long, Pastor Barb
Council Members Absent: Rodney Myer, Charlott Wilhelm, Jacquelyn Gosse

Meeting Notes:

Call to Order	President Jim Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
Opening Prayer	Pastor Barb led a devotion on giving and receiving criticism and led prayer
Approval of December's Meeting Minutes	Motion to approve Missy P/Second Kristyn M/Carried
Approval of Treasurer's Report	Motion to approve Barb E/Second Missy P/Carried Discussion: Reminder that November Treasurer's Report was presented electronically and received unanimous approval Motion by Missy P. to purchase flowers for the funeral of Pastor Barb's father/Second Corey W/Carried
Approval of Consent Agenda Reports	Motion to approve Missy P/Second Lauren A/Carried
Old Business	Harvest Feast Committee reports a great success raising over $5000
New Business	Motion to approve the 2017 proposed budget for approval at the annual meeting by Barb E/Second Russ K/Carried Motion to bring the responsibility of the weekly counting, recording, and depositing of income under the job description of the administrative secretary assisted by a rotating team of volunteers by Kristyn M/Second Barb E/Carried Motion to move our payroll business to Jay Standinger effective immediately by Corey W/Second Russ K/Carried Motion to carry forward the following ballot to the annual meeting by Russ K/Second Barb E/Carried Council Positions: Ryan Schrom, VaLane Tyler, Terri Hallaway SE MN Synod Convention Delegates: Jim Jensen, Lynn Koehler
Adjourn-ment/Lord's Prayer	Motion to adjourn by Missy P/Second Russ K/Carried

Faith Lutheran Church Council Special Meeting
January 22, 2017

Council Members Present: Jim Jensen, Corey Woxland, Barb Erler, Kevin Peterson, Melissa Pflaum, Lauren Asprey, Kristyn Maixner, Harold Long, VaLane Tyler, Pastor Barb

Council Members Absent: Terri Hallaway, Ryan Schrom

Call to Order	President Jim Jensen called the meeting to order at 11:30am
Approval of Executive Board	Motion to approve the following for the 2017 Faith Lutheran Council Executive Board: Jim Jensen, President; VaLane Tyler, Vice President; Corey Woxland, Treasurer; Terri Hallaway, Secretary Harold Long/2nd Barb Erler/Carried
2017 Council Meetings	The Faith Church Council will meet the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of Faith Lutheran Church.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn/carried

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 19, 2017 6:30PM Faith Lutheran Church

Respectfully Submitted:
Pastor Barb Streed

Faith Youth Serving in Jesus Name!

Confirmation Small Group Wednesday Evening Meal Teams

February 1—Russ' Team: Weston, Peyton, Hunter, Claire, Brenna

February 8—Missy's Team: Mena, Zie, Myles, Hannah, Haeven

February 15—Karen's Team: Makena, Mary, Elyse, Brooklyn, Isabella, Emma

February 22—NO MEAL OR CONFIRMATION

March 1—Lauren's Team—Jude, Iain, Sydney, Caden, Sierra, Tanner, Reese

Please be in the kitchen by 5pm or as close as possible. Parents are more than welcome to join the team and enjoy serving too. We are also responsible for clean-up after the meal.

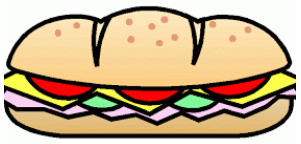
Field Trip!

Our W.A.C.K.Y Wednesday Elementary Ministry will be heading to **Fairview Care Facility, Dodge Center** to bring their love and God's love to the residents of Fairview.

When: Wednesday, February 15

Be sure to dress for the weather as we will be walking to Fairview after school and then back to Faith Lutheran.

Faith Youth Gathering in Jesus



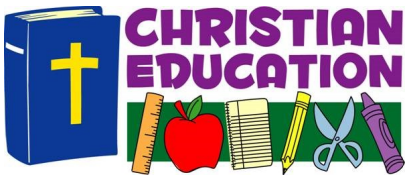
Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser
ASSEMBLING PARTY!
4PM, SATURAY FEBRUARY 4
HELP ASSEMBLE AND EARN $
FOR YOUR TRIP!

