

Faith Matters  
November 2019  
Pastor's Page

Faith Lutheran had 33 ninth-grade youth confirm their faith on October 27. These are some great kids! Many of them have already plugged into FLY. Some of them are even teaching Sunday School. Their faith is a blessing to me and to the church!

But here's an important reminder: having confirmed their faith on October 27, these kids are no more or less a Christian than they were on October 26, or a year ago, or before they started confirmation instruction! They're more informed Christians. They know more about their faith and about what God has done for them. But they haven't advanced in faith, or added anything to their faith, simply because they were confirmed.

So what's confirmation all about?

Let me put it this way: my sister and brother-in-law adopted a little girl a number of years ago. The girl was just a toddler back then, and had a number of issues stemming from her tumultuous upbringing. My sister and brother-in-law were patient, determined, and loving, and have provided this sweet girl with a wonderful home, two siblings, and some loving parents.

Now, what would happen if, some day, this girl went up to my sister and brother-in-law and said, "Mom and Dad, I really appreciate all that you have done for me, for the wonderful home you have given me, and for providing for me all these years. I just want you to know that I love you and I am glad that you chose me to be your daughter!"

Certainly, that would be an amazing moment for their family. It would probably be one they would remember forever. However, *she wouldn't be any more or less their daughter than she was before she said it!* She didn't really add anything to the legal family relationship. Instead, she simply embraced it. She appreciated it! She was grateful for it.

It's no different for confirmation. When these kids confirmed their faith on October 27, and whenever you confirmed your faith years (and maybe *many* years) ago, the same thing happened! When you confirm your faith you are basically saying, "Heavenly Father, I really appreciate all that you have done for me, for the wonderful life you have given me, and for providing for me all these years. I just want you to know that I love you and I am glad that you chose me to be your child!" You don't add anything to the family relationship. You're just embracing it, appreciating it, and being grateful for it! And isn't life better when we embrace who we are and whose we are?

And isn't that something we can do every day?

So practice confirmation! You don't need to throw on a white robe or stand in front of the congregation again, but embrace the wonderful news that you are God's child! Live in that reality, grounded in that life-changing truth. In a month of thankfulness, there's nothing to be more thankful for than that!

See you in church,  
Pastor Dave



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# stump the pastor

*Q: Faith’s 6<sup>th</sup>-grade Sunday School class recently submitted some great questions. Here is one of them. “Is the Apostles’ Creed just a statement or is it a prayer?”*

*A:* The creed is not a prayer, because is not addressed to God. It is a statement about what God has done, but not “just” a statement. When we confess the creed, it works in at least three ways.

- 1) In saying the creed, we take our stand with God, saying publicly and out loud, “I believe in God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” That is one reason we stand up to confess the creed in church. It is an opportunity for Christians to “stand up and be heard.”
- 2) As we confess the creed, it teaches us the basic story of Christianity, from creation to the Last Day, with the main focus on Jesus. The creeds are amazing summaries of the whole story of the Christian faith and can help us witness to other people about what Christianity is.
- 3) In stating what it is we believe, the creed both defines and limits what the Christian faith is. It sets the content and the boundaries of core Christian truth, so we can use it to measure other teaching. Any ideas or claims that contradict the creed cannot be faithful to the Gospel.



## Stewardship Snapshot

When we talk about giving in the church, it is always something of a two-edged sword. One edge is that the ministry of any church, including Faith Lutheran, depends entirely on the generous offerings of its members. No other source of income is available. Given that, when pastors and other church leaders encourage generous giving, it can be heard as self-serving or concerned only with paying the bills.



The other edge of the sword, however, is that covering the church’s expenses is *not* the chief reason to give. The Bible urges faithful giving as a way to thank God for His steadfast providing, to remind us that God gives us everything we have, including the ability to work to earn income, and to keep our trust centered in God and not in the possessions He grants us.

For that reason, Biblical stewardship advises Christians not to base their giving primarily on the financial needs of the congregation, but on a percentage of the income God provides them. It also calls us to make our offerings as “first fruits” gifts, before other bills or expenses are paid, as a tangible expression of God’s promise to provide all that we need for life and health, as well as salvation. When we practice Biblical stewardship in these ways, meeting the expenses of the church is hardly ever a problem, because God provides enough for both the church and its members.



## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will begin making calls soon to find people willing to serve on Ministry Teams and the Church Council. If you receive a message from this team, please prayerfully consider how you could serve Faith Lutheran in this way. Once you have given it consideration, please call the team back even if you decide not to accept a position so they know to continue calling. If you are interested in joining a team or the council and don’t receive a call, feel free to call the office and let any staff member know of your interest.





**Our Lord’s Call to Feed the Hungry**

Our Lord declares: “...*As you did it unto one of the least of these, who are members of My family, you did it unto me.*” Matthew 25:40

November is Faith Lutheran Church’s annual hunger appeal month. Out of our abundance we are called to give generously that others may not go to bed hungry. This year, as in past years, **we encourage one another not only to reach a minimum goal of \$5,000 in this appeal, but to give freely to go well beyond this goal.**

We will once again work with trusted local and international partners to see that people who face the need for food will be fed. It is important that the funds we give go not to administration, but to meet the actual needs of hungry children of God.

- This year, the Church in the World Ministry team proposes the following disbursement of funds raised in November:
- 50% to Common Cup Ministries to provide resources they need to meet immediate food assistance needs of families in Hutchinson facing a crisis.
  - 25% to New Hope Mission Society both to replenish funds used to provide food in the recent flood disaster in their immediate area and in helping some desperately poor recent converts from Islam under persecution.
  - 25% to Friends of Madagascar Mission (one of our mission partners), as they feed inmates in the seven prisons where this mission provides food for body and soul.

To support the hunger appeal, use the Mission Sunday and/or Thanksgiving envelopes, or note “Hunger Appeal” on the memo line of your check.



**NOTE:** The McLeod County Food Shelf has asked that we reschedule our fill the boat drive to the Spring of 2020, when their need is greater than it is in this fall season. Watch for the opportunity to “Fill the Boat” in the spring of 2020!



**News from the New Hope Mission Society**

The Christian evangelism among Muslims that NHMS supports in India and also Nigeria has always faced opposition, sometimes violent, from Muslim leaders. Recently, however, these efforts in India have faced a new obstacle. The current government in India is deeply committed to Hinduism, the dominant religion in India. Although there are laws protecting religious freedom, they are often not rigorously or evenly enforced. If the government is not openly oppressing Christian ministries, it does seem to be looking for any reason to crack down on them. Please pray for God to protect the ministry of the Bishara center and other Christian missions in India, to grant courage to the leaders of them, and to create a rich harvest for God’s kingdom from their outreach.





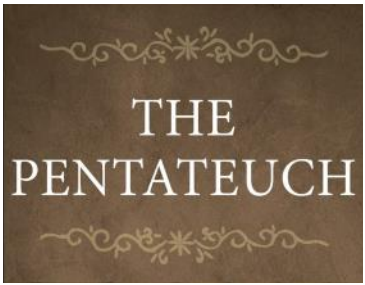
## “Faith Seeks Understanding”

Continuing Learning Opportunities for Adults



### An Introduction to Matthew’s Gospel:

With the new church year starting in December we’ll be featuring the Gospel of Matthew for our weekly Gospel readings. This class will get you ready! Beginning on November 3 we will explore some background information about the first Gospel, as well as some themes that run throughout. Each Gospel has a “personality” of its own, so come to the Faith Center and learn about Matthew.



### Old Wine in New Skins

Join seminarian Brian Lauer for a look at the Pentateuch: Five books in four weeks.

In this class you will survey some of the themes that carry forward from the old testament into the Gospels, and touch on what these books still have to say to 21st century Christians.

