



Faith Lutheran

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News and Views

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MISSION STATEMENT

"We are building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel."

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH,
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MANDAN, &
SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENT:

A Lenten Journey to the Easter Vigil

Wednesdays at 12:05pm and 7pm

Soup Lunch at 11:00am

March 4: Rev. Steve Sathre

March 11: Rev. Sylvia Bull

March 18: Rev. Hal Weidman

March 25: Rev. Christina Martin

April 1: Rev. Gene Anderson

We'll gather to hear and reflect on highlights of God's salvation story from the Old Testament as we walk with Jesus to the cross.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

Pastor Steve Sathre

(Fridays off)

Pastor Sylvia Bull

(Mondays off)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:30AM & 11AM

WEDNESDAY: 7PM

Sunday worship rides are available by calling the Church office on or before Friday morning.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00AM - 5:00PM

Friday: 8:00AM - NOON

Answering machine is available evenings and weekends when the office is not staffed. Office is generally open during the lunch hour.

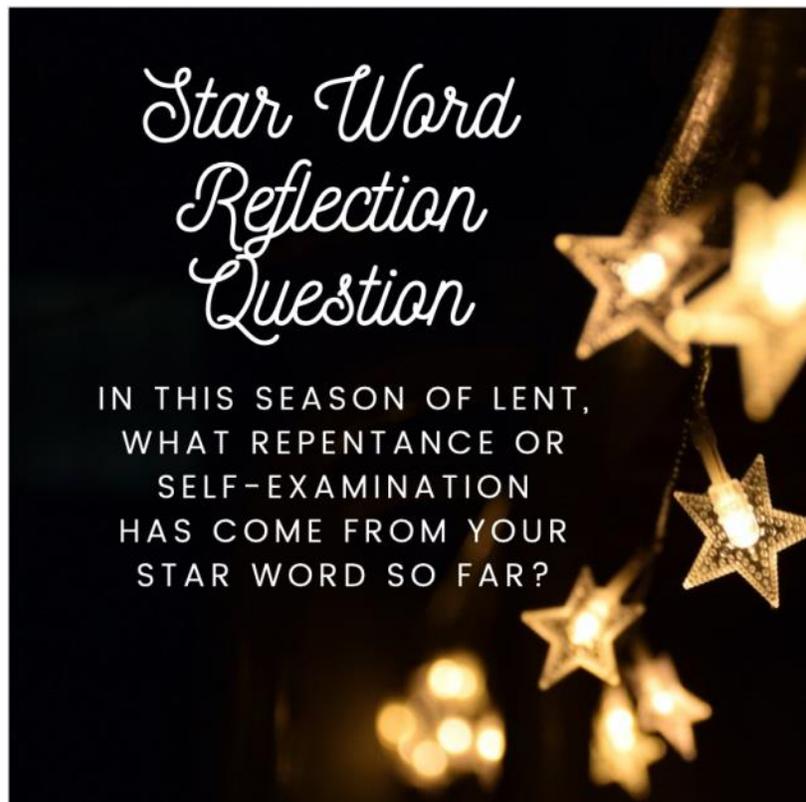
FLC Executive Team

Jennifer Prince, Chair
Doug Johnson, Vice-Chair
Tina Anderson, Vice-Chair
Steve Sundvor, Secretary
Hope Schreiner, Treasurer

Pastoral Ministries

Funerals

Judy RoJean Kocis



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 each week is at noon on Tuesday for the coming Sunday bulletin.

Articles, schedules, etc., can be sent by email to donna.bisfaith@gmail.com. For additional information, call the church office at 701-223-2236.

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Pastor Steve's Parables

A Lenten Journey to the Easter Vigil

Originally the purpose of Lent was not to focus on repentance and giving things up. Instead, Lent was a time of learning and growth to prepare new converts to be baptized into the faith. The culmination of Lent for the new Christians was the grand service held the evening before Easter which they called the Easter Vigil. The service featured some of the most vivid stories from the Old Testament - the valley of the dry bones coming to life, Israel crossing the Red Sea, Jonah being swallowed by a whale, the three Israelites in the fiery furnace, and the creation itself. Each story reminds us of God's great saving power.

You are invited to use our special midweek services as opportunities to strengthen and grow your faith. The services include the beautiful *Prayer Around the Cross* and will be held each Wednesday at 12:05 pm and 7:00 pm. Soup and bread will be served 11:00 to noon and pizza from 5:30-6:00pm.



