

Dwight - Mooreton Lutheran Parish

Faith Lutheran Church
Dwight, North Dakota



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Please come and worship with us during our
Wednesday Lenten and Holy Week Worship services.
The schedule is as follows:

March 6		7:00 p.m.	Faith
March 13		7:00 p.m.	Mooreton
March 20		7:00 p.m.	Faith
March 28	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Faith
March 29	<i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Mooreton
March 31	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	8:30 a.m.	Mooreton Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Faith Worship

Church Council

Faith Church Council

Next meeting: March 6 following Lenten Worship.

Church Women

Mooreton Church Women

Cleaning Service for Spring Cleaning

Please help out during the month with cleaning during March as no one is assigned.

Faith Church Women will not meet in March.



Mooreton Coffee Servers

March 3	Kristi Ford
March 10	Karen Helgeson
March 17	Kari Ward
March 24	Ruth Johnson
March 31	Karlene Ellingson



Faith Sunday School will be singing during Worship on Palm Sunday. (3/24).



Mooreton Sunday School will be singing during Worship on Easter Sunday (3/31).

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



Faith Altar Guild

March -	Valerie & Diane
April -	Terry & Colleen
May -	Vaughan & Wendy
June -	Toviao & Linda



Ushers

Faith:	Mike & Lori Vogeler
Mooreton:	Brad & Joey Glarum



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<p>3 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT - PURPLE</p> <p>10:30 Joint Worship at Faith</p>	4	5	<p>6 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Faith</p> <p>**Faith Council to follow</p>	7	8	9
<p>10 4th SUNDAY IN LENT - PURPLE</p> <p>9:00 Mooreton Worship</p> <p>10:00 Mooreton Coffee</p> <p>10:00 M. Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 Faith Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Faith Worship</p>	11	12	<p>13 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Mooreton</p>	14	15	16
<p>17 5th SUNDAY IN LENT - PURPLE</p> <p>9:00 Mooreton Worship</p> <p>10:00 Mooreton Coffee</p> <p>10:30 Faith Worship</p> 	18	19	<p>20 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Faith</p>	21	22	23
<p>24 PALM SUNDAY - GREEN</p> <p>9:00 Mooreton Worship</p> <p>10:00 Mooreton Coffee</p> <p>10:00 M. Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 Faith Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Faith Worship</p> 	25	26	27	<p>28 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship at Faith</p>  <p>MAUNDY Thursday</p>	<p>29 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship at Mooreton</p>  <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	30
<p>31 EASTER SUNDAY - WHITE</p> <p>8:30 Mooreton Worship</p> <p>10:00 Faith Worship</p> 						

Dear friends,

It is difficult to find the words to thank you for the incredible sendoff Wallyn and I received after announcing my retirement. On January 7th, and January 14th we were surrounded by people we have grown to love at Mooreton Lutheran and Faith Lutheran who went out of their way to make our journey into a new phase of our lives unforgettable. We are still going through the many cards and gifts we received. Memories of the lovely meals served after worshipping together, listening to our Sunday School children sing so beautifully and the warm words of gratitude and often accompanied by hugs, left both of us with tears streaming down our cheeks.

Twenty-two years ago, we began to walk the path of serving Jesus together. I have been privileged to baptize so many of your children and grandchildren, officiate as so many of our youth have affirmed their faith, stood in the front of the Sanctuary as I was privileged to officiate over beautiful weddings and somber funerals of people I had worked with, shared meals with, visited in the hospital or nursing home. I will always treasure our meaningful Ash Wednesday, Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter morning worship services.

My faith journey and Wallyn's as well, have been deepened and grown even more mature during our time with you. Your words of encouragement, appreciation and respectful listening to me preaching sermon after sermon have enriched my appreciation of the Gospel of life and the hope we live with because our gracious God sent His only Son to ensure the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life.

The well known phrase, "It takes a village" is familiar to most of you. When I think of how it applies to all of you in Mooreton & Faith, my mind is flooded with examples. It can involve talents that are seen such as music, teaching Sunday School, serving on church council or helping serve wonderful meals at church gatherings. It also could not come together without the countless "behind the scenes" work of so many who clean church, serve on alter guild, volunteer for a prayer chain, or offer rides to others for church events. And now as you move on into the future my prayer is that "your village" will continue to thrive and that God will bless you richly. And so, the two simple words, "thank you" are said with full hearts that we have been privileged to walk this faith journey with you.

With much love, Pastor
Gordy and Wallyn



**JOIN US FOR
PTO FUN NIGHT**

March 22, 2024, 5-8pm
Richland High School in Colfax

Community Dinner
Pulled pork sandwich, beans,
and chips for \$8

Come for the dinner, stay for the fun!

