

Dwight - Mooreton Lutheran Parish

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Dwight, North Dakota



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Confirmation News

Confirmation Class



Confirmation will be starting soon!
A Parent/Student Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith. Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith. If you have any questions, please contact Toviaio.

September Ushers



Faith - Toviaio & Linda Hopkins
Mooreton - Willerd & Kari Ward

Faith Altar Guild

September	Vaughan & Wendy
October	Toviaio & Linda
November	Valerie & Heather
December	Terry & Colleen



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

•Information for the **October** newsletter **must** be in to Tertia by **September 15.**

Please send information to:
 tertiakyle@yahoo.com  640-4856

Friendly reminder: To make sure your information appears in the October 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.)

Help Us Update Our Parish Records

We are working to update our parish records and need your help to ensure we have the most accurate and complete information for **you and your entire family.**

Please contact us with the following details for each household member:

- Full names
- Birthdays
- Mailing address
- Phone number(s)
- Email address(es)

If you have **adult children** who are no longer living at home, we would love to include their updated contact information as well so they can continue to receive parish communications.

Even if you believe we already have this information, we kindly ask that you **reach out to confirm**—this will help us ensure everything is current and correct.

Please send information to:
Email: tertiakyle@yahoo.com
Text Tertia at: 640-4856

Thank you for taking a moment to help us stay connected as a parish family!



Church Women

Faith Church Women
Will meet December 4 for a Christmas Supper. Please watch for more information.

Mooreton Church Women
Church Cleaning: Gina Skovholt



Greeting and Salutations Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“We exist to be a place of acceptance, belonging, welcoming, and sharing the love of God.”

As summer fades into the crisp days of fall, we are reminded of God’s faithfulness. The fields around us are alive with the hum of harvest, school doors have swung open to welcome back eager minds, and young athletes are lacing up their shoes for another season of teamwork and growth. Truly, this is a season of abundance and new beginnings.

Within our small, close-knit church families, we have felt both the joys and the challenges of this changing season. Attendance has been lighter in recent weeks, and while we may sometimes look around and notice fewer faces in the pews, let us remember that God does not measure the strength of His church by numbers alone. Instead, He looks at the faith, love, and hope that live within us. And in those gifts, we are richly blessed.

Each time we gather—whether we are many or few—Christ promises to be among us. Together, we lift our voices in praise, share one another’s burdens, celebrate one another’s joys, and encourage one another in faith. That is the beauty of our family-sized churches: we know each other’s names, where everyone usually sits, and we surround one another with prayer and care. What a gift!

As we move into fall, there are many opportunities ahead for us to grow together. Confirmation classes are just around the corner, where our young people will continue their journey of faith and make it their own. Let us pray for them, support them, and walk beside them as they learn and grow. Let us also keep our farmers and their families in prayer during this busy harvest season, as well as our students, teachers, and athletes who are beginning another year filled with challenges and blessings.

Let us keep showing up, keep encouraging one another, and keep our hearts open to the ways God is leading us in this season. Together, we are the body of Christ, and together, we are strong.

Gracious and loving God, we give You thanks for the blessings of this season—for the harvest in the fields, for the new beginnings in our schools, and for the gift of this church family. Even when our numbers are small, Your presence among us is great. Strengthen us with hope, fill us with love for one another, and guide us to be a light in this community. Bless our farmers with safety, our students and teachers with joy and wisdom, and our families with peace. Be with our young people as they prepare for Confirmation, that they may grow strong in faith. Keep us faithful, keep us connected, and keep us walking in Your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

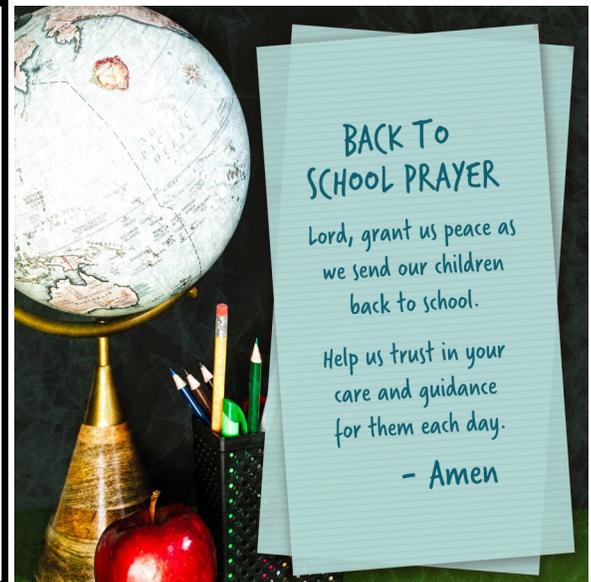
GIGATT, Tovia Hopkins, Lay Minister



September 1	Karen Helgeson
September 6	Joey Pikarski
September 6	Amy Anderson
September 8	Shirley Christensen
September 12	Corey Siemieniowski
September 13	Nathan Griffin
September 16	Jon Benedict
September 18	Renae Duval
September 18	Michael Stark
September 19	Kaitlyn Johnson
September 26	Kaitlyn Helgeson
September 26	Braden West
September 26	Colleen West
September 27	Jeff Skovholt
September 29	Matthew Helgeson
September 30	Samuel Hopkins



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



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Lord, grant us peace as we send our children back to school.

