

Sunday – April 28, 2019



# Faith + Journey

Lutheran Church

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## Faith + Journey Lutheran Church

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### Our Reason for Being

*To be equipped with relevant faith for 21<sup>st</sup> century life, to be connected with other real people and to be empowered to serve the world in Jesus name.*

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*Sally Simonson, Worship Band Leader*

*Jamie Thompson, Worship Band Leader*

*Sarah Piersol, Worship Band Leader*

## Next Week’s Scripture Readings

Acts 9:1-6

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

**Welcome to Worship – We are glad that you are here with us today. Know that you are among friends and that you are welcome to worship in ways that are meaningful for you. Today we Celebrate Holy Communion – everyone is welcome to share this holy meal regardless of age, church membership, or denominational background. God does not condition who may receive Christ—and neither do we**

## Sharing a Precious Peace

**Take a moment to consider what is most precious to you. Most of us will be reminded of the people close to us. We may even think of our most treasured possessions, which bring to mind moments in our lives we can never forget. These are not merely our favorite things; the things we cherish say a lot about what has helped us become who we really are.**

**Easter is a season filled with gifts that show us the many ways people can encounter the risen Christ. As we gather in worship today, Jesus stands among us, reminding us that we are precious in his sight. He has promised that the priceless gifts of the Holy Spirit will continue to appear. As we sing and pray, as we hear God’s saving word, as we baptize, and as we share the bread and cup, we are celebrating what God has done to remind us who we really are.**

**These holy gifts come alive as well through the peace that Jesus offers us as he stands in our midst and as we share that peace with one another. Peace be with you! Receive this sign of God’s amazing grace. This peace is meant to comfort, heal, encourage, and protect us as we engage in ministries that make known the power of the holy gospel. Although we can never fully understand everything that this kind of peace makes possible, we continue to turn to one another and speak these words: “Peace be with you!”**

**We can trust in the gifts we receive because Jesus lives. We are called to share this peace in all the ways God makes possible for us. Living in this precious peace, we discover who we really are.**

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**If you're visiting with us, we hope you. . .**

- *Relax and enjoy yourself.* We're a "come as you are" kind of church. So enjoy yourself and participate in our worship experience at a level that feels comfortable to you.
- *Make a connection.* We'd love to stay connected with you. Please fill out the Connection Card tear-off on the bulletin insert, check "visitor" and drop it in the offering plate, or give it to an usher.
- If you have questions, the ushers are happy to assist you.

**If it is uncomfortable for you to stand during worship, please feel free to remain seated.**

**Coffee Fellowship Opportunities**

- Fellowship Hall and Lobby, Downtown campus, following 9:00 worship
- During 10:00 worship, South campus



**If you are in need of a Bible**, or you know someone who needs the Word of God, please feel free to take a black Bible. Pass on the Word!

**Burden Bears:** Know someone experiencing problems physically, emotionally or spiritually? Consider taking them a bear wrapped in a quilt—poem tucked inside. Located in the lobby.

**Help us keep your contact info up-to-date.** Please indicate change of address/phone number/email on the Connection Card in the bulletin and place in the offering plate, or give to an usher.

**Join our closed\* Facebook group** to receive updated information on activities and exciting things happening at Faith†Journey!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/faithlutheran.journeyinfaith/>

*\*Closed Group Site, must request to be a member*

**National Suicide Prevention Hotline  
1.800.273.8255**

**Deadline for weekly bulletin information is MONDAY, 4:00pm. Bring information to the church office or email: [ctufte@growinfaith.org](mailto:ctufte@growinfaith.org)**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**5:00 Saturday Worship**

**Ushers**

Gene and Bonnie

**9:00 Sunday Worship**

**Ushers**

Carl Thomason      Marlene Batterberry  
Helen Hagel          Donald Green

**Reader**

Keven Kercher

**Communion Assistants**

Norene Braaten      Melanie Schacher  
Keven Kercher

**Greeter**

Diane Lehmann

**10:00 Sunday Worship**

**Ushers**

Paul Grund              Tim LeClair

**Worship Lead**

Ginger Erickson

**Reader**

Denny Miller

**11:00 Sunday Worship**

**Ushers**

Heather Johnson      Jordan Johnson  
Brady Johnson        Barb Hugelen  
Eric Frank              Tammy Frank  
Bethany Frank

