

Dwight - Mooreton Lutheran Parish

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ANNUAL MEETINGS

Mooreton Lutheran

February 4, 2024

9:00 a.m. Mooreton Worship
Annual Meeting & Coffee to immediately
follow Worship.

Faith Lutheran

February 4, 2024

10:30 a.m. Faith Worship
Potluck Dinner & Annual Meeting to
immediately follow Worship.

***Please mark your calendar and
plan to attend these important
Congregational meetings.***



Faith Church Council will have a budget
meeting on January 4 at 7:00 p.m.



Mooreton Lutheran Fellowship Schedule

Please switch with someone if you cannot make it. Please
make sure you have someone to serve and clean up.

January 7 Pastor's Retirement
January 14 Gina Skovholt
January 21 Joint Worship at Faith
January 28 Aimee Skovholt

February 4 Annual Meeting
February 11 Joey Glarum
February 18 Karlene Ellingson
February 25 Emily Woltjer



There will be NO WORSHIP at Mooreton
on January 21. Mooreton Congregation is
invited to attend Worship at Faith.

The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church
invite you to join us as we commemorate the
retirement of

PASTOR GORDON J. LEE



Retiring after 42 years of religious life and
faithful service to his congregations.

January 14, 2024

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Dinner to follow

316 Hill Street

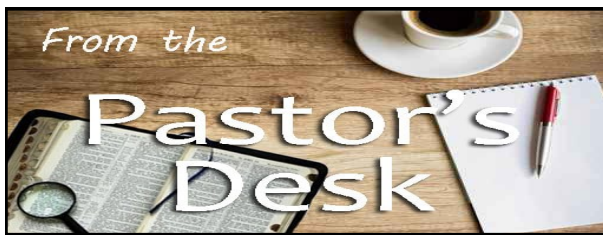
Dwight, ND 58075

The congregation of Mooreton Lutheran
invite you to celebrate the retirement of
Pastor Gordon Lee

*Sunday, January 7
10:30 a.m. Worship
with a meal to follow*

PLEASE NOTE:
Schedule Change for January 7
9:00 a.m. Faith Lutheran
10:30 a.m. Mooreton Lutheran





Due to the Christmas Eve service being canceled, we thought you may enjoy reading Pastor Gordy's sermon he had written for that night. Enjoy!

Tonight, in Christmas Eve, we gather to remember and give thanks to God for the birth of Jesus, the Christ. We envision the oxen and sheep standing nearby, the smell of hay with mice scurrying under it, and Jesus, wrapped in swaddling cloths, being laid on a manger, carved out of stone, not wood.

On our recent trip to the holy land our guide took us to Manger Square, better known as the church of the nativity. our guide showed us a series of caves that were behind the place of Jesus' birth where the sheep and oxen would have been corralled. It was amazing to touch that rock hewn manger, realizing the child who once laid there, would grow up to know life in its every dimension, including betrayal, fear, and death.

Manger Square is usually teeming with thousands of people from all over the globe. When we were there, we heard very little English, instead we heard people speaking, often praying in polish, German, Italian, South Africa, as well south America and other places in Africa.

This Christmas, Manger Square is basically empty because of the ongoing wars in this area. It struck me that the conditions in our world concerning war, regional conflicts, political unrest, people in so many areas lacking food, medical facilities and educational opportunities remain, much as they were when this baby lay in Mary's arms.

But much has also changed. for the message of Jesus, his life showing us what a truly human life looks like, full of love and generosity towards all peoples, continues to help his followers shine as lights in the darkness of this world. And so, just as people throughout the generations, it is this birth that continues to empower us to go on.

What I am saying is that, even in the midst of the chaos and uncertainties of our world, even in the midst of all of our scientific know-how, that this birth and this child remains so very close to us. How, through this ancient story, he still is able to reach out to touch our hearts and fill us with peace and hope. Perhaps even joy!

Why is that? Why, after all these years and all the sermons preached this night. Why, after all the wars and terrible things life throws our way, do we continue to place so much emphasis on his birth? My intuition tells me the reason Jesus' birth continues to touch us, is because his birth reveals so much about the character of God.

