



Faith+Journey Lutheran Church

Vision

So transformed by God's abundant grace,
we rejoice together in Christ-centered life, love and service.

Mission

Wherever you are on your journey, Faith+Journey Lutheran Church will
Equip you with relevant faith for 21st century life,
Connect you with other real people, and
Empower you to serve the world in the name of Jesus.

Third Sunday after Pentecost - June 10/13, 2018

Home for the Heartbreak

The homecoming could not have been more heartbreaking. A father, near death, lay in a hospice bed that prophetically displaced the puffy cushioned pastel couch from the living room. A son, his own death in sight, stood, an alien, in the house where years before he played happily with no space to imagine the moment he now faced. It was their approaching deaths that drew the long-exiled son home. The fact that he was gay had created a distance far greater than the miles and years of separation. In such joyless space *hello* and *goodbye* twisted and tangled indistinguishably. The son's tears begged for reconciliation. "We are both dying, can we not make peace?" The father's spotlight glare confirmed rejection. "You are no son of mine."



Jesus' homecoming in today's gospel is surrounded by controversy and disruption on all sides. A pushing, shoving crowd peppered with an assortment of religious leaders insists that Jesus is out of his mind, evil, employed by the ruler of demons. His own mother and brothers choose their place outside, away. The hometown heartbreak confirms all the accumulated, bitter objections that ripened in the heat of fevered disapproval. Jesus' time spent in the company of outcasts, touching lepers, chasing demons, hanging close to the diseased, challenging the Pharisees' plots—all seems evidence that he is the skin and bones of an unclean spirit.

Rejected at home, Jesus does not turn family or himself away, but asks and answers one simple, provocative question: "Who are my mother and my brothers?" "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:33, 35). Jesus leaves them—and of course us—with the unspoken, lasting question: "And what is the will of God?"

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Scripture Readings

This week's Scripture:

Genesis 3:8-15, p. 2
Psalm 130, p. 500
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, p. 939
Mark 3:20-35, p. 814

Next week's Scripture:

Ezekiel 17:22-24, p. 684
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, p. 478
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17, p. 939
Mark 4:26-34, p. 815

Welcome to worship!

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



10:00am—Fellowship Hall or Lobby
Downtown Campus

10:30am—During Worship
South Campus



**National Suicide Prevention Hotline
1.800.273.8255**



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*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

9:00 Greeter
Joan Whaley

10:30 Ushers
Sherry Rude
James Holmen



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends)

Sunday, 9:00am

Traditional Worship—Downtown Campus

Sunday, 10:30am

Outdoor Contemporary Worship
South Campus

Although provided, you are invited to bring your own lawn chair (or blanket) as well as your own coffee mug or water bottle. For those who prefer, seating will be available indoors.

Wednesday, 6:00pm

Downtown Campus

Memory Café

Wed., June 13

Living in the Moment with Poetry—Beth Ustanko
1:00pm at Olivet Lutheran Church

Saturday, June 16

Art with *Make Room Gallery-Studio Store*
10:00am at Dakota Medical Foundation

**For more information about Memory Cafe,
call 701-781-4890**



Caregivers Café

**Meets every third Tuesday at 12:00 noon
at the Fargo Fryin' Pan**

For anyone caring for a loved one at home or in a facility. Building relationships for support and encouragement. Call 701-781-4890 with questions.

Interested in finding out more about **Sister Parish**? Please join us Thursday, June 21, at 6:00pm in the Fireside Library (Downtown Campus) for a pizza and salad supper. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Contact Ginnie at 701-282-3309 or email gberge@growinfaith.org



The **Soup and More Meal** will be served Thursday, June 14 at Blessed Sacrament Church . We furnish salads and desserts. The meal is served from 5:30—6:45pm. Questions - contact Mary Ann

**Join Us!
Fraser, Ltd.'s 17th Annual Volunteer Camp
Ages 9-14**

Kids that volunteer feel good about themselves when they make their community a better place to live. Camp runs for five mornings, August 6-10, from 8:30am to 12:00. Cost is \$15. Registration information is available at www.fraserltd.org



JUNE CARE & SHARE OFFERING

Offerings received will be given to **Great Plains Diaper Bank** and **Great Plains Food Bank Summer Lunch Program**

UNITED AGAINST HUNGER

Free Community Picnic and Family Event!