February 26 – Ash Wednesday

Sylvia Bull, Faith Lutheran

March 4 – Jonah and the Whale

Steve Sathre, Faith Lutheran

March 11 – Israel Crossing the Red Sea

Sylvia Bull, Faith Lutheran

March 18 – Creation

Hal Weidman, St George's Episcopal

March 25 – Valley of the Dry Bones

Christina Martin, First Lutheran Mandan

April 1 – The Israelites in the Fiery Furnace

Gene Anderson, First Lutheran Mandan

In Christ,

Pastor Steve





Gospel Seeds March 2020

A Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM BISHOP

Dear People of the Western North Dakota Synod,

As I begin my time in this role of interim bishop, let me start with “Thank You” to the Synod Staff for their warm and helpful welcome, thank you to Synod Council for getting the Ts crossed and I’s dotted. I am called to serve until September when your Bishop Elect will formally start serving the synod. A final “Thank You” to the Rev. Mark Narum. We became close friends and colleagues serving the people of the Dakotas for eleven years. Because of his work with you, I am comfortable coming to serve the Western North Dakota Synod. I continue to pray that the Holy Spirit works through your process of selecting your next bishop.

I count Minot as the place I grew up, completing my sophomore year of high school in 1970. My father, the Rev. Bruce Zellmer served as Chaplain/CPE Supervisor at Trinity Lutheran Hospital from 1962-70. I was confirmed at Christ Lutheran, Minot in 1969. Confirmation was delayed because of a teacher’s strike and the 40 days of flooding that began Easter Sunday. I believe our group

from Christ Lutheran were the first to attend camp at the brand-new Camp Metigoshe as the T-shaped building was being finished on the original site. I have wonderful memories of five years of work weekends, summer camping and retreats. North Dakota was a great place to grow up; it is heart-warming to return now.

LaDonna and I have been married for almost 44 years. She continues to be an educator and counselor. We have been blessed with four children, Christina, Josh, Sarah and Mike. All are married and we have been further blessed with eleven grandchildren. Six girls and five boys. The best part is they all live in South Dakota and we spend significant amounts of time with them. I enjoy bike riding (annual family bike ride in the Black Hills), hunting, and shooting trap & sporting clays competitively. I have a multi-engine single engine commercial pilots license and used planes in my work as bishop. I had a flying ministry while I served in Pierre, South Dakota.

I served the South Dakota District/Synod for 39 years. In 1981, LaDonna and I served a three-point ALC parish in rural Aberdeen. In 1985, we moved to Mitchell where I served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. During my years there, we lived through the merger as we became the ELCA. In 1993, I was called to serve as senior pastor of Lutheran Memorial Church in Pierre and Grace Lutheran in Hayes, SD. Lutheran Memorial was the largest protestant church in central South Dakota and Grace was the smallest. In 2007, I was elected as the third bishop of the South Dakota Synod. I followed Bishop Emeritus Andrea Degroot-Nesdahl who was called from serving the Bishop's staff in the Western North Dakota Synod.

I look forward to serving as your interim bishop. I plan on visiting the Synod's outdoor ministry sites and will attend as many gatherings of rostered ministers as I can. I will be with you at Synod Assembly as part of the leadership team. I will work with the person who is chosen by you to be your next bishop, to pass on what I have learned about serving in this office of bishop.

Yours in Christ,

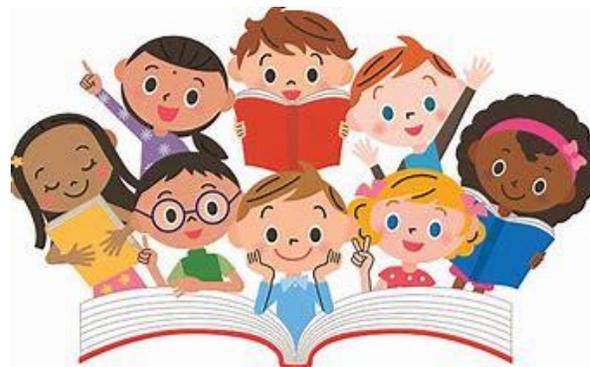
The Rev David B. Zellmer
Interim Bishop of the Western North
Dakota Synod



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Library Link

LeAnn Severson



“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.” Emilie Buchwald

What a delight for me to recently see Grandpa Jim reading to his grandsons on the sofa in the Gathering Area from books found in our church library!