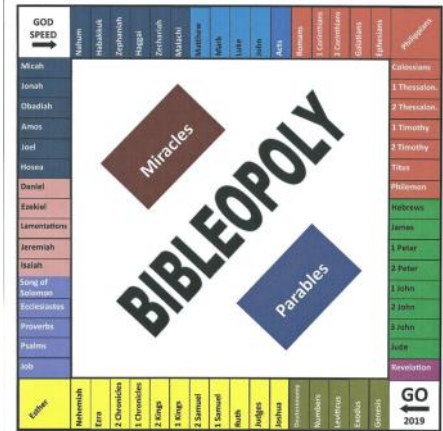
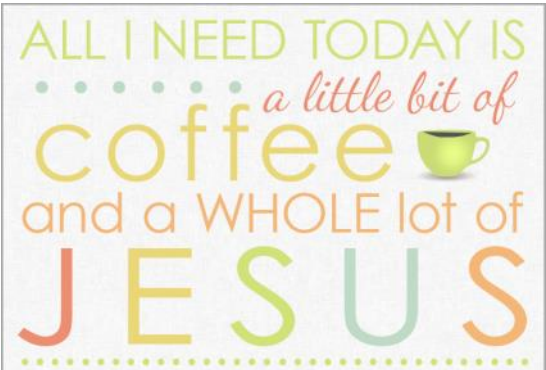
### Coffee Corner

Have you seen the new Sunday morning Coffee Corner at Faith?

Stop by the north gathering space for coffee, doughnuts, fruit, etc.

It is a great way to relax for a few minutes, visit with a friend or meet a new one.

Stop on by, grab a cup of coffee, and sit a spell! Hope to see you there.



### Bibleopoly

How is your reading going? Have you kept up to date with your dots on the Bibleopoly boards? Can you believe we are almost at the end of a whole year of reading the Bible? You, as a congregation, have done an amazing job reading this year and it is almost time to celebrate. Keep reading, fill up those boards and in early January we are planning a celebration supper for everyone who has been reading this year. We will also be unveiling a new way to keep reading in 2020. Watch for more information in *Faith Matters* next month!

Seniors’ Scene

As I write this, the temperature outside has gone from 85 degrees—far above the average for this time of the year, of course—to the 50’s and 60’s. And guess what—rain, and more rain. All of us are concerned for our farmers and their crops. It is a reminder, isn’t it, that we do not have overall control of the bigger things in life. God does! And Scripture assures us that all He does for those who love Him are within His purposes of love, discipline and His call to us to place our full trust in Him. When we do, there is a peace inside ourselves that only He can give. We have that peace even when the stories of our lives don’t unfold the way we would write them. God reigns, in love, in purpose, and with an eternal future in mind for each of us through His Son, Jesus. Thanks be to God for His full presence in our lives for all our needs every day.



Our November **SENIORS’ POTLUCK** meeting is a work session (likely more fun than work), as we pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child. As always, we meet earlier in the month because of Thanksgiving later on. So check your potluck meeting schedule, and mark your calendar. We meet on **Thursday, November 14**, beginning with our usual potluck dinner at **12:00 noon**. After devotions, we have opportunity for two activities: (1) filling Operation Christmas Child boxes, and (2) rolling bandages for health missions around the world.

You can participate in Operation Christmas Child in several ways:

- ⇒ Pick up a box from the church office and fill it with items listed in OCC brochures and separate lists, available in the church office and narthexes.
- ⇒ You can give money for shipping the boxes to countries all over the world.
- ⇒ If you don’t like to fill boxes, you can bring items listed to the meeting, and we will pack them together as a group. We’ve been packing about 75 boxes each year. Can you help us top that--perhaps reach 100 or more?
- ⇒ If you have a Thrivent policy, you can apply for a \$250 grant to be used for buying box items or helping with shipping costs. You can talk to your Thrivent agent, or apply online.



See you at **SENIORS’ POTLUCK**, on **Thursday, November 14**. Please invite someone new to join us.



Fall is here, and with it, some fall-oriented holidays and concerts! Faith Singers are involved in a litany of special music either here at Faith or the *Coming Together in Song* concert on November 24. For those of you who are not aware, the *Coming Together in Song* concert is a large production made up of choirs, bands, and small ensembles that sing in the communities in or surrounding Hutchinson. Proceeds from this concert go towards Common Cup, which is a nondenominational organization that focuses on helping community members who are in need. Common Cup is based here in Hutchinson, and if you

have any questions, feel free to ask us or visit their offices downtown. Faith Singers will be singing their music for the concert while also joining in the "Mass Choir" (a combination of all participating singers) for the final three songs. It's not too late to join the fun, so please talk to me if you want to participate.

