



# Faith Journey

## Lutheran Church

Equipped with Faith • Connected in Love • Empowered for Service  
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**March 31, 2024 • Easter Sunday**

### Mission:

- To Equip with faith relevant for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life
- To Connect in real and relevant Relationships
- To Empower to serve the world in Jesus' name

### REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9am Sunday  
11am Sunday

### FAITH FORMATION

10am Sunday—Launch  
(Family Sunday School 4 yrs—Gr. 5)

7pm Wednesday—Compass  
(Gr. 6-8 Confirmation)

### Scheduling Meetings/Events

Contact Carly in the church office or  
Ginnie, [gberge@growinfaith.org](mailto:gberge@growinfaith.org) to  
schedule all events on the calendar.

### Bulletin Announcements and Announcement Slides

Deadline Monday, 4pm

Send to: [gberge@growinfaith.org](mailto:gberge@growinfaith.org)

### Building Security Information

For the security and safety of everyone, the church building will remain locked except during worship services and scheduled activities. For admittance when locked, please ring the bell located above the mailbox to the right of the main entrance, the bell at the south entrance, or call the church office, 701.282.3309.

**Welcome!**  
**We're glad you're here!**

### It's Not Over Yet

When you think back over your favorite books, do you remember the endings? If the story leads to a satisfying conclusion, even if the plot twists and turns, the writer keeps our attention. When we commit to a book, we put a lot of faith in the author to tell a good story and to wrap up their tale in a way that makes sense. When the ending is unclear or unbelievable, we wish we hadn't invested so much time in their book.

When Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices to Jesus' tomb, they thought they knew the ending of his story. Jesus' death on the cross brought his ministry to an abrupt conclusion. There was nothing left to do but show their devotion by anointing him with spices. How surprised the women must have been to hear that Jesus' story hadn't ended after all! He had been raised. He was going ahead of his followers to Galilee. They would see him again!

To us, this story of Jesus' resurrection is familiar, so we hear it as good news. For the women, though, it was terrifying. This wasn't how they expected Jesus' story to turn out. They had seen him die on the cross, and now they were being told he was alive? They didn't know what to make of this twist in Jesus' story. They were so afraid that they fled.

The women ran away because they were shocked when the story didn't turn out the way they expected. But soon they would learn that this was a *happy* ending: Where they had seen death, God made a way for new life! What seemed like the conclusion was actually a beginning. It was the dawn of a new day, a resurrection day. As followers of Jesus, we don't know what our future holds or how our stories will end, but we can trust that Jesus is alive. He goes ahead of us, leading us into a future full of God's love and grace.

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### Church Staff

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### Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43, p. 895  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, p. 492  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, p. 935  
Mark 16:1-8, p. 829

### Next Week's Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-35, p. 888  
Psalm 133, p. 501  
1 John 1:1-2:2, p. 989  
John 20:19-31, p. 883

**For more information: Website:** [www.growinfaith.org](http://www.growinfaith.org)

**Instagram:** [faithjourneyWF](https://www.instagram.com/faithjourneyWF)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/faithjourneyWF](https://www.facebook.com/faithjourneyWF)

*All Sunday Services of Worship are live streamed to our Website, Facebook and BoxcastTV sites.  
Sunday 9:00am service on Cable Access at 11:45am on Ch 57 (Sparklight) and Ch 12 (Midco)*



**Welcome! We are so glad you chose to join us for worship today!**

Please complete a connection card, available from an usher, and drop it in the offering plate.

If you are new to Faith Journey, we invite you to take a moment and stop by our information desk for a special welcome gift. If you are interested in membership, please take a blue membership information form to complete and return to the church office so we can add you to our mailing list. Contact Carly in the church office with any questions at 701.282.3309 or ctufte@growinfaith.org.



**Keeping the Promises:  
3rd Grade Bible Class  
Saturday, April 27, 10:00am  
Fellowship Hall**

**Call the church office to register.**

**3rd Grade Bible Blessing  
Sunday, April 28**



**REMEMBER!**

**Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, April 28  
12:15pm  
(following 11am worship)  
Worship Center**



**Vacation Bible School  
Preschool through Grade 5  
July 15-18, 1-4pm**

Save these dates! Information on registration will be available at a later date.

