



May Newsletter 2024

Faith Lutheran Church

308 2nd St. NW, PO Box 358

Dodge Center, MN 55927

Summer Schedule begins on May 19 with one service at 9 am. Fellowship will follow at 10 am

Wednesday, May 1

Confirmation 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 2

Exercise Class (2, 9, 16, 23, 30) 9:00 am

Friday, May 3

AA (3, 10, 17, 24, 31) 6:30 pm

Sunday, May 5 Service Project Sunday

Worship 8:00 am

Service Project/Fellowship 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am

Monday, May 6

WAM 7:15 pm

Tuesday, May 7

Wise Guys 9:00 am

Exercise Class (7, 14, 21, 28) 9:00 am

Quilting (7, 14, 21, 28) 9:00 am

Ruth Circle 1:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Confirmation wrap-up and celebration 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 11

Synod Assembly

Sunday, May 12

Worship 8:00 am

Fellowship 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am

Monday, May 13

Church Council 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 14

Deborah Circle 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 16

Pantry of Faith food distribution 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 19 One Service only

New member Sunday

Worship 9:00 am

Fellowship 10:00 am

Monday, May 20

Outreach 5:30 pm

Youth/Ed. 6:45 pm

Tuesday, May 21

Wise Guys 9:00 am

Sunday, May 26

Worship 9:00 am

Fellowship 10:00 am



Pastor's Message

Pastor Jessica Bakken Busch

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the vibrant hues of spring envelop our world, we gather in the spirit of Easter, not merely as a single Sunday but as a season that stretches from the triumphant morning of Easter to the joyous culmination of Pentecost.

During the Easter season, we are invited to dwell in the mystery of new life—and in the midst of blossoming flowers and lengthening days, we find ourselves immersed in the story of resurrection everywhere we look in creation—Spring and Easter really go hand in hand.

Just as the earth awakens from its winter slumber, so too do our hearts awaken to the transformative power of Christ's love.

Throughout this Easter season, let us be mindful of the ways in which God is continually at work in our lives and in our world. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, may our eyes be opened to recognize the risen Christ in the midst of our everyday encounters. And like the women at the tomb, may we proclaim with boldness the good news of Jesus' resurrection, knowing that death has been defeated and new life is ours to embrace.

As we journey together through this season of Easter, let us be attentive to the signs of God's presence all around us. Whether in the budding of a flower, the laughter of a child, or the warmth of community, may we be reminded that Christ is indeed alive and active in our midst. And may we, like the early disciples, be filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit, empowered to bear witness to the hope that is within us.

May this Easter season be a time of renewal and rejoicing for each of us, as we celebrate the victory of life over death and the promise of resurrection that is ours in Christ Jesus.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jes

You can now give to Faith Lutheran Church
using the new Vanco Mobile App.



Just download the app and search for
Faith Lutheran Church in Dodge Center, MN

- Step #1:** Search in your App store for Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement
- Step #2.** Download App to your phone
- Step #3** Once App is downloaded, create a sign-in and search for Faith Lutheran Church, Dodge Center, MN
- Step #4** Select “General Fund” and set-up a one time or monthly giving of your offering. (if using a credit card, please consider helping the church costs by paying the fee)

If you would like to receive the council minutes, contact the church office and the minutes will be emailed to you. A copy of the council minutes can always be found in the church office.

GENERAL FUND GIVING AND EXPENSES

\$13,060 March Giving

\$14,725 March Expenses

\$38,569 Year-to-Date Giving

\$51,541 Year-to-Date Expenses

Detailed monthly financial statements are located in the church library.

Endowment Update

Balances as of 03/31/2024

Capital/Building Endowment: \$139,961
Giving and Growing Endowment: \$33,196

Did you know... When you give to the endowment fund you are creating a legacy of stewardship that lasts for years to come.



Senior Graduation Recognition Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 9th to celebrate our High School Seniors!

Information will be sent out to our Senior's families soon with more information

The Properties Team is looking for volunteers to be on a Carpet Committee and a Kitchen Cabinet Committee (two separate groups) to start exploring these projects for our church. These committees would be made up of 4-5 members and work under the guidance of the properties team. Their purpose would be to explore material options (colors, construction materials, etc.) for these projects, obtain multiple quotes and develop plans to fund the projects.