Each year at the beginning of March, school children kick off National Reading Month. During this month, school's plan activities to encourage children to find pleasure in reading books. This is a good time for you to bring your children/grandchildren to our church library where they will find many wonderful books in our children's section. You will find good lap-sitting books as well as some that your child may enjoy reading to you. The characters in our books delight children, and at the same time, inspire values that you want to instill.

Plan to spend personal time with your child with a visit to the church library. It's free. It's easy. It's fun. It's worth taking the time to do.



Financial Update

General Fund Revenues

January, \$44,995;

General Fund Expenditures

January, \$43,941

Faith Lutheran Church—Memorials

For **Chairs**, in memory of **Loretta Link**

For **Altar Guild**, in memory of **Judy Kocis**

For **Library**, in memory of **Judy Kocis**

For **Scholarships**, in memory of **Judy Kocis**

For **Van/Bus**, in memory of **Judy Kocis**

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

A Look Ahead to the 2020 Bible Studies

MARCH - APRIL

The *Gather* magazine will feature the final two sessions of "We are called." Exploring the work God calls us to do in the world and examining how we can help one another discern God's call for our lives.

MAY

Gather's annual intergenerational devotional.

JUNE - AUGUST

"Just love" will focus on love and justice and finding the courage to act with both.

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

Holy time: Remembering the past, recognizing the present and reimagining the future. It delves into how history and our current circumstances can help us live into God's promises.

DECEMBER

An Advent devotional



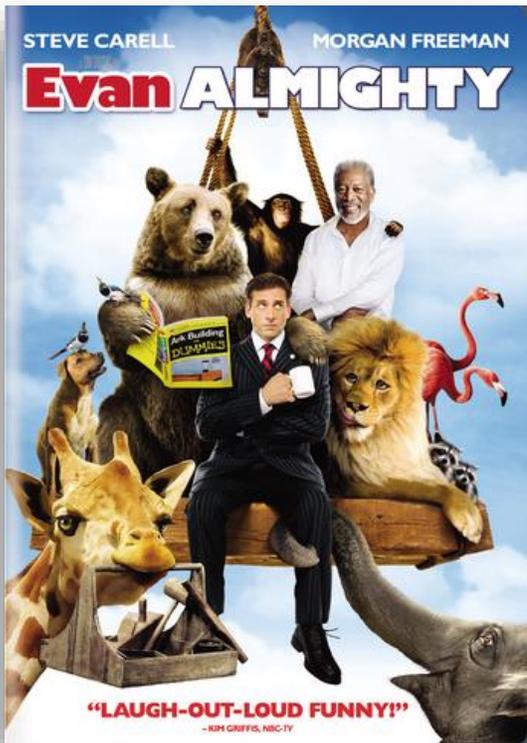
WELCA Meeting

Saturday, March 21 at 9AM

FLC - Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Kelsey from Tracy's Sanctuary.

All are welcome.



MOVIE NIGHT

Evan Almighty is a comedy for all ages. Everyone's favorite funnyman Steve Carell is at his hilarious best as junior congressman Evan Baxter, whose wish is to "change the world" is heard by none other than GOD (Academy Award winner Morgan Freeman). When GOD appears with the perplexing request to build an ark, Evan is sure he is losing it. But soon mysterious deliveries of wood and tools are being dropped on his doorstep, animal of every shape and size are flocking to him two by two, and his self-absorbed life goes from overnight success to almighty mess!

Monday, March 9 at 7:00 PM

Scholarship Time

All students who are members of Faith Lutheran Church and are planning to attend an ELCA college are eligible to apply for a tuition scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year. The deadline is April 5. Application forms are available at the Concierge Table and on the FLC website.



Lenten Bread and Soup Lunches

You are invited to join us each Wednesday, during Lent for a soup and bread lunch. Serving starts at 11AM, allowing everyone plenty of time to enjoy lunch and fellowship before the noon service (12:05PM). Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall to share bread and bars. Please add this to your calendar and join us for a special time.



The Faith Crafters have created handmade Easter cards, table favors and Easter basket stuffers that they will be selling between services on March 29 and April 5.

What do Peanut butter and Lent have in common? *YOU!*

During the season of Lent we are going to be collecting one pound jars of peanut butter for the Community Action back-pack program. Maybe you don't give up something for Lent, but perhaps this year we can come together and give for Lent. As the school year progresses, funds run short even though the need does not. So, please give generously so that hungry children in the Bismarck area can take home food for the weekend. Thank you for your love and generosity.

KENNY'S KORNER

Church School News

Second quarter will be going towards Tracy's Sanctuary House. So far we have raised \$374. Parent/Student sessions in March will be with the fifth graders.



