

Dwight - Mooreton Lutheran Parish

Faith Lutheran Church
Dwight, North Dakota



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

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Mooreton, North Dakota

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And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!' Luke 2:9-12

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Wednesday, December 24

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

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



Faith Sunday School Christmas Program

"The Christmas Story"

Sunday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m.



All are invited to attend, including family and friends of our Sunday School students.

Mooreton Sunday School

Christmas Program

December 24 ~ 5:15 p.m.

during the Christmas Eve Worship service



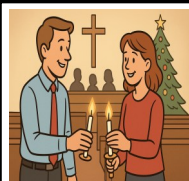
All are invited to attend!
If you have any questions please
contact Aimee Skovholt.

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



**Joint Church
COUNCIL**

The Faith/Mooreton
joint council meeting will be
held December 17,
7:00 p.m. at Mooreton.



December Ushers

Mooreton: Kenneth & Ruth Johnson
Faith: Vaughan Griffin
Wade Griffin

Faith Altar Guild

December Terry & Colleen
January Vaughan & Wendy
February Toviao & Linda
March Valerie & Heather



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 3	Stephenie Steger
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 10	Brennan Skovholt
December 10	Jackson Rowland
December 13	Caiden Anderson
December 18	Josh Griffin
December 18	Brandon Ward
December 18	Kaylee Bakken
December 19	Elizabeth Fischer
December 22	Cayllen Meyer
December 23	Randy Ford
December 27	Pastor Gordon Lee
December 29	Jennifer Siemieniewski
December 30	Perry Score
December 31	Wallyn Lee

To ensure we celebrate everyone's special day, please inform Tertia if we've missed your birthday



Faith and Mooreton Lutheran Churches will again be having "Giving Trees" this year — a wonderful opportunity to make a child's Christmas a little brighter and to share the message of **HOPE**.

You can find the full list on the Parish Facebook page, or you may choose a tag directly from the Giving Trees located at each church.

Please make sure your donations are wrapped and labeled with the number and letter that corresponds to the gift you signed up for.

Donations can dropped off at either church by **Sunday, December 14th**.

Thank you!



•Information for the weekly bulletins is due to Tertia by Wednesdays at noon.

•Information for the **January** newsletter **must** be in to Tertia by **December 15**.

Please send information to:

tertiakyle@yahoo.com 640-4856

Friendly reminder: To make sure your information appears in the December newsletter, please send it by the deadline. Submissions received late, might not be included until the next issue.



Tertia's Inbox Is Open!

(BUT, until the deadline only.)



Faith Members:

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the church throughout 2025. Any financial donations must be in to Tertia by December 28 in order to be credited to your 2024 44Financial 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

Mooreton Church Cleaning

December
January 2026

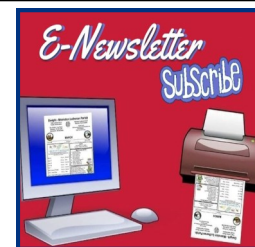
Karen Helgeson
Ruth Johnson



Have you thought about switching to receiving this newsletter by email? You'll get it as soon as it's completed. Plus, you'll never have to worry about misplacing it; it will always be in your inbox.

By switching to email, you'll also help the church save on postage and paper costs, allowing us to use those resources for other important ministries.

If you'd like to switch, please contact Tertia. 640-4856 or tertiakyle@yahoo.com



Dear Beloved Friends in Christ,

As we enter this sacred season of Advent, my heart is filled with gratitude for each one of you. In a world that often rushes past the holy and the quiet, our churches stand as shining reminders that God's love still dwells deeply among His people — in our fellowship, our gatherings, our prayers and our worship.

Advent is a season of waiting — not the kind of waiting that leaves us restless, but a waiting that fills us with hope. It's the gentle, glowing kind of waiting that lights one candle at a time, trusting that even the smallest flame pushes back the darkest night. Each Sunday, as we gather to reflect, pray, and sing, those candles remind us that God's promises never fail, and His light is still coming into the world — through Christ, and through all of us.

In this season, may we slow down and make room for wonder again. May we notice the sparkle in a child's eyes, the innocence of fresh snow, the warmth of a shared meal, the peace that comes when we pause to remember why we celebrate. Emmanuel — "God with us." What greater gift could we ever receive?

As Christmas draws near, I am reminded once again how blessed we are to be a family of faith. We may be small in number, but the love we share, the care we show, and the faith we carry for one another are immeasurable. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our communities — through every act of kindness, every prayer lifted, every light you shine into someone's darkness.

May this Advent be a time of holy anticipation for you and your loved ones. And may the joy of Christmas — the joy that sang from the angels' lips and shone from the manger — fill your hearts and homes with peace, hope, and love that lasts far beyond the season.

GIGATT,
Toviao, Lay Minister



This year's Christmas program, "The Christmas Story," will be held on December 21 at 10:30 a.m. We will have Sunday School that morning. This will also be our final day of Sunday School for 2025.

