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OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	2 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation @Faith Lutheran	3 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	4 4:30pm Kuntz & Engler Wedding	5 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
6 9:00am Worship 9:00am Facebook Livestream 10:00am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am "No Fear in Love" study 11:00am Radio Broadcast	7	8 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	9 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation @Faith Lutheran 7:00pm Committees 8:00pm Council	10	11	12 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
13 3yr old & 3rd grade Bible Sunday 9:00am Worship 9:00am Facebook Livestream 10:00am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am "No Fear in Love" study 11:00am Radio Broadcast 6:00 pm Community Closet Set Up	14 5:00—7:00 pm Community Closet Opening	15 9:00am Quilters 1:30pm Text Study	16 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation @Faith Lutheran - Food Bank Collection	17	18	19 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
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Your faith has made you well – Matthew, chapter 9, in several places

What is faith? How does it form? What does it look like? These are questions we should ask ourselves both as individuals and as communities of faith not just once, but continually, and often. Faith is what leads us. It is what drives us towards Jesus, and towards one another as children of God. Faith is what connects us to the mysterious redeeming work of God found only in Christ.

Throughout many of the healing stories of Jesus, it is faith that Jesus says is what makes the recipient well. It is not some grand gesture or some perfect humble act of kindness that does it. It is not even who they are that matters, as Jesus proclaims this to many who would otherwise be considered outsiders by self-righteous human standards. Even one hung on a cross next to Jesus, one who arguably deserves his punishment, is given these words of promise from Jesus: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

Our faith is not stagnant either. It can and should grow and change and mature as we continue to experience life and learn about God and what it means for us to love one another. In confirmation, we often think that it is the job of the student to learn and to memorize, so that by the time they are confirmed in front of the congregation, their faith is fully formed and they have all the answers. This could not be further from the truth. If anything, confirmation exists as a starting point to faith. In confirmation, it is my hope not that the students have all the answers, but that they learn how to ask questions. Not only that, but they learn that church and their worshipping community is a safe place to ask questions, as we all should. At the end of this month, we celebrate Reformation Sunday, a day when we celebrate that Martin Luther asked questions. He acknowledged that the Church did not have all the answers, and that faith is a continually growing and changing relationship with God, not only for himself, but for the whole body of Christ throughout time.

God also has faith. God's faith can be clearly seen throughout all stories of the Bible, in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. God's faith is seen in God's continual insistence of love towards creation and towards us, the ones created in the image of God. God's faith is most clearly seen in Christ. Christ's teachings point us toward how we are to be a reflection of God's love toward one another and toward all of God's creation. Christ's death on the cross, the act of love that frees us from our bondage to sin and death, is the greatest example of God's faith. And Christ's resurrection shows us that nothing, not even death, can slow God's insistent love towards us. Go now, your faith has made you well.

-Pr Nicholas



October Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room – We gather for study, reflection, questions, and laughter each week in the Gathering Room. Join us for conversation and community!

Men’s Bible Fellowship | Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room – Walk through the bible one book at a time, grow in your faith, and develop deep and meaningful relationships. All are welcome.

Loving Neighbors Better



Loving Neighbors Better Study: Fear of the Other
Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room

Using Will Willimon’s “no non-sense book and reliable spiritual guide”, we’ll wrestle with the gospel command to love (and not just tolerate) neighbors, others, and enemies. **Your perspective and questions are welcome and encouraged, as we grow in our call to love better.**

October 6th: “Loving the Other in Church”
October 13th: “Jesus, the Other”

Each session will include a video presentation based on the theme, and will leave time for conversation and questions. Accompanying books for reflection and growth will be used during the Sunday sessions and are available for loan upon request. Be in touch with Pr. Kyle or Pr. Nicholas with questions.

THE GOOD BOOK

Walking with the stories of our ancestors in faith from A to Z, together we’ll learn and re-learn why we love to tell this old, old story, and why it continues to hold meaning for us here and now.

Sunday, October 6th
“Q is for the Queen of Sheba”

Sunday, October 13th
“S is for Shipwreck”

Sunday, October 20th
“W is for Whirlwind”

Sunday, October 27th
“Z is for Zacchaeus”
Confirmation Sunday



MISSIONARY CALENDAR

The 2024 Missionary Calendar is up! For \$25 a day you can support Willie Langdji, who serves as an ELCA Missionary supporting the work of the Lutheran Church in Western Africa. With your support, we walk alongside of medical centers, schools, churches, food ministries to support and encourage local efforts. The calendar also supports the work of Global Health Ministries that ships medical supplies and supports medical facilities all over the globe.

