

# Dwight - Mooreton Lutheran Parish

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## December

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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

Friday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church - Dwight, ND

5:15 p.m. Mooreton Lutheran Church - Dwight, ND



### Sunday School Christmas Program "On the Night Jesus was Born" Sunday, December 19 at 10:30 a.m.



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has received an early Christmas gift from a Faith member who wishes to remain anonymous. This gift, a Streaming Camera & Computer System, will allow the Faith Sunday morning service to be recorded as it is occurring. In more technical terms the service will be live streamed in real time. The system will also have the ability to download the service to YouTube for those who wish to watch it at a later time.

Many churches are now using this type of recording for their services that greatly enhances Sunday morning church for shut-ins and hospital patients. It will also eliminate the need to prerecord the service earlier in the week saving both Pastor Lee and Tertia, Aimee & Addie much time! The sending time (over the wires) of the service from Moorhead to Wahpeton is extremely variable, taking anywhere from 3 hours to well over 24 each week.

We have been told the new system should be up & running within the next 2-3 weeks. We are most grateful and say THANK YOU to this donor for their generous gift to Faith Lutheran!!



### Community CHOIR & ORCHESTRA "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Saturday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m.  
NDSCS Cultural Center  
Bremer Bank Theatre  
Free Will Offering



Dear Family of Faith/Mooreton Churches

Here we are in the last month of 2021, December! The season of list making, shopping, baking, Christmas concerts and programs and decorating trees has officially begun! It is also the season of Advent, a time of preparing our hearts and waiting to celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus.

I know that this past year has been a difficult one for many families. The Covid Pandemic has impacted all of us in it's own unique way. It has created stress even if all family members have remained healthy. In some families both stress and grief have become present because of the loss of someone we love.

This year my hope is that our Christmas celebrations can be as close to normal as possible. I hope that our families can gather, attend worship services, and rejoice in being together.

I also pray for those who have lost loved one's during this past year. My hope is that the birth of Jesus will become a light in the darkness that often is present not only physically, but emotionally and spiritually. I think of St. John's words in the prologue to his Gospel. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth...In Him is light, a light the darkness can never overcome."

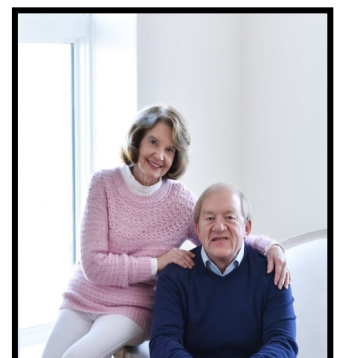
The more Christmas celebrations I have behind me, the more prone I am to dwell on all the Christmas' in my past. I think about when I was a boy and my mom, dad and seven kids would eat lutefisk, lefse and rommegrot, along with mashed potatoes and the other wonderful foods my mother would make at Christmas. Then I think of how we would gather around the Christmas tree and open presents and then go to a ten o'clock worship at Zion Lutheran in Berthold. That naturally leads me to thinking of the Christmases when our children were small, and the joy that was in the air; I must admit I can become somewhat nostalgic and even a bit melancholy. How time seems to have flown by!

That is why I am so thankful for all of the candles Wallyn has in the house, especially those we light on our Advent wreath. I am also grateful to everyone whose Christmas tree lights I see decorating their houses, yards and those who have their Christmas trees sitting in front of a window so passers by can see those many colored lights shining out into the darkness of a wintry night. For me every light is a reminder that because of the birth of the Christ Child, and because we know that our Lord went on to defeat the forces of Sin, Death and Satan and rise in the glorious light of Easter, that hope can be re-ignited in my heart.

*I HOPE IT IS THE SAME OF YOU!!!*

*HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!*

LOVE IN CHRIST,  
PASTOR GORDY AND WALLYN





# DECEMBER

**SUN      MON      TUE      WED      THU      FRI      SAT**

			<p>1 <b>5:30</b> Confirmation</p>	2	3	4
<p>5 Second Sunday of Advent - Blue <b>7:00</b> Online Worship Service posted <b>8:30</b> Mooreton Worship <b>9:20</b> Sunday School <b>10:30</b> Faith Worship</p>	6	7	<p>8 <b>5:30</b> Confirmation  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Joint Council at Mooreton</p>	9	10	11
<p>12 Third Sunday of Advent - Blue <b>7:00</b> Online Worship Service posted <b>8:30</b> Mooreton Worship <b>9:20</b> Sunday School <b>10:30</b> Faith Worship <b>2:00</b> Christmas Program practice</p>	13	14	<p>15 <b>5:30</b> Confirmation</p>	16	17	18
<p>19 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Blue <b>8:30</b> Mooreton Worship <b>9:00</b> Sunday School <b>10:30</b> Sunday School Christmas Program</p>	<p>20 January newsletter information due to Tertia</p>	21	22	23	<p>24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Faith <b>5:15 p.m.</b> Mooreton</p>	
<p>26 First Sunday of Christmas - White <b>8:30</b> Mooreton Worship <b>10:30</b> Faith Worship</p>	27	28	29	30		



## Church Women



### Mooreton:

Church Cleaning - Ruth Johnson

### Faith:

Faith Church Women met December 2 for a Christmas Supper at the Wilkin

## CHURCH COUNCIL



The Faith/Mooreton joint council meeting will be held December 8, 7:00 p.m. at Mooreton.