From the beginning of human history people have wondered about God. Does God exist? If so, what is God like? is there one God or many Gods? does God care about what happens to me? The answer of all religions is that, yes, a God, or more than likely, many Gods, exist. Just by looking at the complexities of the universe we live in and the marvel of life, people have deduced that there has to be a power or powers at work, far greater than I am.

As to the question for many, does God care about me, the answer was, “not really! But if you hope to get your ‘Gods’ to even notice you, you better show up at the temple with the right sacrifice!

Jesus’ birth changed all that. Luke tells us, tells us that when the time was fulfilled, God chose to make himself known to us in the person of his son. and our God, chose to come to us not in arrogance and power, not in a way that would frighten or disturb us, but as a baby! A baby, who when grown to be a man, lived out his call to live a life of compassion and acceptance where every person, especially those who felt excluded or ashamed of their very being were told that they were known and loved by God.

It is important to remember that we celebrate the birth of Jesus because after his death, God raised him back to life. He still bore the marks of where the nails pierced his wrists and ankles and where the spear penetrated his side. when he first appeared to Mary Magdalene and later the disciples his first words were, “do not be afraid; peace be with you.” it was the same Jesus they had traveled with all those years. through our Lord’s death and resurrection God is telling us many things. Jesus sent out his Apostle’s to announce the wondrous news that through his death, we have been made right with God, our sins have been removed from us. Also, to proclaim the fact that death will not hold us any-more than it held Jesus.

Saint Godric, a hermit who lived to be 105 in Scotland during the 6th century, and whose life was chronicled by a priest who wrote his life story said. “When we enter eternal life, we will realize that all the death in the world, compared to life we will enter, wouldn’t fill a single teacup.”

The message of Christmas is this. god exists. god is a god of unrelenting love. No matter who you are, no matter where you are on your journey of faith, the message is the same. Christ the child was born for you, born to reveal on love of God for you. Let this truth possess and affirm you. Now, have a blessed Christmas. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Gordy



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OR search “*Faith Lutheran-Mooreton Lutheran Church News*”

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<https://bit.ly/3pH0QUe> OR search “*Faith Mooreton Lutheran Parish*”





Parish YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/31L6dd7>
OR search: *Faith Lutheran - Mooreton Lutheran Parish*

Parish Website: flcmlc.org

We are in need of volunteers to help run the live-streaming system on Sunday mornings. Your help would be greatly appreciated!
If interested please contact Tertia.
640-4856



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3 5:30 p.m. Confirmation	4 7:00 p.m. Faith Church Council Budget Meeting 	5	6
7 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD- WHITE 9:00 Faith Worship 10:00 Faith Sunday School 10:30 Mooreton Worship/ Pastor's Retirement Celebration	8 7:00 p.m. Joint Council meeting with Synod at Faith	9	10 5:30 p.m. Confirmation	11	12	13
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 3 Brad Glarum
January 3 Dan Biewer
January 3 Liam Griffin
January 7 Lyle Ellingson
January 10 Shelby Pikarski
January 11 Jackson Alexander



January 13 Maren Woltjer
January 14 Harold Ness
January 22 Adrian Dahm
January 27 Clarice Jagodzinski
January 29 Jessica Spurrier

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January Ushers

Mooreton - Korey & Aimee Skovholt



Starting January 14,
Mooreton worship will begin at
9:00 a.m.

Church Women

Faith Church Women will not meet in January.



Faith Altar Guild

January - Vaughan & Wendy
February - Toviao & Linda
March - Valerie & Diane
April - Terry & Colleen



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

Faith is participating is a collection site for the Richland-Wilkin County Food Pantry. Baskets are located in the Narthex and at the back of the Sanctuary.



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***Information for the weekly bulletins is due to Tertia by **Wednesday's at noon**.
***Information for the **February** newsletter **must** be in to Tertia by **January 15**.



A mother was teaching her three-year old the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime the little girl repeated the prayer after her mother. One night she said she was ready to say it by herself. The mother listened with pride as her child carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."



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ANGEL	GOD
ARK	HOLY
EDEN	LORD
EVE	NOAH



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