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And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:9-12



Parish Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Sunday, December 24 3:30 p.m. Mooreton Lutheran Church - Mooreton, ND

5:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church - Dwight, ND

Faith Sunday School Christmas Program Sunday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m.



A potluck dinner will follow the Faith Sunday School program. Please invite your friends and family to join us for great food and fellowship.

December Ushers

Faith - Vaughan Griffin & Wade Griffin Mooreton - Jeff & Gina Skovholt

Mooreton Church Women



The Mooreton Church Women will not have a regular meeting this month.

Church Cleaning - Ruth Johnson

We ask all to chip in to keep the Church clean this month for the Christmas season. Thank you.

Faith Church Women

ALL Women of Faith Lutheran are invited to meet at Prantes on Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. for a Christmas get together. Supper is dutch treat.

JOINT COUNCIL

The Faith/Mooreton joint council meeting will be held December 13, 7:00 p.m. at Mooreton.



Dear Friends.

The Christmas season is officially here! And as usual, our calendars are full to the brim. We wanted to "share again" the home advent calendar we created last year in hopes that we can all find moments each day to capture the Christmas spirit. Any act of kindness, however small, creates joy in the heart of both the recipient and the giver. Be about spreading the happiness that Jesus birth brings all through December!

Love, Pastor Gordy & Wallyn

- Do a kind deed for a family member, something they would not expect. 1)
- Call a grandparent, aunt or uncle, just to say you are thinking about them and love them. 2)
- 3) Make a tree ornament to give away.
- 4) Bundle up and take a family walk outdoors, enjoy God's creation.
- 5) Kids, talk with your parents about a favorite toy of yours you would be willing to give away to be kind.
- 6) Pay it forward at a coffee shop or restaurant without the recipient knowing you've done it.
- Offer a ride to church or Sunday School to someone who needs the company as much as the transportation. 7)
- 8) Visit someone in retirement living or a nursing home. Take your children with.
- 9) Read the Christmas story several times during the month and talk as a family what life would have been like then.
- 10) Offer to take someone to the Mall to listen to Christmas music sung by school choirs.
- 11) Babysit, without pay, for someone so they can attend a Christmas party or have time out.
- 12) Say prayers together as a family each night.
- 13) Teenagers, spend time with your parents, just because! They will love it!
- 14) Share some of your Christmas goodies with a shut in along with your presence and coffee!
- 15) Turn off the TV and turn on Christmas carols.
- 16) Families, talk together about respecting others who don't celebrate Christmas. It can be a time of learning.
- 17) Show kindness to strangers.
- 18) Grandparents, share your memories with your grandkids. Tell them about Christmas when you were their age.
- 19) Offer to shovel your neighbor's driveway.
- 20) Help someone decorate their tree who might not be able to do it alone.
- 21) Say prayers for someone who is sick or having troubles of any kind.
- 22) Remember to say thank-you!
- 23) Kids, help your parent bake a birthday cake for Jesus.
- 24) Attend a Christmas Eve service with your family.
- 25) Celebrate Jesus Birthday!
- 26) And when the house is chaos from torn gift wrap, toys and presents everywhere, our stomachs don't feel all that great from too much food or too many sweets, or we have a feeling of letdown that often comes after a big party, remember that the baby whose birth we have just celebrated, grew and lived among us. He understands ALL our human feelings, joy or sadness. He came to show us HIS
 - unconditional love for us and how to love one another! Blessings to each and everyone of you.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holy Communion is held the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.					1	2
3 1st Sunday in Advent 8:30 Mooreton Worship 9:30 Mooreton Coffee 9:25 Faith Sunday School 10:00 Faith Coffee 10:30 Faith Worship	4	5	6	7	8	9 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Christmas program practice
10 2nd Sunday in Advent 8:30 Mooreton Worship 9:30 Mooreton Coffee 9:25 Faith Sunday School 10:00 Faith Coffee 10:30 Faith Sunday School Christmas Program	11	12 6:00 p.m. Faith Church Women Christmas Supper at Prantes	 13 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Joint Council Meeting at Mooreton 	14	15	16
17 3rd Sunday in Advent 8:30 Mooreton Worship 9:30 Mooreton Coffee 10:30 Faith Worship 11:30 Youth Group Christmas Party	18 DEADLine	19	20	21	22	23
24 4th Sunday in Advent Christmas Eve Worship Schedule 3:30 pm Mooreton 5:00 p.m. Faith	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 1st Sunday of Christmas 8:30 Mooreton Worship 9:30 Mooreton Coffee 10:30 Faith Worship				Mer	ry Christma	s C

Faith Sunday School News

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in preparation for this year's Christmas Program. The children are doing a great job and we are so proud of them. A couple notes:

*There will be a practice on Saturday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Church. This practice really helps the children as we put the finishing touches on the program.