Blessings,  
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CONGRATULATIONS FAITH FAMILY!

We are about to enter into our 150th Anniversary Year!

A committee has been formed to steer us through the year, creating opportunities for us to celebrate a grand occasion for our Faith Family. Activities and programs will be held throughout the year to provide everyone a sense of belonging and pride with continuity to our mission and heritage, driving us forward with God's faithfulness.

More to come... BUT RIGHT NOW....

We are looking for any memorabilia, photos, invitations from the past 25 years, OR anything you have found from farther back that may not have been included in past collections. This could be from family fun days, Luther League, weddings, programs, confirmation, any Faith life events.

Please bring items to the church office, and LABEL anything you would like back. Anything sent electronically MUST be high quality, or it will not be able to be used.

Your FAITHFUL HELP to make this an extraordinary celebration is MOST humbly appreciated!

LOOK for MORE information coming in weekly bulletins and newsletters as dates are set and events are planned.

*Under His Guidance, Your Celebration Team*



**Snow Birds**

Are you headed south for the winter?  
Do you want to stay in touch with Faith Lutheran and make sure you receive your tax statements while you are out of town?  
If so, please make sure to contact the church office. Let us know when you are leaving, when you plan to return, your winter address and your e-mail address if you would like to receive your monthly newsletter and/or weekly announcements via e-mail.  
Have a great time away and we will see you when you return.



**Amazon Smile**

- \* Do you shop online through Amazon?
- \* Did you know that Amazon Smile donates to non-profits?
- \* Did you know that Faith Lutheran is a recipient of Amazon Smile donations?

If you shop through Amazon, you can choose Faith Lutheran as your non-profit preference. Just go to smile.Amazon.com to select the charity of your choice. Then, each time you make a purchase through Amazon, it will donate .05% of your purchase price to Faith.  
As the holidays approach and you are doing your online shopping, keep Faith Lutheran in mind and set your Amazon account preference to Faith Lutheran.  
If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office for more information.





### **Thanksgiving Eve Dessert & Pie Social**

Please join us in the Faith Center for a Dessert & Pie Social on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27, after the 6:30 p.m. worship service. Sign-ups to bring a dessert or pie will be posted soon. Join us!



### **Mugs and Muffins**

The next gathering of women for Mugs and Muffins will be on Saturday, November 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Faith Center. Please join your Faith family "Looking Back." Hear stories from the 30's, 40's and 50's of some Faith members. Come for coffee, muffins, treats, and fellowship. Bring a mug and invite a friend.



Faith Lutheran  
Church Women

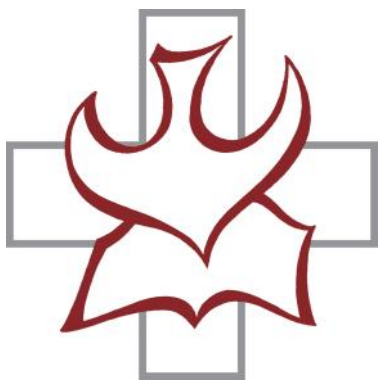
### **Faith Lutheran Church Women Annual Meeting**

All women of Faith are invited to the *FLCW annual meeting* on Sunday, November 17, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join the women of faith for appetizers, a short meeting to disperse funds and a craft project all will enjoy.

### **FLCW Christmas Tea**

Planning is under way and tickets will soon be on sale for this wonderful holiday event featuring themed decorated tables, a delicious lunch and an exciting program. Tickets will be \$10. Treat your family and friends to a memorable time together for the holidays.