High Schoolers!
Hump Day Donuts
Wednesdays 7:30-8 am
THS Library
Hugs included!

Faith Youth Learning in Jesus Name!

A Reminder to ALL AGE GROUPS:

There will be NO CLASSES Wednesday, February 22.



PreK-5th Grade

Our children continue to learn about God's story as we study the same stories that Pastor Barb reads to us and shares a message about at our worship services. In February will we be learning about:

Luke 7:1-17, Jesus healing the sick and raising the dead

Luke 7:18-35, A messenger prepares a way for healing

Luke 7:36-50, A sinful woman forgiven

Luke 9:28-45, Jesus' transfiguration and Jesus healing

Confirmation 6th-8th Grade

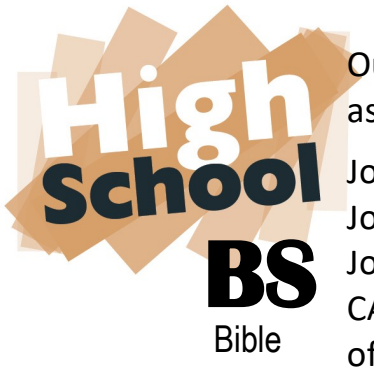
Our confirmation students continue in their study of God's story as they study "The Heroes of Our Faith." Up to this point we have delved into the lives of Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel, Moses, Joshua, Deborah, and Ruth. In February we will get to know Esther, John the Baptist, Stephen, and the Apostle Paul. Our students will be choosing a hero of our faith about whom they write their final paper.

SPECIAL NOTES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

1—8th Grade Confirmation Retreat is March 10-11, see permission form on page 7.

2—6th-8th Grade Students will need their CONFIRMATION MENTORS chosen by FEBRUARY 15, see page 8.

If you have any questions regarding either of these notes, please contact Pastor Barb.



Our Wednesday evening high school bible study (7:30pm) continues as we welcome our **NEW HS BIBLE STUDY LEADER, JORDAN LEE!**

Jordan is currently a teacher at Ellis Middle School in Austin, MN. Jordan is engaged to Laura Strandell, Triton Public School teacher. Jordan and Lauren met as camp counselors at SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP. We are so excited and totally blessed to have Jordan as part of our education team! **THANKS JORDAN!**

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation News & Updates

Friday, March 10 (9am)-Saturday, March 11 (11am)

Faith Lutheran Church

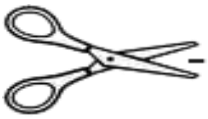
Bring: Sleeping Bag/Pillow; Toothbrush/Paste; Clean Clothes/ Pajamas; Tennis Shoes; Snacks to Share

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS:

Our retreat will include a field-trip to Prairie Walls Climbing Gym in Rochester on Friday, March 10th. Please complete an on-line waiver for your child at http://prairiewalls.com/ by March 6. If you need assistance, stop in the church office and we'll be happy to assist you.

Total Cost of Retreat: $30.00 (due by March 6)

(contact Pastor Barb if partial scholarship is desired)



_____ (Child's Name)

_____ (Yes or No) has my permission to attend the 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat from Friday, March 10th to Saturday, March 11.

_____ (Yes or No) has my permission to participate in the activities at Prairie Walls. I have signed the on-line waiver form.

Return this portion along with the $30.00 cost of the retreat to the church office by March 6th.

_____ I can help drive youth to Prairie Walls.

_____ My child can bring a snack to share at the retreat

Parent/Gaurdian: _____ Phone #:_____

Confirmation Students: GIVE THIS PORTION TO YOUR MENTOR

So, You're a CONFIRMATION MENTOR!

Congratulations! It's easy!

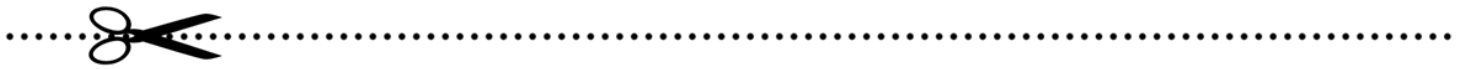
WHEN: **Wednesday Evenings** ~ March 1 thru April 5

6:30-7:30pm Worship with Your Student

7:30-8:00pm Mentor/Student Conversations

WHERE: **Faith Lutheran** Church, Dodge Center

WHAT: Each week you will join with your student which will include worship and time for a **one-on-one discussion**. Conversation sheets will be provided. Please sit with your student for both portions.