**Greeter**

Carol Lindeman

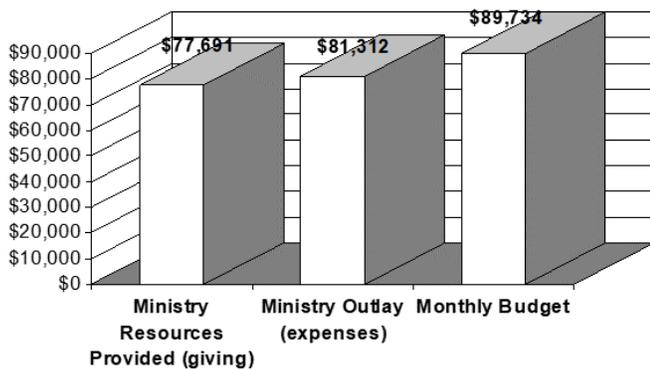
**BUILDING HOURS AT FAITH†JOURNEY**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH** - During office hours at our Downtown Campus, ALL entrances will be locked except the West entrance. The South Campus is not staffed and is locked unless an activity is scheduled. To schedule an activity at either campus, contact Sally in the church office, 701.282.3309.

# FAITH FOUNDATION

Remembering and supporting our church can be done in so many ways, whether through our general fund giving, capital campaigns, restricted funds, giving of our time and yes, the Faith Foundation. If you've thought about a special legacy gift and would like to talk to someone about it feel free to call David in our church office at 282-3309. He'll contact one of the Foundation Trustees to visit with you.

## March Monthly Financial Activity



Is there going to be flooding?

A weather related update. Thank you to all that have made a commitment to participate in Simply Giving, the online way to support our church. By doing this, our general fund support stays in line even when we find it necessary to cancel our services because of bad weather and unsafe road conditions. A special thank you also to those that don't use Simply Giving but make a conscious decision to "catch up" the following week when services are canceled due to weather.

The ministry and mission of Faith+Journey continues even when it snows and the wind blows. Being assured that people are supporting the ministry even when the building is closed alleviates a lot of stress that the staff feels when we can't conduct services. It is easy to write out a check or drop money in an envelope when we come to church. On the other hand, it is also easy to find other uses for our money when we don't gather as a faith community. All gifts are so important.

With automated giving we are assured that all the work of our church will continue even when weather and unsafe roads keep us from gathering. Going forward, we hope you'll consider Simply Giving as a giving option if you haven't already. Again, thank you for your continued support, however you give, each and every week.

## PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

### Sympathies

Nola Hahn & family on the death of husband, Edward Hahn  
 Paul & Signe Nystuen on the death of Paul's mother, Anne Nystuen  
 Norma Anderson on the death of husband, Rev. Elmo Anderson

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

### Prayer Concerns

Gratitude to God for His grace and blessings  
 Pastors, staff and leadership of our congregation  
 Peace that fills our hearts, our world, our universe  
 The many hungry and homeless in the world  
 Those who need God's healing touch  
 People in long term care facilities or homebound  
 Those struggling with addictions  
 Broken relationships, that healing may restore them  
 Those serving in the military and their families  
 Our sister parish in Tierra Nueva Uno, Chinautla, Guatemala  
 The children of Tanzania, especially Anoti, Selewa, Samwel and Alista  
 Our Companion Synod and its ministries in Central African Republic



## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Beginning Saturday, May 25 through September 1**

**Wednesday, 6:00pm, Downtown Campus**  
**Sunday, 9:00am, Downtown Campus**  
**Sunday, 10:30am, South Campus**

**NO Saturday Worship Service**

**Beginning May 28 through August 30**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 4:00pm**  
**Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Downtown Campus—127 2nd Ave E

Saturday, 5:00pm - Traditional  
 Sunday, 9:00am - Traditional  
 Sunday, 11:00am - Contemporary  
 Wednesday, 6:00pm – Cross Generational  
 Worship Experience