- Games and prizes start at 6pm
- \$2,000 in raffle cash prizes (contact an elementary student or either school for tickets)
- New and classic Fun Night games
- Concessions available all night

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

**AMERICAN LEGION
MEATBALL DINNER**
(Meatballs, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, bread,
dessert)

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Serving 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
at the Abercrombie Community Hall
"Free Will Offering"



Sponsored by the
**American Legion Post 128 - Abercrombie,
American Legion Post 282 - Galchutt,
& Sons of the American Legion Squadron 282**

2024 Community Choir
Presents

To the Risen
King

An Easter Cantata
under the direction of Linda Klindt

St John's Catholic Church
March 23rd at 7:30 PM
March 24th at 1:30 PM

Free Will Donation

Faith is a collection site for the
Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry. There
are baskets located in the Narthex.



Several years ago, at a lecture series for preaching in Lent, the presenter, Pastor Susan Briehl, offered a new to me image for symbolizing the Sundays *in* Lent. She invited us to see the baptismal font as an oasis in the desert that we are refreshed by each week in worship as we come to these nourishing, cleansing, healing, and renewing waters of grace and new life.

This image stands in stark contrast to the frequent depictions of Lent as barren, dry, and sparse. Yet it is precisely in this season of self-examination, repentance, and recommitment to the spiritual practices of discipleship that we need the lush refreshment of life-giving baptismal waters. For the parched and weary in this season, returning to these waters in worship, we are given a sensorial experience of God's healing grace.

From the early centuries of the church, Lent was a time for instruction in the faith and preparation for baptism at Easter. In an echo of this tradition, we often during Lent return to the basics of our faith, to the teachings in Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* on the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the sacraments. Upon completing this little book Martin Luther himself said he could spend a lifetime studying it and still have more to learn. Often our deepest learnings and discoveries are not in the complicated and complex, but in returning to the foundation, the core elements of our faith as relationship with God and neighbor.

Like our pilgrimage through Lent, this interim season is also a time for returning to the core of who we are as individuals and as a community of faith. Washed in the cleansing waters of baptism and sent as Spirit-filled people of God to a hurting and hungry world, we can in this time discern anew what this call and sending mean for us in our life-together as communities of faith. Three questions to help guide this discernment:

What are we doing well that we are called to continue doing?

What new thing is the Spirit calling us to try?

What have we been doing that the Spirit is no longer calling us to do?

Through this wandering, discerning, and discovery, when the possibility for new life looks as impossible as Sarah and Abraham to conceive and bear life, we are given a lush oasis in baptismal waters, covenant promises, and a meal of grace and joy. The word Lent comes after all from the German word for Spring. New life is coming. The barren branches are already budding with hope and promise. Indeed, a lush oasis awaits even in the wilderness.

Peace,
Pastor Robert



March Birthdays

March 2	Nancy Hegseth
March 4	McKenzie Roob
March 10	Jason Steger
March 12	Amie Benedict
March 13	Hailey Helgeson
March 15	Jeremy Jensen
March 22	Steve Wornor
March 25	Addie Christensen
March 29	Cody West

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



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"



Parish Call Process Update

A call committee comprised of two members from both Faith (Kyle Christensen & Colleen West) and Mooreton (Ruth Johnson & Aimee Skovholt) has been formed. The Congregational Call Leaders will be working with Pastor Brad from the Synod Office. The Leaders have met and have completed a ministry site profile. They will continue to update as they can and we ask that you keep them and our Parish in your thoughts and prayers as we work through this transitional period.

Thank you to our Call Leaders for volunteering for this task. God bless you for your time and leadership. You are appreciated!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Council President, Ruth Johnson or Kyle Christensen.



Have you considered switching to receiving this newsletter via e-mail? The newsletter is typically emailed out as soon as it is completed. This means most months you will receive it early! Also, no more worrying about what you did with your copy, simply check your inbox. If you would like to make the switch please contact Tertia.

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Confirmation

Please check the calendar for the class schedule.



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

Parish Social Media

These sites will allow you to stay up to date with Parish news, schedule changes, and watch Faith Worship services live. Please be sure to bookmark, like, follow and subscribe.

Parish Facebook private group: <https://bit.ly/3EQBUQv>
OR search "**Faith Lutheran-Mooreton Lutheran Church News**"

Parish Facebook Page for Live Stream Services:
<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

THE EMOJI EASTER STORY



Easter is about Jesus coming to pay for our sins because He loves us so much! John 3:16



Jesus had to die on the day we now call good Friday to pay for all the times we sin and disobey God. Mark 15:37-38



After Jesus died he was in the tomb for 3 days before something amazing happened. Mark 15:42-47



About the time sun was coming up on the third day, some of Jesus' friends went to the tomb not knowing what they would find. Luke 24:1



When Jesus' friends got to the tomb they found an angel who told them Jesus was alive! Luke 24:2-7



All of Jesus' friends were surprised and happy when they found out he was alive and saw him for the first time! John 20:14-17



Soon after Jesus came back to life, He went back to heaven and His disciples watched him go. Luke 24:50-53



Before Jesus went back to heaven He told His disciples to tell everyone the good news that anyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior can live with Him forever in heaven. Matthew 28:16-20

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



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