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## News and Views

# RALLY DAYS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

WORSHIP SERVICES • 8:30 & 11am  
ALL AGE CHURCH SCHOOL • 9:45am



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

WORSHIP SERVICE • 7pm  
ALL AGE CHURCH SCHOOL • 6pm

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*Remember to register online for  
church school and confirmation!*

### **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY**

Pastor Jon Splichal Larson  
*(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  
8AM - 5PM  
Friday 8AM - noon

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

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## ***Pastoral Ministries***

### **Baptisms**

Ceejay Shirley Erickson

### **Funerals**

George W. Wiedrich, Jr.

Ivan H. Renner

### **FLC Executive Committee**

Jennifer Prince, Chair

Doug Johnson, Vice-Chair

Tina Anderson, Vice-Chair

Steve Sundvor, Secretary

Hope Schreiner, Treasurer

*The deadline to submit information to the News & 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 upcoming Sunday bulletin.*

*Articles, schedule, etc., can be sent by email to [donna.bisfaith@gmail.com](mailto:donna.bisfaith@gmail.com) For additional information, call the church office at 701-223-2236.*

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## ***Pastor Jon's Parables***

Thank you. Thank you for all that you are, and thank you for everything that you do as a part of the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church. As I write my final newsletter article, I give thanks to God for this shared work.

As many of you know, my life and call have changed significantly in recent days. Through much prayer, and with mixed emotions, my spouse Pastor Renee Splichal Larson has accepted the call to serve as Associate to the Bishop of the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA. This is not something Pastor Renee or I expected or sought out.

I have resigned my call as Senior Pastor, trusting that God indeed guides me and my family, and that God guides FLC. As followers of Jesus we entrust our lives to God's care, and as I leave FLC I trust that God cares for each of you and your ministry. My last Sunday at FLC will be September 22, and my last day in the office September 24.

As this chapter comes to a close, it gives opportunity to reflect on what God has done through FLC these past 8.5 years: We have welcomed many saints through baptism and new member classes... Commended many saints to God's care during funerals...Blessed marriages and helped people affirm their faith...Launched a visioning process for the future of FLC's ministry and adopted a new FLC mission statement...Raised funds to help young people venture on life-changing trips...Raised funds for ministry throughout the world through Mission Support funds for the ELCA and Western ND Synod...Said "Goodbye" to staff members, and welcomed new ones...Raised funds for FLC projects including an organ, piano, heating/cooling system, sanctuary lights, and office remodel... Formed new ecumenical partnerships with St. Georges Episcopal Church and Bismarck United Church of Christ...Strengthened mission partnerships with Heart River Bridges of Hope, Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Lutheran Social Services of ND, and many others...Continued to grow our ministry with young people, striving to connect generations together... Remembered our history as a congregation, while looking to the future. And, through it all, we have worshiped the triune God together.

Amazing what God can do through us as God's instruments!

Thank you for your faith and work, dear people of Faith Lutheran Church! Serving with you at FLC has been a great joy for me. I especially give thanks for the staff members, lay leaders, and my two beloved pastoral colleagues, Pastor Sylvia Bull and Pastor Wes Aardahl.

The Western ND Synod of the ELCA has and will continue to wonderfully support this congregation, including in this interim period. Your Executive Committee, led by the able congregational chair Jennifer Prince, is eager to engage in this process.

Faith Lutheran Church has been a place and people of hope and resurrection for me, my family, and many others. And, I cannot fully express my love and gratitude. Thank you, and God's blessings to you.

In Christ,  
***Pastor Jon***





## ***Gospel Seeds - September 2019*** **Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff**

### **The 2019 Church-wide Assembly**

Our Synod's fifteen voting members gathered in Milwaukee with others from across our church under the theme of "We Are Church". Together, the nearly 1000 - member Assembly, guests, and visitors worshipped and tended to the business of our church body. A summary of action is available on the ELCA website. **2019 Assembly Summary**

Look for reflections from your Church-wide Assembly Voting Members in upcoming Synod eNews. Each will have the opportunity to share their thoughts, impressions, take-aways, etc., from their time at Assembly in Milwaukee.

### **Bismarck Lutheran Social Service Building and Office Renovation**

The renovation is nearly completed! We give thanks for all the volunteers that shared of their time and talents in giving the building, and our office space a facelift! We look forward to you stopping by to take a peek at the updates!