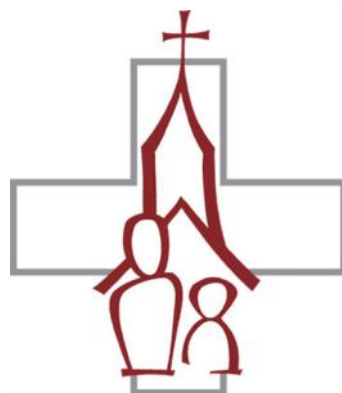




**Confirmed Oct. 27, 2019**

Brady Andersen  
Kayden Beilke  
Jesse Boettcher  
Onnika Dale  
Lexie Fitzwater  
Jaxon Gustafson  
Samuel Hanson  
Madeline Hoffman  
Brenna Kilian  
Hunter Lien  
Elizabeth Lien-Wilke  
Hailee Martin  
Jillian Martinez  
Jack Matheny  
Devan Morgando  
Lauren Nelson  
Karsen Niska  
Alex Oestreich  
Erika Pesavento  
Julia Pesavento  
Carter Renner  
Tanner Scheevel  
Sawyer Schmidt  
Savannah Schlueter  
Hayden Smith  
Aaliyah Stark  
Finley Sturges  
Jaden Suess  
Levi Teetzel  
Dawson Varpness  
Avery Watzke  
Collin Young  
Bryn Ziegler

*Please hold these confirmed  
students and their families in  
your prayers.*



**All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2019**  
**Remembering those who have been baptized  
and those who have died in the past year.**

**Baptized**  
**Nov. 2018 – Oct. 2019**

Peyton Betker  
Emmirsyn Boike  
Jax Docken  
Isla Drager  
Fallynn Fasching  
Stella Fasching  
Annika Hanneman  
Philip Kamrath  
Mara Klitzke  
Bryker Koehnen  
Sullivan McDowell  
Cecilia Nelson  
Lilah Nornes  
Celine Piehl  
Colton Plath  
Harper Rogotzke  
Ryleigh Schiller  
Adalyn Schwarzrock  
Emma Schwecke  
Zoey Stephany  
Brooke Swenson  
Mia Trukki

**Died**  
**Nov. 2018 – Oct. 2019**

Pearl Betker  
Donald Fitzgerald  
Margaret Grorud  
Helen Hansen  
Lois Hoefs  
Steven Kilian  
Maizie Koenig  
Sandra Lennes  
Janice Rohrbach  
Melvin Sondergaard  
Doris Strand  
Marion Tate  
Charles Thor  
Lucille Yukel







Please remember all those who are serving our country through active duty:

- Braiden Bjorge (Marines - grandson of Sandy Curtiss)
- Mike Bjorge (Air Force, Qatar - son-in-law of Sandy Curtis)
- Corporal Colin Bos (Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA - son of Dawn Bos)
- Sgt. Jason Gaulke (El Paso, TX - nephew of Alice Fransen)
- Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Mason Rutledge (Navy, Norfolk, VA - son of Lenny & Patti Rutledge)
- Pat Scharn (Air Force, Qatar - husband of Elizabeth)
- Col. Rob Skaar (Minneapolis/St. Paul Air National Guard - son of Dave & Marian Skaar)
- LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Corpus Christi, TX - son-in-law of Judy & Tom Felber)
- Corporal Nathan Thunstrom (Marines, Reserves - son of Andy & Shelly Hedin and grandson of Dennis & Barb Hedin)
- SPC Ryan Wersal (Army, Fort Meade, MD - son of Roger & Laurie Wersal)



Remember our Faith members in nursing homes & health care centers:

**Birchwood House**  
Ardell Novotny

**Cedar Crest – Silver Lake**  
Patricia Lambert  
Bernice Vorbeck  
Lucille Wehking

**Dassel Lakeside**  
Doris Betker

**Harmony River**  
Margaret Alrick  
Myrt Bauer  
Irene Christensen  
Betty Jensen  
Jerome Lindquist  
Karol Nolte  
Joanne Olesen  
Jean Pittman  
Doyle Thielman  
Harriet Thor

**Oaks**  
Marcella Brede  
Arlyce Drahos  
Ellsworth & Delores Lorentzen  
Barb Ryan  
Charlie & Harriet Wixcey

**Pines**  
Mayonne Martin

**Prairie Senior Cottages**  
Pat Fimon

**Woodstone**  
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*“EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY,  
FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST”*  
EPHESIANS 4:12  
TO LIVE OUT THAT MISSION, GOD CALLS US TO:  
**FOLLOW JESUS**  
**ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL**  
**INVITE ALL PEOPLE**  
**TEACH CHRISTIAN TRUTH**  
**HELP ALL WHO ARE IN NEED**

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