*We will have Sunday School on December 10 at

the regular time. We will do a final run through and the children will get their costumes on. Christmas Program will be held during Worship (10:30 a.m.) *There will not be Sunday School December 17, 24 or 31.



Please contact me if you have any questions.

God Bless, Tertia



Youth will meet after program practice on December 9 to set up bake sale and wrap any gifts from the giving tree.

On December 10 we will have our bake sale. Proceeds will go to the Richland Wilkin Food Pantry.

December 17 we will meet at 11:30 for our Christmas party and to go caroling. Don't forget your \$5.00-\$10.00 white elephant item for exchange.

Thank you for your support of our Youth Group. Merry Christmas!

Food Pantry

Faith is participating in 1 Box, 1 Can, Feed My Lamb to help benefit the Richland-Wilkin County

Food Pantry. Each Sunday we ask that each family bring 1 item for the Food Pantry. Baskets will be at the back of the Sanctuary. The local food pantry is in constant need of donations.





It is better to give than receive. In lieu of Christmas gifts this year, the Sunday School teachers would like to ask the Sunday School families to give a donation to those in need this Christmas season instead.

All too often those fleeing situations of domestic violence leave with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Because of generous community support, <u>Three Rivers Crisis Center</u> is able to provide many of the things they need. Below is a "Wish List" of those items that helps TRCC provide basic needs for victims in times of crisis.

Personal care items (only new please) detergent, dish soap, basic cleaning supplies, kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap or body wash.

These items may be placed under the Christmas tree in the front of the church. We would like all items to be donated by December 10. We would welcome donations from any church member from either congregation. Our hope is to help those in

need but to also use this opportunity to teach the children the importance of helping those around.



Coffee Treaters

- 3 Jennifer Siemieniewski (F) Jake & Emily Woltjer (M)
- 10 Audra Fischer (F) Rick & Kristi Ford (M)
- 17 Neal & Shirley Skovholt (M)
- 31 Clarice Jagodzinski (M)



***Information for the weekly bulletins is due to Tertia by Wednesday's at noon.

***Information for the January Newsletter is due to Tertia by December 18.

***If you notice a mis-spelled name in the bulletin or newsletter, you are asked to contact Tertia.

***If there is anannouncement you would like placed in the bulletin or newsletter, e-mail that information to Tertia.

Community CHOIR & ORCHESTRA Cantata O Holy Night

Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m.

NDSCS Cultural Center// Bremer Bank Theatre *Free Will Offering*



December **Birthdays** December 5 Aaron Mennis **Brynlie Hegseth** December 5 December 6 Becky Olson December 6 **Dalton Praska** December 8 Chris Mever December 9 Hunter Thane December 9 Alec Helgeson Judi Mikkelson December 9 Brennan Skovholt December 10 December 10 Jackson Rowland December 12 **Bentley Pajari** December 13 Caiden Anderson December 18 Josh Griffin December 18 Brandon Ward December 18 Kaylee Ward December 19 Elizabeth Fischer December 23 Randy Ford December 25 Thomas Allrich December 26 Eddy Paiari December 27 Pastor Gordon Lee December 29 Jennifer Siemieniewski December 30 Perry Score December 31 Wallyn Lee

If we missed your birthday, please let us know. We may not have your birthday on file. Thanks.



Birthday Giving

Faith Members...

Do you remember how exciting it was when you were little to bring your birthday pennies to Sunday School, 1 for each year old you were, and put them in the Church bank? As we grow older we find ourselves thankful for each year that has gone by. One way of showing our thankfulness is to help support our Church. When it comes time to celebrate your birthday please consider giving a Birthday Thanksgiving Offering to the Church. \$1.00 for each year of your age. For example, 40

years old = \$40.00. You can give this offering directly to Tertia or place it in the offering plate in an envelope and marked "Birthday Thanksgiving" At the end of the



As we approach the winter season we ask that you please check the Parish website, Parish Facebook page, WDAY, or KVLY for information about weather related cancellations.



Acolyte's

If you cannot acolyte on your designated Sunday, please exchange with one another.

3 - Jasmyn Benedict

January

- 7 Izabella Fischer
- 14 Brooklynn Siemieniewski
- 21 Megan Roob
- 28 Addie Christensen

Confirmation

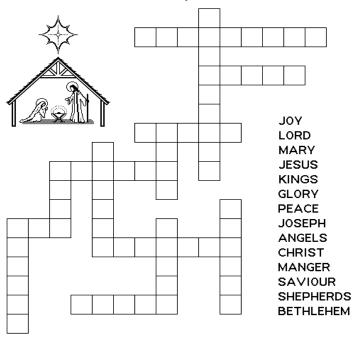
Confirmation meets from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. every other Wednesday. Treaters for December and January are:

December 13 - Cody West

January 10 - Autumn Benedict January 24 - Addie Christensen

Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword. Each word is only used once.



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