Copies of speaking parts and songs were sent home. Please take some time to read through them so the children feel familiar with their parts. No memorization is required. If you need a new copy or did not receive one, please let me know.

Sunday School will resume on January 11, 2026.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our Sunday School ministry! We love seeing your children each week and growing together in God's Word.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Heather Retzer
Sunday School Superintendent
701-640-5925



Mooreton members are invited to attend a congregational meeting with Pastor Nancy Monke on Sunday, December 21, at 8:00 a.m.

On November 23, we celebrated with Aubrie Helgeson, Rylee Ward, and Maren Woltjer as they received their Bibles at Mooreton Lutheran. May God's Word continue to be a lifelong source of faith, comfort, and guidance for each of them. "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." — Psalm 119:105 Blessings to these children and their families as they continue to grow in Christ!



Confirmation

Please check the calendar for the December Confirmation Schedule.

D · E · C · E · M · B · E · R

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00 p.m. Confirmation	4	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Advent - Blue 9:00 Mooreton Worship 10:00 Mooreton Coffee 10:10 Mooreton Sunday School 9:30 Faith Sunday School 10:30 Faith Worship / Live-Stream	8	9	10 7:00 p.m. Confirmation	11	12	13
14 3rd Sunday of Advent - Blue 9:00 Mooreton Worship 10:00 Mooreton Coffee 10:10 Mooreton Sunday School 9:30 Faith Sunday School 10:30 Faith Worship / Live-Stream	15	16	17 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Project/Fun Night 7:00 p.m. Joint Council at Mooreton	18	19	20
21 4th Sunday of Advent - Blue 8:00 Mooreton mtg. with Pastor Nancy 9:00 Mooreton Worship 10:00 Mooreton Coffee 10:10 Mooreton Sunday School 9:30 Faith Sunday School 10:30 Faith Sunday School Christmas Program / Live-Stream	22	23	24  4:00 p.m. Faith 5:15 p.m. Mooreton & Christmas Program	25 	26	27
28 1st Sunday of Christmas - White No Worship Service at Mooreton or Faith	29	30	31 			



2025 COMMUNITY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA
CHRISTMAS CANTATA

I Love to Tell the Story

Saturday DECEMBER 13 | 7pm
Sunday DECEMBER 14 | 2pm

Kent Loken
DIRECTOR

Karen Hendrickson
PIANO

Bill Dablow
NARRATOR

NDSCS
CULTURAL CENTER
free will offering



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BIBLE READING PLAN



Day 1: John 1: 1-13
Day 2: Isaiah 9: 2-7
Day 3: Isaiah 11:1-10
Day 4: Isaiah 40:1-5
Day 5: Isaiah 40:6-8
Day 6: Isaiah 42:1-9
Day 7: Isaiah 43:1-5
Day 8: Isaiah 52: 7-10
Day 9: Jeremiah:33-:14-16
Day 10: Psalm 139:1-8
Day 11: Psalm 139:9-16
Day 12: Psalm 139:17-24
Day 13: Isaiah 7:14
Day 14: Matthew 1:18-25
Day 15: Malachi 3:1-3
Day 16: Mark 1:1-8

Day 17: Luke 1:5-25
Day 18: Luke 1: 26-35
Day 19: Luke 1:39-45
Day 20: Luke 1: 46-56
Day 21: Luke 1: 57-66
Day 22: Luke 1: 67-80
Day 23: Luke 2: 1-7
Day 24: Luke 2:8-21
Day 25: John 1:14
Day 26: Luke 2:22-32
Day 27: Luke 2: 33-38
Day 28: John 1:15-18
Day 29: John 1 29-34
Day 30: Matthew 3:13-17
Day 31: Matthew 4:1-11

A Christian Version of "Twas the Night before Christmas"

Twas the night before Christmas and all
through the church,
The chosen were singing about
His Son's birth.
The Bibles were open to Matthew that night,
And praises were sung to a heavenly height.
The pastor spoke boldly the Word
we all love,
About our sweet Jesus who came
from above.
He spoke of salvation to those
who were lost,
For whom Christ had died for upon
Calvary's cross.
He knew through the years we'd
been bound up by sin,
But we could be free if we'd just let Him in.
So, open your hearts all you people
who know,
And let Jesus make your souls white
as snow.
Heed the Gospels of Matthew, Mark,
Luke and John,
About His great work that they've carried on.
The Epistles of Paul will show us the way;
Revelation tells us of the glorious day.
At the sound of the trumpet and the
twink of an eye,
We'll be caught up with Jesus to a
cloud in the sky.
We'll sit down with Jesus to a
wonderful feast,
Then come back with Him to bind the beast.
There'll be no dying, no sickness, no tears.
We'll reign in His glory for one
thousand years.
And after these things, a new heaven
and earth,
And all because of our dear Savior's birth.
So "Follow me children" we hear Jesus say,
That He is the Truth, the Life, and the Way.

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