### Faith Members:

Thank you so much to everyone who has so generously supported the church this past year. Just a reminder that any financial donations must be in to Tertia by December 31 in order to be credited to your 2021 Financial Giving Statement. This includes: general offerings, God's Acre, memorials, Birthday offerings, etc. Thank you. If you would like to send a donation please mail it to:

Tertia Christensen  
17177 74th Street SE  
Wahpeton, ND 58075

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY



Our sympathy to Karlene Brown Ellingson on the death of her uncle, James Leier. A visitation and Military prayer service was held November 19 in Crookston. Please keep Karlene's family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Food Pantry

Faith is collecting items for the Richland-Wilkin County Food Pantry. Baskets are located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your donations!



Faith is looking for sponsors for upcoming newsletters. If you are interested in sponsoring please contact Tertia.



## Faith Altar Guild

December Vaughan & Wendy Griffin  
January Valerie Nelson & Diane Gira  
February Wade & Kassi Griffin  
March Terry & Collen West



With the winter season upon us please check the Parish website, Parish Facebook page, WDAY, or KVLY for information about weather related cancellations.



## Confirmation

### Reminders:

Please bring your completed assignments, Bible and a pen to class each week.  
December Schedule: December 1, 8 & 15.



## Sunday School News

Please mark your calendars for an extra practice, Sunday, December 12 from 2:00-3:30. On Sunday, December 19, we would like all students to arrive BY 9:00 a.m. We will provide a snack that morning prior to the 10:30 am program. Please practice your part(s) at home. Feel free to email me with any questions. ~ Aimee  
(aimee@agwireless.net)



## December Ushers

Faith Vaughan Griffin & Wade Griffin  
Mooreton Jake & Emily Woltjer

## Mooreton Lutheran Fellowship Servers

December 5 Ruth Johnson  
December 12 Aimee Skovholt  
December 19 Joey Glarum  
December 26 Rena Stallman  
January 2 Jamie Jensen  
January 9 Emily Woltjer  
January 16 Kristi Ford  
January 23 Clarice Jagodzinski  
January 30 Harold Ford



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

\*\*\*Information for the January newsletter **must** be in to Tertia by **December 20**.

\*\*\*If you would prefer to receive the monthly newsletter via email instead of a paper copy, please let Tertia know or send an email to [tertiakyle@yahoo.com](mailto:tertiakyle@yahoo.com)

## December Birthdays

December 4 John Thomas Retzer  
 December 5 Aaron Mennis  
 December 5 Brynlie Hegseth  
 December 6 Dalton Praska  
 December 7 Linda Hopkins  
 December 8 Chris Meyer  
 December 9 Alec Helgeson  
 December 9 Judi Mikkelson  
 December 10 Brennan Skovholt  
 December 10 Jackson Rowland  
 December 12 Bentley Pajari  
 December 13 Caiden Anderson  
 December 18 Josh Griffin  
 December 18 Brandon Ward  
 December 18 Kaylee Bakken  
 December 19 Elizabeth Fischer  
 December 23 Randy Ford  
 December 26 Eddy Pajari  
 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 mark it "Birthday Offering"

*Birthday Offering*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Nativity Word Search

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 Q S H E P H E R D S R F A L L U  
 R A T S A M T S I R H C T E J S  
 N E M E S I W S H E E P I G O E  
 J G N I K M A R Y G I U V N S J  
 M O S Y I H X Q U R Q W I A E T  
 D O N K E Y R E G N A M T D P M  
 Z I L I N N K E E P E R Y O H F



angels  
 Christmas  
 donkey  
 innkeeper  
 Jesus  
 Joseph manger  
 king Mary  
 nativity  
 salvation  
 sheep  
 shepherds  
 star  
 wisemen

Let's celebrate the birth of Christ together in a special night of togetherness. Richland Lutheran Church is hosting a free will donation Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. This night of music will feature various members of their congregation. You are invited to join them for treats and refreshments as beautiful Christmas music fills the air. The free will offering will be going towards the needed structural roof improvements at Richland Lutheran Church, Walcott, ND. All are welcome!



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December Newsletter is  
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