Sign up on the calendar and earmark your donation for “Missionary Calendar.” Please considering holding Willie, Global Health Ministries, and our partner church in the Central African Republic in regular prayer.

We are church TOGETHER!

LIVE STREAM

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed

Want to be a part of our Livestream Team?! Individuals of all ages and technical abilities are invited to join the rotating group of individuals who livestream our Sunday morning worship. Livestreaming worship is simple and straightforward, and allows us to connect with people near and far. If you'd like to be trained on the livestream, or want more information, contact Pr. Kyle or Paul Dahlberg and/or Nathan Johnson from the Technology Committee.



HI-LINER FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Hi-Liner Food Pantry, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect donations in the tote near the welcome center. To donate to the Bridges Backpack Program, please make your check out to and mail to: **Bridges Backpack Program, Inc., 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.**



Senior High Lunch

SENIOR HIGH LUNCH: Senior High Lunch will be on hiatus this fall while the OSLC kitchen is remodeled. We look forward to being back to full service this winter!



October Spaghetti Supper Fundraisers -
Come out to the Eagles and support our great community partners!

**Monday, October 7th | 5:00 – 7:00p
for the Abused Persons Outreach Center (APOC)**



Our new directory is up and running, and all we need now is for you to update your information!

Here's how you can get connected...

1) Access the directory via the *Instant Church Directory* website:
members.instantchurchdirectory.com

From there, you can update your household information. To access the website you'll need to create an account using the email address you've shared with the church in the past.

2) Access the directory via the *Instant Church Directory* app (**download in the app store on your mobile device**) and update your household information. To access the app you'll need to create an account using the email address you've shared with the church in the past.

3) Fill out a directory submission form in hard copy at the church. Send a picture to Margaret Dahlberg or one of the pastor's for upload, and we will take care of getting you signed up.

For those who choose digital access to the Directory, once you are signed up, you will have full access right away! For those who would prefer a hard copy version, we anticipate booklets to be available sometime in November. In the meantime, we are excited to get the ball rolling on this first step in our re-connection commitment.

With questions on this process, you can be in touch with our Council President
Margaret Dahlberg at
dahlberg15@hotmail.com.

OUR SAVIOR'S COUNCIL UPDATES

At the Sept. 11, 2024 meeting of the Church Council, Pastor Kyle began our meeting with a reading from Philemon, verses 1-7. In this passage, St. Paul express gratitude for the leadership of members of the congregation, reminding us that supporting one another is a core part of our faith.

The Property Committee reported that we are ready to sign contracts for work on the facade and kitchen, and the Council approved a total expenditure of \$310,000 to complete these projects. We have only a few items left to complete the projects outlined by the Capital Campaign. The Council approved new policies related to building use, receptions, funerals, and sabbaticals; these will be posted on the Church website so they are readily available for those wishing to use the church building for various events.

Pr. Nicholas reported on the thought-provoking Christian Nationalism presentation last August, with 35 individuals attending; Pr. Kyle reminded us of the adult study, "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love," which runs Sept 15-Oct. 13 (Sundays at 10:00). The Worship and Music Committee indicated that Katie Sather will represent them at Council (following the resignation of Karen Kringlie), the Education Committee indicated that Rachel Belgard will represent them at Council (following the resignation of Diane Hochhalter), and the Congregational Life Committee noted that we will again have two "Honey Sundays" in October (Oct. 6 and 13).

The council also noted these events in the life of the congregation: Deaths: Allan Windingland (member), Paul T. Langemo (nonmember); Baptism: Liv Evelyn Kohler; Weddings: Hunter Smith & Kinder Hamlin; New Members: Pr. Nicholas and Leslie Rohde, James, Johnathan; Brian and Brooke Gubrud, Holt

Margaret Dahlberg, Council President.

GET VACCINATED!

City-County Health District is visiting your workplace for **Influenza and COVID-19** vaccinations. High-dose and conventional flu vaccine will be available for 6 months through adult.

Ask us about **RSV** vaccines for adults 60 years and older.

City-County Health District will be administering vaccines on **Sunday, October 20th at 10 AM**. Sign up for a slot on the clipboard located on the information counter. Individuals can complete the Vaccination Administration Record (VAR) ahead of time. CCHD Nursing Staff will also bring copies. Vaccine Information Sheets are also available to provide more information about the benefits of the Influenza (Flu) vaccine.