### **Western ND Synod LYO Gathering**

October 17-19, our Synod's youth will gather at the Grand Hotel in Minot. This annual event is: "Inspire by Youth. Planned by Youth. Led by Youth." This year's guest speaker and musician is Rachel Kurtz. *Registration is now open and needs to be submitted by October 1.*

You can find more information - including draft schedules and forms - on the Synod website. Questions? Don't hesitate to contact us!

### **Upcoming GIFTS Events**

We're in the midst of finalizing the upcoming year's GIFTS events, and information will be shared on the Synod's website and in upcoming editions of eNews. We'll welcome Rev. Paul Hoffman (author of "Faith Forming Faith") this fall to lead an event focusing on adult catechesis. The spring event (March 27-28) will be led by Dr. Terri Elton (Luther Seminary); this event will also include a Friday night Youth GIFTS event. The winter event is yet to be finalized.

We give thanks for the 131 years of mission and ministry of ***Bethany Lutheran Church (Rugby)***. they celebrated a Service of Leave-Taking/Holy Closure on August 25th. The congregation previously voted to merge with First Lutheran (Rugby).

### **Synod Listening Events**

As we prepare for the election of a Bishop in June of 2020, a number of Synod Listening events will be held in a variety of locations across our Synod. These events will be facilitated by our Church-wide Partners and all members of our Western ND Synod ELCA congregations are invited to attend. The events will be

held October 25-27. The times and locations will be available in the next Gospel Seeds, upcoming eNews, and on the Synod website.

### What are we reading?

A couple of resources your Synod Staff has come across that you may find helpful...***To Bless the Space Between Us*** - John O'Donohue - A collection of poetic blessings for a variety of times, spaces, and places.... Transitions, thresholds, and the ordinary of our lives.

***Glory Happening - Finding the Divine in Everyday Places*** - Kailin B. Curtice - "Accept the invitation - invest in the glory that surrounds you! Open your eyes to the Kingdom as it comes through stories and prayers..."

### Just a few reminders...

Western ND Synod Rostered Ministers Gathering (Medora) - Your leaders will be gathered in Medora September 8th - 10th with Rev. Brad Roth as the guest presenter.

Western ND Synod Council will meet in October prior to the Synod Listening Events.

***Thank You! Each and all of you for your partnership in the mission and ministry we share!***

Blessings all,  
Your Synod Staff



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## Library Link

LeAnn Severson

### ADULTS CAN ENJOY CHILDREN'S BOOKS TOO

Despite the name, children's books are not only for children; adults also can enjoy them.

Adults, as well as children, will be moved by the heart-warming short story in Annika Plummer's book entitled ***The Felt Heart***, Plummer tells the story (in rhyme) of her 4 year-old nephew's inspiring actions following a children's sermon given at Sims Scandinavian Lutheran Church in Sims, North Dakota.

***Grandad's Prayers of the Earth*** by Douglas Wood tells the touching story of a close relationship between a grandfather and his grandson and their discussion about prayer as they wander through nature.

Remember reading Little Golden Books when you were a child? You can enjoy a trip down memory lane reading ***Everything I Need to Know about Family I Learned from A Golden Book***. This book was written to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Little Golden Books and contains many iconic illustrations from early books along with a story for adults. Thank you to Sandra Darling for gifting this book to the library.

These books along with others are on display in the church library. Come in and check them out.



# Faith Lutheran Church - Memorials

For **ENDOWMENT FUND**, in memory of:  
*Verna Kauk*

For **GENERAL FUND**, in memory of:  
*George Wiedrich*

For **CHAIRS**, in memory of:  
*Verna Kauk*

For **MUSIC**, in memory of:  
*Verna Kauk*

For **ALTAR GUILD**, in memory of:  
*Verna Kauk*



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



## Financial Update

### General Fund Revenues:

July - \$43,695; to date \$317,527

### General Fund Expenditures:

July - \$50,506; to date \$334,225

## Chair Update

Currently, there is \$7,050 in the chair fund. Remember our goal is \$17,000 by December 31.

# Soon and Very Soon!

A favorite "new" song we sing is "Soon and Very Soon." I think that will be our title for the next couple of weeks as we prepare for the September Downtowner's Fair.