### South Campus—650 40th Ave S

Sunday, 10:00am - Contemporary

### 9:00 Worship Televised on Sunday at 11:45am

Channel 57 on CableOne  
 Channel 12 on Midco (WF Local Access)

### Offices located at Downtown Campus

Office Hours:  
 Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm

### Food Pantry Needs

#### Non-perishable food only:

Peanut butter, canned tuna, canned fruit and vegetables, soup, pasta, rice, instant potatoes, boxed meals, personal hygiene products

*Place donations in Food Pantry box  
 in hallway by church office.*

### YWCA Shelter—Most Urgent Needs

Gatorade, infant bottles, Pedialyte, mini hygiene items (hotel sizes) shampoo/conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, hand soap, pasta, peanut butter, canned/dried fruit,

*Place donations in YWCA box by church office.*

### The following groups meet on a regular basis:

#### MONDAYS:

8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
 Fellowship Hall (East Half), Downtown Campus  
 7:15pm—1st Mon of each month, AA Group Conscious Mtg.  
 7:00pm—2nd Mon, even months, AA Potluck

#### THIRD MONDAY:

6:00pm **Pray for Gray** (Brain Cancer) Support Group, Fireside Library, Downtown Campus

#### SECOND THURSDAY:

7:00pm **Compassionate Friends** (Bereaved Parents)  
 Fellowship Hall (West Half), Downtown Campus

#### FRIDAYS:

5:30pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**—Lobby, South Campus

For information about AA, AIAAnon or Compassionate Friends, call 701.235.SEEK (7335)

## Faith + Journey Happenings

April 28 – May 5

(Weekly activities posted on white board outside church office.)

### SUN, April 28

#### **BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY**

#### **H2H 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE RETREAT**

8:00 Metigoshe Staff Room (DC)  
**9:00 Worship with Holy Communion, Worship Ctr** (DC)  
 9:45 GIFT (DC)  
 10:00 Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall/Lobby (DC)  
**10:00 Worship, Gym (SC)**  
**11:00 Worship, Worship Ctr** (DC)  
 12:00 Metigoshe Staff Picnic (DC)  
 12:15 Congregational Meeting (DC)

### MON, April 29

6:30 Boy Scout #213 – Gathering Center (DC)  
 8:00 AA (DC)

### TUE, April 30

8:30 Executive Staff (DC)  
 9:30 Staff Meeting (DC)  
 2:00 Women's Bible Study (DC)  
 5:30 Band Practice, Gym (SC)  
 6:30 Bell Choir (DC)  
 7:00 Women's Bible Study (DC)

### WED, May 1

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (June/July Issue)**

9:30 Piecemakers (DC)  
 6:00 GIFT (DC)  
**6:00 Worsihp, Worship Center (DC)**  
 6:15 Adult Choir – Fireside Library (DC)  
 7:00 H2H Theme Event (DC)  
 7:15 Bible Study rooms 107/109 (DC)

### THU, May 2

#### **National Day of Prayer**

1:30 Bible study Room 101 (DC)

### FRI, May 3

3:30 Yoga (SC)  
 5:30 AA/TGIF, Lobby (SC)

### SAT, May 4

**5:00 Worship with Holy Communion, Worship Ctr (DC)**

### SUN, May 5

#### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**9:00 Worship with Holy Communion, Worship Ctr** (DC)  
 9:45 GIFT (DC)  
 10:00 Coffee Fellowship (DC)  
**10:00 Worship with Holy Communion, Gym (SC)**  
**11:00 Worship with Holy Communion, Worship Ctr** (DC)  
 11:15 Bible Study (SC)  
**2:00 CONFIRMATION – Worship with Holy Communion  
 Worship Center (DC)**

**Care & Share**

**April OFFERINGS**

Offerings are received the first and third weeks of the month, and will be donated to:  
**Down Home**

**JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!!!**

The June and July newsletter will be combined and the deadline to get information to us will be May 1. Please email any newsletter articles to  
ssimonson@growinfaith.org