Confirmation Student: PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION To Pastor Barb by Wednesday, February 15

Your Name:_____ Grade: _____

Your Parent's Name:_____

Your Parent's Phone #:_____

Your Mentors Name:_____

How do you know this person?_____

Your Mentors Phone # (if known):_____

Getting Involved

February/March Women's Bible Study "Uninvited"

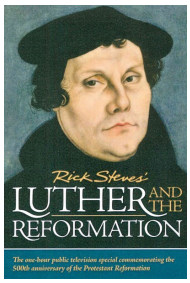
We continue this bible study which explores the roots of rejection; the lies we believe as a result, and the truth about who God is, who we are, and what it looks like to live loved.

Sunday evenings at 6 pm
Feb. 5, 26, March 5, 12

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Join us as we enjoy dinner (or lunch) together and then take in the movie
Luther and the Reformation

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is not only a time for reflection on the rich history of this church, but also a chance to look forward to what lies ahead for all of us. It's an exciting time to be Lutheran as we come together with the Roman Catholic Church on the foundation of our common heritage. Join us as we work to better understand our Lutheran roots and continue in our journey of understanding the gospel.



Sunday, March 5
11:30am Dinner/Lunch
12:15am Movie
2:00pm Post Discussion and Refreshments
Cost: $5 for dinner and refreshments
RSVP to the church office by February 26

Bouquet of Blessings

Join us as we marvel at the truth of Jesus' unchanging and unending love.

Event: **Women's Retreat**

Place: **Camp Victory, Zumbro Falls, MN**

Date: **Friday, March 17–Sunday, March 19**

Time: **8:30pm (F)-1pm (Sun)**

For more information:
Join us as we gather to grow deeper with God and one another. Cost is $50 and is all inclusive. Join us anytime after 1pm on Friday; first session begins at 8:30pm Friday.

Register by calling or emailing the church office by March 3.
Women of all ages welcome!

Help raise money for youth ministries

Did you know you can purchase these different gift cards at our church and the youth get credit for the sale? How much percentage do we receive from each sale? The amount is listed behind each vender.

*Applebee's	8%	*HyVee	2%
*Arby's	8%	*JC Penney's	5%
*Amazon	3%	*Kohl's	4%
*Barnes and Nobles	9%	*Kwik Trip	4%
*Bath and Body Works	13%	*Menards	3%
*Best Buy	4%	*Olive Garden	9%
*Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	*Red Lobster	9%
*Cabela's	11%	*Starbucks	7%
*Caribou Coffee	6%	*Subway	6%
*Domino's Pizza	8%	*Shopko	3%
*Great Harvest Bread	6%	*Target	5%
		*Texas Roadhouse	8%
		*Walmart	2.5%

Wednesday Night Meals
February

Confirmation Small Group Helpers

February 1: Russ' Group
Weston T, Peyton B, Hunter G, Claire G, Brenna E

February 8: Missy's Group
Mena F, Zoe B, Myles C, Hannah S, Haeven Q

February 15: Karen's Group
Makena J, Mary Z, Elyse B, Brooklyn N, Isabella S, Emma E

February 22:
No evening activities tonight

Please be in the kitchen by 5pm or asap. We begin serving at 5:15pm

Wednesday Night Meals
February

February Family Ministry Team

Joe and Stacey Evans
Brett and Ashton Franko
Jeremy and Amy Gnagey
John and Jaci Gosse
Roger and Jean Hanson
Greg and Annie Harris
Andy and Sara Klein
Craig and Nikky Knutson
Scott and Val Langworthy
Cody and Hillary Laue
Aaron and Kristyn Maixner
Robin Mergen
Larry and Carol Mundy
Curt Myers
Ryan and Molly Olson
Rex and Malinda Quam
Jerry and Dory Scherger
Sharon Sheik
Ron and Wanda Snyder
Jacob and Danielle Snyder
Linda Stevens
Kim Swanson
Chad and Laura Thomas
Levi and Katie Livingood