In the Gathering Space is the board listing the volunteer shifts. There are still too many white spaces. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

We are raising the prices this year, to increase profits to help fund under budgeted or not budgeted items. We are one of the few food booths that have not raised prices in many years and believe the sales will remain strong. **If you have any questions, please call Diane at 222-0160.**



## Downtowner's StreetFair

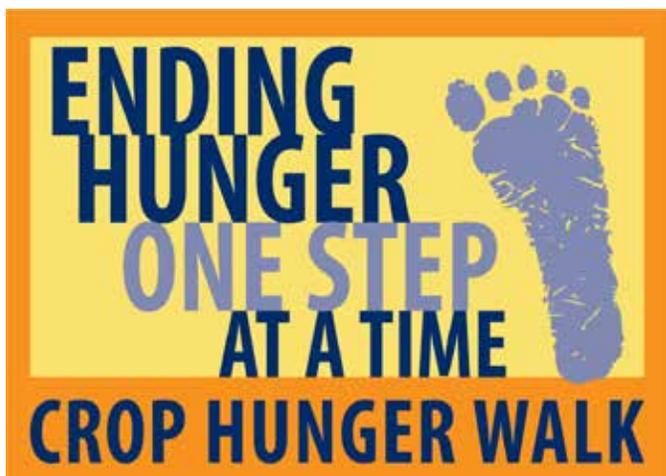


I would like to 'Thank' Pastor Jon and Pastor Sylvia for their prayers and support, as well as all my friends from Faith Lutheran for the phone calls and many cards with your get-well wishes and also birthday wishes. Thank you for the powerful prayers you have sent me. They are needed daily and I know God is listening and has given me peace and strength. **'Thank You.'** - Alice Voegele

**Bus drivers needed.** If you enjoy driving and helping elderly people we have the ideal volunteer opportunity for you. On average, we assist up to six people who need a ride to church. There currently are six drivers but we want to increase this number to eight. A special driver's license is not needed and you

can use the church bus or your own vehicle. If you have any questions feel free to contact: Russ Kroshus, Larry Larson, Matthew Nygard, Dave Watson, Jamie Zins or Norbert Mayer. Please apply with Pastor Sylvia, any of the current drivers or the church office.





## The 50th Anniversary CROP Hunger Walk for Hunger October 13th, 2019

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
12:30 - 50th Anniversary Celebration  
1:30 - Walk for World Hunger

The 1st CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk started 50 years ago in Bismarck. Walk or sponsor a walker in the 2019 Bismarck/Mandan CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 13, at 1:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

To celebrate 50 years, the event will kick off at 12:30 with registration, an education fair, and a visit from Clark the Lark and Meriweather Lewis.

Special guests from Church World Services will be joining the Bismarck walk to help fight World Hunger. There will be two distances for the walk, a shorter walk of about 1/2 mile and the longer walk of about 2.5 miles. Be sure to stick around after the walk and have an ice cream sundae to celebrate the 50th anniversary.

Not only does the CROP Hunger Walk help those around the world, but also those in need locally. 25% of the funds raised at the Bismarck/Mandan CROP Walk for Hunger will benefit the Soup Cafe, the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry, the Abused Adult Resource Center and AID, Inc.

Let's keep the ecumenical tradition of CROP Walk strong. Church World Service, our sponsoring organization, is made up of 35 different denominations of churches all working cooperatively to help people here and around the world. You can even designate the money you raise to go to a specific supporting entity. (ex. Heifer Project, Lutheran World Relief, etc.).

Sign up today to walk or sponsor a CROP Walker! To take part, contact the CROP Walk recruiter from your church, sign up online at [crophungerwalk.org/bismarcknd](http://crophungerwalk.org/bismarcknd) or contact Allison Germolus at 400-0053. Or, just show up at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on October 13 at 12:30 to learn, serve, and have fun.

## Movie Night - Monday, September 9th

**BREAKTHROUGH** is based on the inspirational true story of one mother's unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds. When Joyce Smith's adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost. But as John lies lifeless, Joyce refuses to give up. Her steadfast belief inspires those around her to continue to pray for John's recovery, even in the face of every case history and scientific prediction.



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

**WELCOME**

**PORTER PLACE**

**NEIGHBORS**

**TO THE**

**NEIGHBORHOOD**

Please join the Missions Task Group, Pastor Jon and Pastor Sylvia and members of Faith Lutheran as we welcome and celebrate our new neighbors living at LSS/Porter Place. Porter Place is a newly remodeled, long term rental apartment building, located at 1100 E Blvd, formerly the Baptist Home. As long term housing it serves retired people, families with children, and singles.