Featuring Music by **Dakota Road**



Young Nation
Native American
Drumming Group



Kevin Wallevand
Master of Ceremonies

A collaborative effort by community interfaith, cross-cultural, and hunger relief organizations to raise awareness about local and global hunger and offer opportunities for action to address hunger concerns.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018
5:00 PM - 8:30 PM
OAK GROVE PARK - SOUTH SHELTER
FARGO, ND**

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT OAK GROVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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

Date Attended: _____ Service Attended: ___9:00 ___10:30 ___6:00 ___ **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: _____ Cell Phone: _____ **Phone Change?** _____
 Email: _____ **Email Change?** _____
 Visitors: Home Church & City: _____

PROJECT CROSSROADS

MEETING THE NEEDS OF TOMORROW, TODAY

Thank you for your gracious support!

We are currently at \$575,470 of our goal of \$1,000,000. Pledge cards are available in the church office, as well as in the Lobby of each of our campuses.



Make Offerings Online

Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions, but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account, credit card or debit card. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan. Go to www.growinfaith.org to locate the donation link. We thank you and all givers for supporting our mission!

Men's Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 6:00am at IHOP, 1701 45th St, Fargo. Contact Jeff Watne with questions, 701-388-1344 or jlwatne@live.com.

Food Pantry Needs

Non-perishable food:

Canned tuna, canned fruit, peanut butter, rice (1 lb bag), pasta/noodles

Personal Items: individually wrapped bar soap, toilet paper

Place donations in Food Pantry box by church office.

YWCA Shelter—Most Urgent Needs:

Children's swimwear, new/gently used; school supplies; disinfectant wipes, allergy medication (adult and children), lotion.



Garden Update of the Week

The FJLC Gardeners have rhubarb from our garden for sale. Anyone interested should contact Linda Withey at lwithey48@gmail.com or 701-238-1368. I also hope to have some at both services on Sunday.

- Thank you to Merne Manor for bringing delicious treats to the garden crew and for donating an assortment of transplants.
- We have bags of yummy red rhubarb ready for purchase this Sunday.
- We are in need of helpers: Wednesdays between 3:00pm and 8:00pm and Saturday mornings. Due to the late spring, there is still planting to be done.

Garden Requests

- Coffee cans – 3 lb or bigger with the bottoms cut out. Other large cans will work, too.
 - Milk cartons or jugs.
- Please place them in the coffee collection bins.



Parish Nurse Notes

Dehydration

Most people need about 8 glasses of water a day. When heat and humidity are high, you can quickly become dehydrated. When you feel thirsty you are already slightly dehydrated.

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.)

Thanksgiving for: _____

Hospitalized/other: _____

FAITH FOUNDATION

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. Contact the church office for more information.

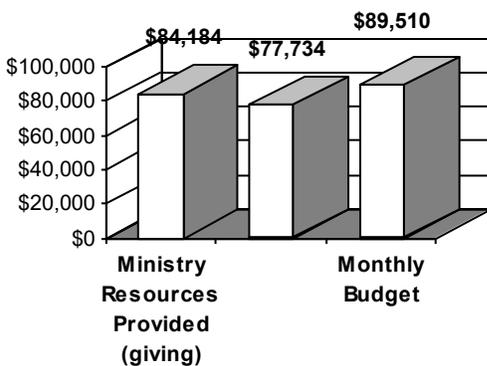
The following are recommendations from your congregation council:

- ◇ Meet Pastor Mike's challenge of increasing your giving by \$10 per week.
- ◇ Sign up for our electronic simply giving program so when you are away your church can continue to do its work.
- ◇ Consider prepaying your capital campaign contribution, AND your annual general fund contribution.
- ◇ If your financial situation allows, consider a one-time contribution to help us retire the operating line debt that has been choking our cash flow.