Please direct anyone interested to email me shaun.hall.1981@gmail.com or call me 507 259 2950

All Ages Service Opportunities!

Service Sundays: This is the last Sunday Service Sunday until next fall. This has been a very successful activity for members and we are looking forward to the projects planned for the next year. Look below for pictures of some of the activities we did together.



MAY 5TH SERVICE PROJECT

Flower Pots for Triton Elementary Staff

Pictures from Sunday Service Projects



Sept. God's Work Our Hands – Wreaths for the doors at Fairview and Circle Drive Manor care centers



Oct. Tie blankets for students with disabilities at Triton



Nov. Christmas letters to Veterans



Dec Advent Fest—Making nativities that we can add to each year



Jan. We made supply packages for the homeless and delivered them to The Landing in Rochester



*March Sole Hope
We used a pattern to cut up old jeans that will be made into shoes for children in Uganda*



*April
Pet toys for rescue animals at Paws and Claws*



VBS June 10th - 13th 5:30-7:30pm

Register on line at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48ADAD2EA4FD0-48913879-vbsroar>

May Birthdays

1. Diane Barber
2. Brenna Essig, Abe Myer
3. Gary Burton, Bob Butler
6. Weston Thomas
7. Renae Axt
9. Amy Myrom
11. Royal Bishop, Beth Glarner
12. Jill Hukee
13. Andrea Tapp
15. Kolten Chilson
16. Calvin Johnson
18. Carol Burzlaff, Bonnie Butler
19. Evonne Carlson
21. Rodney Myer
22. Anya Klein, Kayce Redican
23. Terri Hallaway
24. Ashton Avery, Bradyn Donaldson
25. Ellie Barber, Bonnie Redican
27. David Myrom, Will Rohwer
28. Zay'vion Bishop, Sonja Hruska, Emma Ogren, Dacotah Wealot
29. Mikayla Austin
31. Ron Anderson, Makena Jensen, Darlene Keller



Faith
community
Food Pantry

**Pantry of Faith
Food Distribution**

Thursday, May 16

4:00-7:00 pm

*Thank you for volunteering and donating
to the Pantry!*

Pantry of Faith Donations for June

This month we are collecting cereal, pancake mix and pancake syrup. Bring your items to the church and place them in the Pantry of Faith Box by the library windows.



Wayne and Ruth trying out the new automatic door opener for the first time.



Thank you to Ruth and Wayne McColley for donating funds to pay for the new automatic door opener for the door located by the kitchen.

We appreciate your generosity.

2024 Church Council Members

President Karen Kleinwort

Secretary Vicki Schweiger

Outreach Lisa Wolf

Properties April Dean

WAM Lyn Sowieja

Vice President Jacquelyn Gosse

Treasurer Joi Bishop

Personnel Lois Johnson

Stewardship Dillon Denter

Youth/Ed. Patty Starkson

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2024

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and fourth Sunday of the month.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6p Confirmation	2 9a Exercise Class	2 6:30p AA	4
5 Communion Service Sunday 8a Worship 9a Fellowship/Service project - all families 9a Properties Team 10a Worship	6 7:15p WAM	7 9a Wise Guys 9a Exercise Class 9a Quilting 1:30p Ruth Circle	8 6p Confirmation wrap up and Celebration	9 9a Exercise Class	10 6:30p AA	11 Synod Assembly
12 Mother's Day 8a Worship 9a Fellowship 10a Worship 1p Nadine's Piano Recital	13 6:30p Church Council	14 9a Exercise Class 9a Quilting 7:00p Deborah Circle	15	16 9a Exercise Class 4-7p Pantry of Faith	17 6:30p AA	18
19 Summer Schedule one Service begins New Member Sunday 9a Worship 10a Fellowship	20 5:30p Outreach 6:45p Youth/Ed Team	21 9a Wise Guys 9a Exercise Class 9a Quilting	22	23 9a Exercise Class	24 6:30p AA	25
26 Communion Memorial Day Weekend 9a Worship 10a Fellowship	29	30 9a Exercise Class 9a Quilting				

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***Celebrating faith in Christ by worshiping together
and reaching out in love to all God's people.***