On **Sunday, September 22** at **12:45** the grill masters (Pastor Jon and Pastor Sylvia) will begin grilling and we can join a great afternoon of food, music, laughter, children's games and getting to know our neighbors at Porter House.

Please sign up at the concierge desk so we know how many to plan for. Don't forget to bring a chair. Please no pets.

### 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 9:00 a.m. in the East Room at FLC.  
Contacts: Margene Granfor (734-6370) or Marge Loritz (323-7643)
- Mary Martha Circle: First Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the East Room at FLC.  
Contacts: Marlys Kramer (223-9302) or Barb Holwegner (255-1390)
- Ruth Circle: Second Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the East Room at FLC.  
Contacts: Connie Isaak (258-2025) or Mercy Carkuff (258-6262)
- Demaris Circle: First Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.  
Contact: Judy Kocis (255-3969)



## Church School News

It is a brand-new church school season. We are looking forward to another great year. If you know anyone interested in being a teacher or helper, please let me know. Rally Day is September & 11. First quarter offerings will go to Integral Heart Foundation.



### Confirmation News

#### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY  
8 15 22 29

8:30 a.m  
Ava Zins

11:00 a.m.  
Alvin Nygard

WEDNESDAY  
11 18 25

ACOLYTES  
Kira Schneider & Myra Pfenning

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS  
TJ Olson & Aiden Odden

#### PIZZA SCHEDULE

9/11 Carson Brandenburg  
9/18 Aimee Hausauer-Johnson  
5/25 Mikah Johnson



#### NOTES

- 9/4 or 9/8 Confirmation Opening
- 10/13 Mentor Kick-off

Please find a substitute if you cannot be present.



### Kids Bible Verse of the Month- Psalm 139:14

*"I praise you God, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."*

### Youth Mission Service Trip

This summer Pastor Sylvia, Kenny, and Brooke accompanied 10 youth to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado. The first part of the Sky Ranch trip we cleaned a park and worked with a side program affiliated with the program. The second half of the trip was spent camping and working on team building activities such as a ropes course and hiking up in the mountains. The last day of the trip involved whitewater rafting with a few visiting the town nearby. A definite thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers while we were on this trip.



# September 2019

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>1</u> 9:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	<u>2</u> Office closed for Labor Day 8:00 AA L10-11	<u>3</u> 1:00 Crafts 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK	<u>4</u> 10:00 Bible Study ER 5:30 Pizza 6:00 Confirmation Opening meeting 7:00 Worship/Communion 8:00 Choir Practice 8:00 High School Youth Group	<u>5</u> 9:00 Esther Circle ER 10:00 Demaris Circle 1:30 Mary Martha Circle ER	<u>6</u> 8:00 NA L10-11	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> RALLY DAY SUNDAY 8:30 & 11:00 Worship/ Communion 9:45 Church School 9:45 Adult Ed ER 12:30 Confirmation Opening Meeting	<u>9</u> 1:00 Quilting LER 7:00 Church Movie Night 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK 8:00 AA L10-11	<u>10</u> 1:00 Crafts 5:30 Elementary Comm 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK Newsletter deadline	<u>11</u> RALLY DAY WEDNESDAY 10:00 Bible Study ER 4:30 8th & 9th Gr Confirmation 5:30 Hand Bell Rehearsal 5:30 Pizza 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship/Communion 8:00 Choir Practice	<u>12</u> 9:00 Men of Faith GP 7:15 Ruth Circle ER	<u>13</u> Downtown's Streetfair 8:00 NA L10-11	<u>14</u> Downtown's Street- fair
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<u>22</u> God's Work, Our Hands 8:30 & 11:00 Worship/ Communion 9:45 Church School 9:45 Adult Ed ER 9:45 3rd Grade Acolyte Training	<u>23</u> 1:00 Quilting LER 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK 8:00 AA L10-11	<u>24</u> 1:00 Crafts 5:00 HR Comm 6:00 Compass Group 7:00 Executive Comm 7:00 Scouts FH/ARK	<u>25</u> 10:00 Bible Study ER 5:30 Hand Bell Rehearsal 5:30 Pizza 6:00 Church School 6:00 3rd Grade Acolyte Training 7:00 Worship/Communion 8:00 Choir Practice	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 8:00 NA L10-11	<u>28</u> Serving Banquet 9:30 Altar Guild
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