All of us have a responsibility and are accountable for the success of our church.

Questions, please contact Pastor Mike or Tim LeClair. Church Council and staff thank you for your faithfulness.

April Monthly Financial Activity

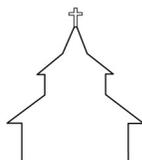


SUMMER OFFICE HOURS (downtown campus)

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

BUILDING HOURS AT FAITH + JOURNEY

LUTHERAN CHURCH During office hours at 2nd Ave, ALL entrances will be locked except the West entrance. The 40th Ave campus is not staffed and is locked unless an activity is scheduled. To schedule an activity at either campus, contact Ginnie in the church office, 701.282.3309.



PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Due to privacy laws, it is increasingly difficult to locate members when hospitalized, especially when they enter through the emergency room. Please notify the church office when a family member enters the hospital, a nursing home, moves to a different nursing home, or when a home visit is desired.



Baptisms

- 9:00 Brekka Jo Rinas, daughter of Kevin and Carlie Rinas
- 9:00 Julian Joseph Koob, son of Justin and Danielle Koob
- 10:30 Lennox LaDawn Herbranson, daughter of Breanna Herbranson

Sympathies

- Rick Houkom on the death of his brother, Everin
- Carol Cresswell Thureen and Dan Thureen on the death of Carol's sister, Marna Halbrehder
- Allan, Ginnie and Eric Berge on the death of Ginnie's uncle, Don Elshaug
- Joan Whaley; Tom and Jane Whaley, Catherine and Andrew; Steve and Linda Whaley; Roger and Melanie Whaley and family on the death of sister and aunt, Karen

Family and friends of Ethel Grieson

(A service for Ethel Grieson, 97, longtime member of our congregation, will be held Monday, June 18, at 11:00am at Hanson Runsvold Funeral Home in Fargo).

Prayer Concerns

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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Downtown Campus—127 2nd Ave E

Sunday, 9:00am—Traditional
Wednesday, 6:00pm (starts May 30)

South Campus—650 40th Ave S

Sunday, 10:30am—Outdoor Contemporary Worship

Televised on Sunday at 11:45am

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

Offices located at Downtown Campus

Summer Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-4:00pm
 Friday, 8:30am-1:00pm
 Phone: 701.282.3309

www.growinfaith.org

Pastors and Staff:

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The following groups meet on a regular basis:

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 11:45am (excluding holidays)

Valley Senior Services Senior Meals

Fellowship Hall, 2nd Ave
 Call 356.2047—sign up by noon the previous day.

MONDAYS:

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

SECOND THURSDAY:

7:00pm **Compassionate Friends** (Bereaved Parents)
 Fellowship Hall (West Half), 2nd Ave

FRIDAYS:

5:30pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**—40th Ave Lobby
For information about AA, AIAnon or Compassionate Friends, call 701.235.SEEK (7335)

Faith+Journey Happenings

June 10-17, 2018

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

SUN, June 10

9:00 Worship with Holy Communion, Downtown Campus

9:00 Communion Deacon Commissioning
 10:00 Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

10:30 Outdoor Worship, South Campus

MON, June 11

11:30 Executive Team Meeting, Fireside Library

6:00 NYG Pre-Trip Meeting, Worship Center

WED, June 13

8:30 Pastors/Parish Administrator Meeting, Rm 206

9:30 Staff Meeting, Conference Room

12:30 Piecemakers, Fellowship Hall (West Half)

6:00 Worship, Downtown Campus

7:15 Church Council, Fireside Library

THU, June 14—Flag Day

7:00 Kingsmen at Deaner’s Diner

6:00 Call Committee, South Campus Conference Room

FRI, June 15

4:00 Yoga, The Landing

SUN, June 17

9:00 Worship with Holy Communion, Downtown Campus

10:00 Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

10:30 Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion, South Campus

Deadline for weekly bulletin information is MONDAY, 4:00pm.

Bring information to the church office or e-mail jovitt@growinfaith.org. Our website contains links to the bulletin, newsletter, and church calendar. Check it out: **www.growinfaith.org**