Kid's Bible Verse of the Month
For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
 ~ Romans 10:13

PIZZA SCHEDULE

3/4 Brady Weatherly
 3/11 Bridget Weatherly
 3/18 Carson Brandenburg
 3/25 Aimee Hausauer-Johnson



ACOLYTES

Sundays

8:30AM

Zach Unruh

11AM

Kaden Hillestad

Wednesdays

7PM

Cole Klein & Cash Klein

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

7PM

Sydney Lacher & Lillian Speckmann

Lunch at First (LAF) is a community program that

First Lutheran Church coordinates a free weekly lunch to Bismarck High School students. Three local churches including Faith Lutheran Church take turns hosting a free meal every Thursday during the school season. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marlene Adolf at 255-1435 or Kenny Opsal at 223-2236.



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CIRCLE SCHEDULE

All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to attend these circle meetings to enjoy bible study and companionship with fellow women.

Esther Circle:

First Thursday of the month at 9:00AM in the East Room at FLC.
 Contacts: Margene Granfor (734-6370) or Marge Loritz (323-7643)

Mary Martha Circle:

First Thursday of each month at 1:30PM in the East Room at FLC.
 Contacts: Marlys Kramer (223-9302) or Barb Holwegner (255-1390)

Ruth Circle:

Second Thursday of the month at 7:15PM in the East Room at FLC.
 Contact: Sue Anderson (214-0065)

Demaris Circle:

First Thursday of the month at 10:00AM in the church library.

March 2020

** Call the Church office by NOON Friday for a ride to Church on Sunday (223-2236).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:30 & 11:00 Worship/ Communion 9:45 All Age Church School</p>	<p>2 1:00 Quilting 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK 8:00 AA LI0-11</p>	<p>3 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:00 HR Comm 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK</p>	<p>4 10:00 Bible Study ER 11:00 Lent Lunch 12:05 Worship/Communion 4:30 8th & 9th Gr Confirmation 5:30 Pezza 5:30 Hand Bell Rehearsal 6:00 All Age Church School 7:00 Worship/Communion 8:00 Choir Practice/HS Youth Gr</p>	<p>5 9:00 Esther Circle ER 10:00 Demaris Circle 1:30 Mary Martha Circle ER 4:00 Quilting Team</p>	<p>6 8:00 NA LI0-11</p>	<p>7 Scouts Rummage Sale</p>
<p>8 8:30 & 11:00 Worship/ Communion 9:45 Church School 9:45 Adult Ed ER 9:45 5th Gr Parent/Student</p>	<p>9 1:00 Quilting LER 7:00 Church Morn'g Night 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK 8:00 AA LI0-11</p>	<p>10 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:30 Elementary Comm 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK</p>	<p>11 10:00 Bible Study ER 11:00 Lent Lunch 12:05 Worship/Communion 5:30 Hand Bell Rehearsal 5:30 Pezza 6:00 Church School 6:00 5th GR Parent/Student Class 7:00 Worship/Communion 8:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 9:00 Men of Faith GP 7:15 Ruth Circle ER</p>	<p>13 8:00 NA LI0-11</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:30 & 11:00 Worship/ Communion 9:45 Adult Ed ER</p>	<p>16 1:00 Quilting 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK 8:00 AA LI0-11</p>	<p>17 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:30 Worship & Music Comm 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK</p>	<p>18 10:00 Bible Study ER 11:00 Lent Lunch 12:05 Worship/Communion 5:30 Hand Bell Rehearsal 5:30 Pezza 6:00 Church School 6:00 5th GR Parent/Student Class 7:00 Worship/Communion 8:00 Choir Practice 8:00 High School Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 8:00 NA LI0-11</p>	<p>21 9:00 WSO meeting</p>
<p>22 8:30 & 11:00 Worship/ Communion 9:45 Church School 9:45 Adult Ed ER 9:45 5th Gr Parent/Student</p>	<p>23 1:00 Quilting LER 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK 8:00 AA LI0-11</p>	<p>24 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:00 HR Comm 6:00 Compass Group 7:00 Executive Comm 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK</p>	<p>25 10:00 Bible Study ER 11:00 Lent Lunch 12:05 Worship/Communion 5:00 Men of Faith potaoto/chili feed 5:30 Hand Bell Rehearsal 6:00 Church School 6:00 5th GR Parent/Student Class 7:00 Worship/Communion 8:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>26 4:00 Quilting Team</p>	<p>27 8:00 NA LI0-11</p>	<p>28 9:30 Albar Guild</p>
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