OUR SAVIOR'S FOUNDATION

The Our Savior's Foundation Board met on Sunday, Sept. 22 for its regular bi-monthly meeting. The board approved payment of the camperships bill from Red Willow Bible Camp for all the young people from Our Savior's who attended a bible camp session there last summer. Funding requests for a family in need and a youth scholarship request were also approved. The board also approved an updated version of the funding request form, which should be used by anyone requesting funding from the Foundation.

The Foundation Board continues to encourage your financial support for its work – if you have any questions or would like to either request funding or donate, please contact one of the Board members: Derrik Kohler (President), Jeff Nathan (Treasurer), Margaret Dahlberg (Secretary), Brenda White, Katie Sather, and Matt Jorrisen.



Beware of suspicious and abnormal emails...

Please be on the lookout for phishing and scam emails. Reports frequently come to the church office about suspicious or abnormal emails coming from either Pr. Kyle, Pr. Nicholas, and/or the church office, often asking for money and/or gift cards. For your safety, always make sure emails are coming directly from addresses you recognize, pay attention for poor grammar and spelling, and beware of email requests that ask you "not to call".

No pastor will ever ask you for money or gift cards, nor will the church office. If you receive one of these suspicious emails, or are unsure about an email you get from the church or one of the pastors, please call the church office.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 27th - Confirmation Sunday
9:00 a.m. | Worship with Affirmation of Baptism
10:00 a.m. | Celebratory Coffee Fellowship

A full morning of celebration! Join us at 9:00 a.m. for our Confirmation Day worship, where we'll celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism of 8 beloved children of God. Following worship, the Congregational Life Committee will host a celebratory coffee fellowship in honor of the confirmands. All are welcome.



JOIN THE CELEBRATION:
WEAR RED FOR
CONFIRMATION
& REFORMATION!



October greetings!

I just returned from my annual sibling reunion. My dad always told people he had two and ½ dozen kids. And he did! He had two girls and a half dozen boys. In reality there were only seven of the eight present with their families. It didn't make any difference to what games were on the tables: Farkle, Mexican Train, Pinochle, cribbage etc., it was noisy!! And it was fun! I felt a little sorry for the other guests at the hotel. There might well be a reason why we look for a different venue to host our group each year.

Sometime during the weekend BB5 (Big Brother #5) approached my sister and me about taking a vacation with them next fall. We fell right into that plan because we had vacationed with them before and it was pure joy.

I checked on my passport and it had expired this summer. There is a bit of paperwork to be done to renew a passport, but I took the time to get everything in order. Calling around I found a place to have a passport picture taken: 2x2 sizing, no head gear, no glasses, white background and no shadows. I gathered up the paperwork, my expired passport, payment, and sent it on its merry way.

It made me think a little about the very last trip any of us will ever take. No suitcases need to be packed. No need to worry about a passport because our heavenly passport has already been stamped: AT HOME WITH JESUS!

Enjoy our October days!!

- Janet Brown, Treasurer



OSLC YOUTH

Pre-K - 6th

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School meets each week from 10 – 10:45 a.m. Online sign up is open for kids in Pre-K (entering kindergarten in 25/26) through 6th grade, found on the Youth Page of the OSLC website – oursaviorsvc.org. Contact Superintendent, Katie Sather, with any questions at oslcsundayschool@outlook.com

7th - 12th

CONFIRMATION FOR 7th – 9th GRADERS: Class during the month of October will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church (309 4th Street NE). A full calendar for the year is available on the Youth Page of the OSLC website – oursaviorsvc.org., as well as in hard copy along with expectations and other sign up opportunities on the Youth Room Bulletin Board at the church. Make sure you are following through with your worship leadership opportunities and worship note expectations. Be in touch with Pr. Nicholas or Pr. Kyle with questions.

CONFIRMATION FOR 10th GRADERS: As we look forward to confirmation in the fall, please hold these important dates:

Sunday, October 20th— Celebration Sundae Social – 4 p.m. | Rehearsal and Photos – 5 p.m.
Family, Friends, and Mentors are welcome and encouraged to attend the Celebration Social

Sunday, October 27th – Confirmation Sunday | Worship @ 9 a.m.
*The Congregational Life Committee hosts a special coffee fellowship to follow service.
All are welcome.*

SENIOR HIGH LUNCH: Senior High Lunch will take a hiatus this fall while the OSLC kitchen is re-modeled. We'll be back in the winter with a brand new kitchen and the same great food!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (10th – 12th Grade): Senior High Youth Group for grades 10th – 12th will generally gather on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the OSLC Youth Room. To stay connected, join our Remind App group by texting @oslcsyhg to the number 81010. By signing up, you'll get reminders about when we're meeting and the fun planned for that night.