**Confirmation Sunday  
May 5, 2:00pm**

**Please join us as our 2019 Confirmants celebrate the Affirmation of their Baptisms at our Downtown Campus.**

**Thank you!!**

**Our Parish Administrator, David Hove, will be retiring as of April 30, 2019. We want to express our sincere appreciation for his years of service and leadership. Also, to wish him many happy fulfilling years to come. Thank you, David.**

**Lay Ministry Team**

**Bethany Retirement Living**

*Did you know...*

...that Bethany Retirement Living is one of the 15 largest employers in the region, according to FM and West Fargo Chamber of Commerce? More than 800 professionals serve residents in roles as nurses, nursing assistants, dietary and housekeeping staff, Chaplaincy, engineers, social services, administrative, activities and therapy. If you know of someone who would like to join the Bethany team, contact Human Resources at Bethany at 701-239-3522 or visit our website at [www.bethanynd.org/careers](http://www.bethanynd.org/careers).

**Pew Giving Envelopes**

We have received a number of questions regarding the pew giving envelopes. With the recent approved restructuring of the Designated Ministry Funds, we needed to update the pew giving envelopes. Since we have a fair number of the current envelopes in stock and in an effort to be good stewards, we have lined out a couple of the funds that we no longer have. These are the ELCA World Hunger and the Local Hunger lines on the envelopes.

This change does not suggest that we as a church do not support such giving. It means that if members wish to give to these areas, that such giving should go directly to the appropriate organization instead of through the church's books. This again is an effort to be good stewards of the church's time as it relates to handling and managing these outside funds.

We apologize if this change has led to confusion or any misunderstanding.

**CONNECTION CARD/COMMUNION REGISTRATION** *(place in offering plate or hand to an usher)*

Date Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Attended:  5pm  9am  10am  11am  6pm  **Received Holy Communion**  
 1st Time Guest How did you hear about Faith + Journey? \_\_\_\_\_  Desire pastoral contact  
 2nd Time Guest  This is my church home  I'm looking for a church home  
 Out of Area Guest  Would like info about \_\_\_\_\_  Info about youth programs  
 Would like to receive newsletter by:  mail  email  
 Your Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ **Address Change?** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Change?** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Change?** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Visitors: Home Church & City: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Café**

For people with mild to moderate memory loss and their care partners. Information: 281-9303.

**May 7:** Alternative Medicine/Naturopathic Medicine with Dr. Tonya Loken, Foundations Natural Medicine clinic, 1:00pm at First Lutheran Church

**May 17:** Special Event – Memory Café Team at the Fargo Marathon 5K.

<https://fargomarathon.com/tag/5k>

**Caregivers Café**

When: Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 12:00noon

Where: Fargo Fryn’ Pan

For anyone caring for a loved one at home or in a facility.

Call 701-781-4890 or 701-212-1057 for information.

**Gospel of John Bible Study continues this month:**

**Sunday 11:15 – South Campus**

**Wednesday 7:15 – Downtown Campus**

**Thursday 1:30 – Downtown Campus**

**Bring your bible and coffee, tea, or beverage for community, learning, and connection!**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019**

**12:15 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**DOWNTOWN CAMPUS**

**Family Fare Receipts**

We made our goal of \$150,000!!! Thank you everyone! We will continue to collect receipts at both campuses.

**ONLY ORIGINAL PAPER RECEIPTS ACCEPTED. E-receipts WILL NOT COUNT toward the total.**



**Bible Camp Fund Drive & Bible Camp Sunday**

Summer is coming! Plans are underway, and registration forms are pouring in for Camp Metigoshe this summer! We hope that you will consider supporting Bible campers through your financial gift. Your gift will be a blessing to the future of our kids and the future of God’s church. All gifts, both big and small, will make an impact for the Gospel. Donations can be made via the card reader in the lobby, cash or check. (In the memo, please indicate that it is for the Bible Camp Fund). To hear more about the wonderful work and ministry of Camp Metigoshe, please join us for a Bible Camp Sunday Worship on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

Prayer Requests to be given to: \_\_\_Staff Only \_\_\_Staff and Prayer Chain (All prayer requests, except designated staff only, are forwarded to the prayer chain as well as lifted up at each Tuesday staff meeting.)

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Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitalized/other: \_\_\_\_\_