**Bible Camp Registration  
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!!  
Camp weeks for Genesis and Disciples  
at Red Willow Bible Camp—choose either:  
June 9-14 or July 28-August 2  
Genesis—Grades 5-6  
Disciples—Grades 7-9**

**Register:** online at <https://www.redwillowministries.com/>

## Old Church Items for Sale Update

As of this week, all 29 of the dormer windows have been sold. All the chandeliers are now spoken for. Those that ordered one will be getting a call after Easter Sunday to pick them up.

We have sold 20 of the large stained-glass windows so there are a few select windows left. The pulpit and reredos (altar) piece is still available and a two-step metal handrail is still available. There are a lot of metal folding chairs in storage as well.

If there is any interest in any of these, please call Darrell Costain at 701-730-4575. Thanks for your generosity.

## Ways to Support Faith Journey:

- ♦ **Online**—<https://growinfaith.org/giving> => click on **GIVE NOW** and follow the online instructions
- ♦ **On Your Phone**—Text "**FJLCgive**" to 77977 click on the link provided and follow the instructions
- ♦ **Use the SQUARE**—A system in our Narthex (lobby) for credit or debit card transactions
- ♦ **By Mail**—Send your gift to the church business office, 127 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave E, West Fargo, ND 58078 Attn: Carly
- ♦ **QR Code**—Use your smart phone camera to scan this QR code
- ♦ Drop in the mailbox to the right of the main (West) entrance

Contact Carly, Business Manager, 701.282.3309 or ctufte@growinfaith.org with questions.

*Thank You for your Generous Support!!*



## SUMMARY OF GIVING AND ATTENDANCE

*Dates:* March 18-24

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Month to date</b>	<b>Prior year Week total</b>	<b>Prior year Month total</b>
Giving:	\$ 8,448	\$31,600*	\$10,667	\$46,705*
Attend:	355	969	273	667

\*Totals include Pushpay

\*\* \$13,420 is needed weekly in order to make budget

## Community Impact Special Offerings

*You may use the white pew envelopes or QR code.*

**Care and Share Offerings** for the month of March are designated to **Fraser Ltd.** Fraser Ltd. supports children, youth and adults on their life's journey towards independence. They offer independent living support, residential services and day support services for people with disabilities as well as childcare services for children with special needs and transitional youth services.

*Care and Share offering may be placed in the offering plate on the stand in the center aisle as you go to communion.*

**Noisy Offering** is dedicated to help Saigoni Ally, Veronica Samson Samsoni and Gibson Flaviana Francisco, the three children in Tanzania we support through World Vision. Drop in your spare change—"noisy offering". Checks and currency are also gratefully appreciated.

*Containers for Noisy Offering are located at the two side entrances in the back of the Worship Center.*

## Church Council Seeks Volunteers

### Church Council Members—

Looking for congregation members wanting to serve on the Church Council. If interested, or for more information, please notify one of the council members or Carly.

**Stewardship Team**—We would also like to form a Stewardship Team - anyone interested please contact Carly.



**Church Council Needs You!**



**Women's Night Out**  
**April 12, 6:00pm**  
**Faith Journey Lutheran Church**  
**Speaker:** *Chad Filley, Author, Storyteller, Comedian*

**Scandinavian Themed Menu:** *Agurksalat—Cucumber Salad with Onion and Tomato, Danish Smorrebrod with Dill Shrimp and Pickled Onion, Lefse, Norwegian Chicken in Gjetost Cheese Sauce, Swedish Hasselback Potatoes, Rodkal—Danish Red Cabbage, Mandelsmaken Kak—Norwegian Almond Cake*

**Tickets: \$20—available next Sunday, April 7, 8:45am-Noon. Tickets will not be available after Sunday, April 7th!**

If you would like to reserve a table for 7, **one person** in the group may purchase the 7 tickets. Please make the check in the amount of \$140 payable to Faith Journey Women.

**Grief Share**  
**Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm**  
**April 18 through July 11**  
**Conference Room (lower level)**



For more information, please contact Bonnie Swanson, 701.318.0949, or Darcy Kranda, 701.552.3881.