MARCH Family Ministry Team

Michael Freerksen
Chelsie Bergman
Rosa Cardenas
Peter Evans
Tammy Fate
Corey and Darlene Foster
Sherrie Franko
Rod and Elaine French
Scott and Julie French
Jim and Sonja Hruska
Russ and Lynn Koehler
Tyler and Theresa Laue
Alan and Andrea Round
Jeff and Jackie Short
Brandon and Jessica Simonson
Eduardo and Liza Tapia
Mitch and Terri Hallaway
Steve and Rebecca Knutson
Judy Koss
Dan Olson
Arlyn and Barb Scheiber
Nolan Short
Josh and Jennifer Stark
Melissa Taylor

volunteer training

Acolyte, usher and communion servers training will be offered on the **fourth Sunday of every month at 9:15 am**

This is an opportunity to receive training if you have never done these jobs before or to receive a refresher if it has been awhile.

Join Pastor Barb in the sanctuary after service and she will walk you through what you need to know. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the church office.

Check out the monthly Ministry Team sign-up sheets on the "Serve" bulletin board in the Gathering Area of our church.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

1 Ashley Robertson
2 Bill Feil, Brock Franko, Tucker Hodgman, Lilianna Marquette, Trinity Pitts, Jackie Short
3 John Gosse, Carol Johnson, Allison Rislov, Robin Viker
4 Vanessa Haltvick
6 John Chapin
7 Carolyn Long, Sandy Rasmussen
8 Annie Harris, Rick Wolf
10 Chad Andrist, Levi Pope
11 Maya Matejcek, Alisha Selthun, Andrew Wanek
12 Jerry Mulholland, Mary Stoddard
13 Lorie Meier
14 Scott French, Bryan Quimby
15 Peyton Bills, Denise Ellingson
16 Randy Langworthy, Joseph Peterson
17 Jessica Simonson
19 Jim Jensen, Micah McChesney
20 Jennifer Holterman, Ryan Olson, Amy Woxland
21 Stacey Evans, Danielle Hallaway, Alyssa Marquette, Graham Pluto, Eden Wolf
22 Logan Fritsche, Kate Henderson,
23 Jalyn Fate, Mike Justice, Carter Keller
24 Peter Evans
25 Tom Fredrickson, Dennis Vang
26 Alex Head, Jayce Johnson, Bryon Wolf
28 Shirley Chapin
29 Isaiah Holterman

February Anniversaries

8 Curt and Beth Vaith
Happy 50th anniversary

20 Jeff and Jackie Short
25 Ryan and Brianna Schrom

LENTEN CALENDAR

Our Lenten journey begins. Join us.

Lenten Series: The People vs. Jesus
Worship—Wednesdays, 6:30pm

March 1—**Ash Wednesday**
March 8—The Examination of John
March 15—The Examination of Mary Magdalene
March 22—The Examination of James
March 29—The Examination of Herod
April 5—The Examination of Mary

Holy Week
Sunday, April 9—**Palm Sunday**
Worship: 8am and 10am

Thursday, April 13—**Maundy Thursday**
Worship: 6:30pm

Friday, April 14—**Good Friday**
Worship: 6:30pm

Easter
Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday
Worship: 6:30am—Sunrise Worship
8am—Traditional Worship
10am—Contemporary Worship

Announcement
Table of Faith will no longer gather until further notice. We ask for your prayers as we discern the future needs of this ministry area.
Faith Outreach Team

Faith Lutheran does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30a THS donuts 9:30a WOW 3:15p WACKY 5:15p Meal 5:45 Education 6:30p Worship 7:30p HS Bible Study and Confirmation	2 9:30a Pastor Barb at Fairview 5p Alzheimer's caregivers' support meeting 6:30p Outreach meeting	3 7a FSC meeting 6:30p AA	4 8a ELCA Synod meeting 4p Super Bowl Sub assembly
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February 2017

"Celebrating Faith in Christ by worshipping together and reaching out in love to all God's people"