**HEALTH TIP** Get rid of excess clutter in both your physical and mental world. Have a go-to ritual that you look forward to when the anxiety is too much. It might be as simple as breaking away for coffee with a friend, playing a favorite song, going for a walk or reading a novel. Stop doing what doesn't work for you and keep doing what does.

**Memory Café**—For people with mild to moderate memory loss and their care partners. Events 1:00-2:30pm unless indicated otherwise. Information: 701.281.9303.

- **Apr 3**—Impact of Social Isolation & Intergenerational Connections, Dr. Jeremy Holloway, UND Medical School, Hope Lutheran Church-South Campus, 3636 25th St S, Fargo
- **Apr 10**—Music with the Norsky Brothers, Hjemkomst Center, 202 1st Ave N, Moorhead
- **Apr 17**—Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, Hope Lutheran Church-South Campus, 3636 25th St S, Fargo
- **Apr 24**—Caregiver Café, Call 701.404.6712 for details, 1122 1st Ave N, Fargo

## Remembering in our Prayers

### Sympathies

Tim and Kim Keller on the death of Tim's mother, Irene Keller

*We apologize for any omissions.  
 Please call the church office with corrections.*

### Prayer Concerns

Gratitude to God for His grace and mercy  
 Our congregation, as we continue in mission and ministry, loving and serving one another and the world  
 Our congregation and leaders will be led by the Holy Spirit as we plan for the future  
 Our faith formation students, families and leaders  
 Our faithful volunteers in all areas of ministry  
 Those who need God's healing touch  
 Those mourning the loss of a loved one  
 People in long term care facilities or homebound  
 Those struggling with addictions  
 The many hungry and homeless, locally and globally  
 For leaders and influencers, that working for the well-being of all will be their highest goal  
 Those serving in the military and their families  
 Law enforcement, first responders and their families  
 Those around the world in the presence of war and violence, that they may experience peace  
 The children we support in Tanzania—Saigoni Ally, Veronica Samson Samsoni, Gibson Flaviana Fransisco  
 Our Companion Synod and its ministries in Central African Republic

*We always thank  
 God for all of you  
 and continually  
 mention you in  
 our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

### Venture Prayer

*Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



If you would like to join the Faith Journey prayer chain, please contact Pastor Steve, sthompson@growinfaith.org, 701.282.3309

**Wi-Fi Guest**—User ID: Faith-Guest  
 Password: FaithJourney

## Faith Journey Calendar

March 31-April 7, 2024

Check our online calendar for changes and additions.

[www.growinfaith.org](http://www.growinfaith.org)

\*For information about AA, AlAnon or Compassionate Friends, call 701-235-SEEK (7335)

### SUN, March 31—Easter Sunday

**7:00** Worship with Holy Communion, Worship Center

**9:00** Worship with Holy Communion, Worship Center

NO LAUNCH FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

**11:00** Worship with Holy Communion, Worship Center

### MON, April 1—Easter Monday

**Church Office Closed**

5:00 Bio Girls, Fellowship Hall and Narthex

6:30 Boy Scout Troop #213, Fellowship Hall (W 1/2)

8:00 AA, Fellowship Hall (E 1/2)

### TUE, April 2

9:30 Staff Meeting, Break Room

6:00 Faith Journey/Community Presbyterian Bell Choir,  
Community Presbyterian Church, Sheyenne St/7th Ave

6:30 Choir Practice, Worship Center

6:30 Cub Scout Pack #232, Fellowship Hall/Rooms 107/109

### WED, April 3

9:00 Piecemakers, Fellowship Hall

7:00 COMPASS, Worship Center

### THU, April 4

### FRI, April 5

Church Office Closed

### SAT, April 6

### SUN, April 7

*Commissioning of Communion Deacons*

**9:00** Worship with Holy Communion, Worship Center

10:00 LAUNCH FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL, Fellowship Hall

**11:00** Worship with Holy Communion, Worship Center

6:00 Boy Scout Troop #232, Fellowship Hall



When considering your personal investment plans, please consider the Faith Foundation. While supporting ministries such as Faith Journey Lutheran Church, the Faith Foundation offers individuals the ability to leave a legacy to our church for generations to come. If you would like more information, please contact the church office at 701.282.3309. They will contact one of the Foundation Trustees to visit with you.



## Worship Assistants

### 7:00 Worship

**Ushers:** Lyle Jabs, Eileen Lund

**Greeter:** Kathy Knutson

**Communion Assistant:** Keven Kercher

**Lay Associate:** Judy Jabs

**Cantor:** Tom Whaley

### 9:00 Worship

**Ushers:** Sonia Sandvig, Willie Schacher

**Greeters:** Andrea Abraham, Jenean Baumann

**Communion Assistants:** Signe Nystuen  
Sharon Schacher

**Lay Associate:** Jolanda Anderson

**Cantor:** Tom Whaley

### 11:00 Worship

**Ushers:** Mike and Karen Foss, Greg and Betty Hanson

**Greeters:** Helga Bennett, Linda Pettie, Darlene Rolie

**Communion Assistants:** Eileen Stangeland  
Bonnie Swanson

**Worship Lead:** Lynda Hammer



### **Micah's Mission—Churches United for the Homeless**

Faith Journey is committed to serving a meal the **4th Tuesday** of each month at Micah's Mission Family Shelter. For details on volunteering, please contact Britni Wyum, [britnicleclair@yahoo.com](mailto:britnicleclair@yahoo.com).

### **Food Pantry Needs** - *Non-perishable food only*

Peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned fruit and vegetables, soup, pasta, rice, instant potatoes, boxed meals, baking items, spices, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, diapers

*Place donations in Food Pantry box by elevator.*

### **YWCA Shelter—Most Urgent Needs:**

Adult and Children Shampoo/Conditioner/Body Wash, Non-perishable food items, Enfamil Infant Formula (any kind), Kids Boots (all sizes) High School Age Backpacks, School Supplies Additional items listed at YWCA donation box in Narthex or visit [www.ywcacassclay.org](http://www.ywcacassclay.org)

*Place donations in YWCA box by church office.*

**If you, or someone you know, is in crisis or contemplating suicide, call the 988 hot line. It is free and available 24/7.**





## Easter 2024

*Thank you to all who have given a donation 'In Memory of', or 'In Honor of', special people or events. These donations help cover the cost of seasonal decorations adorning our worship areas this Easter and other times during the year.*

### From:

Kathy Knutson-Huber and Katie Hogan  
Linda Pettie

Dean and Sherry Johnson  
The Steve Kent Family  
The Don Jones Family  
Linda Lyman and Family  
Bonnie Christl  
Curt and Shanda Cossette  
Eric and Missy Halvorson  
Lilah Jondahl  
Marlene Batterberry, Lynn Batterberry and  
Troy Batterberry  
Merilyn Rice and Family  
Ryan, Tina, Tyler and Callie Rued  
Mark Newburgh  
Pat and Steve Goldade  
Darlene Rolie

### From:

Bobbi Jo Guck  
Linda Pettie  
Bonnie Christl  
Katie and Cassie Kennedy

Dave and Jenean Baumann  
Pat and Steve Goldade  
Tim and Peg Buchholz  
Steve and Annette Porter  
Sherry Christl

### In Memory Of:

Joe Huber  
Jim Quam, Terri Stavenger, Mr. and Mrs. Esbenson,  
Mr. and Mrs. Heimark, Jon Rolie  
Family and Friends  
Barb Kent  
Don Jones  
Mike Lyman  
Eugene Christl, Ernie Christl  
Nora Mueller  
Vern Hammer, Kathy Halvorson  
Philip Jondahl

DeWitt Batterberry  
Wayne Rice  
Daryll and Shirley Rued, Belwin and Marlene Rode  
Roger Johnson  
Joe and Lu Vakoch and our parents  
Jon Rolie, Parents, Jim Quam, Annette Heimark and  
Family, Jack Stoetze

### In Honor Of:

Bob Pearson  
Mavis Evenson  
Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren  
Grandparents, Sharon and Willie Schacher,  
Aunt Melanie Schacher  
Our Children and Grandchildren  
Our Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren  
Our Children and Grandchildren  
Our Children and Grandchildren, Steve's mother  
My daughters, Amy Christl-Johnson and  
Stacey Herlickson