Help us trust in your care and guidance for them each day.

- Amen

Sunday School Update

Where did the summer go?! I am so excited to begin another fun-filled year of learning with our youth about our Savior!

 **First Day of Sunday School:** Sunday, **September 14** at **9:30 a.m.**

To help me prepare lessons and materials appropriately, please complete this [form](#) with a few basic details about each child who will be attending.

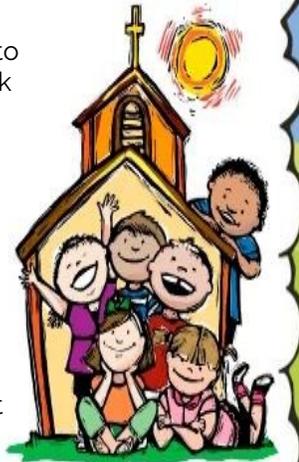
Important Dates to Note

- **September 14** – First day of Sunday School
- **October 19** – No Sunday School
- **November 9** – No Sunday School
- **November 30** – Christmas Program Practice (during Sunday School)
- **December 7** – Christmas Program Practice (during Sunday School)
- **December 13** – Possible Christmas Program Practice (TBD)
- **December 14** – **Christmas Program** during the **10:30 a.m. service**
- Final run-through during Sunday School
- **December 21** – Makeup date for Christmas Program (if needed)

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support of our Sunday School! I look forward to seeing your children each week as we grow together in God's Word.

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to volunteer to help in any way, please let me know.

God's Blessings,
Heather Retzer
Sunday School Superintendent
☎ 701-640-5925



Mooreton Fellowship Servers

September 7	Karlene Ellingson
September 14	Kari Ward
September 21	Aimee Skovholt
September 28	Ruth Johnson
October 5	Kaylee Bakken
October 12	Emily Woltjer
October 19	Kristi Ford
October 26	Joey Glarum



Mooreton's next congregational meeting with Pastor Nancy Monke will be held Sunday, September 21 at 8:00 a.m.

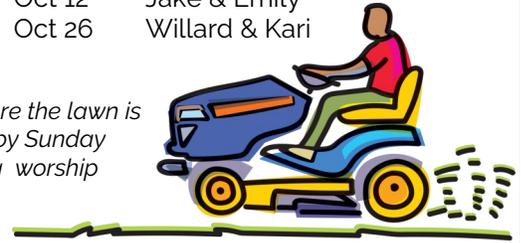


Mooreton Mowing Schedule

If these weeks don't work for you, please arrange a swap with someone else or hire someone to mow.

Sept 4	- Sept 14	Kenneth & Ruth
Sept 15	- Sept 28	Rick & Kristi
Sept 29	- Oct 12	Jake & Emily
Oct 13	- Oct 26	Willard & Kari

Please ensure the lawn is mowed by Sunday morning worship



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*

Parish Social Media

Stay Connected with Our Parish!
Scan the QR Code to stay updated on:

- Parish news & events
- Schedule changes
- Live-streams of Faith Sunday Worship

Don't forget to **bookmark**, **like**, **follow**, and **subscribe** for all the latest updates!



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SEPTEMBER



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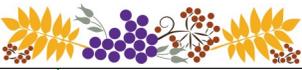
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<p><i>Holy Communion will be held the 3rd Sunday of the month.</i></p> 	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>7 13th after Pentecost - Green 9:00 Mooreton Worship 10:00 Mooreton Coffee 10:30 Faith Worship/ Live-Stream</p>	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>14 Holy Cross Day - Red 9:00 Mooreton Worship 10:00 Mooreton Coffee 9:30 Faith Sunday School 10:30 Faith Worship/ Live-Stream</p>	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>21 15th after Pentecost - Green 9:00 Mooreton Worship 10:00 Mooreton Coffee 9:30 Faith Sunday School 10:30 Faith Worship/ Live-Stream</p>	22	23	24 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting at Faith	25	26	27
<p>28 16th after Pentecost - Green 9:00 Mooreton Worship 10:00 Mooreton Coffee 9:30 Faith Sunday School 10:30 Faith Worship/ Live-Stream</p>	29	30				

Dear Dwight/Mooreton Lutheran Parish,

It has been an honor and a delight to work with you in determining the future of your ministry. Last January we contracted to work together, seeking possibilities, finding your purpose and mission, determining the needs in your context and learning the many directions your congregations could take to move forward in ministry. That contract ended in June. My contract with Faith in Dwight is ended and I am grateful for the time that we spent in ministry together.

The agreement that seems to satisfy both congregations at this point is to continue as a parish, cooperating for worship leadership. Faith in Dwight will be led by its council and Toviao Hopkins as worship leader. Rene Hasbargen and I will lead worship once a month providing communion.

Mooreton Lutheran has contracted with me through December so that we might further pursue mission, needs in the community and the possibility of other partnerships in the area. As with Faith in Dwight, I will be with them the third Sunday of September, November, and December to lead worship with communion. On those Sundays I will also be leading congregational meetings before worship to discuss Mooreton's future.

As I said, it's been an honor and a delight to work with you. I am a person who loves little churches and wants to see them thrive and share their unique gifts with the community and the world. The Spirit is moving among you, and I'm honored to be along for the ride.

Blessings,
 Pastor Nancy Monke





Our church family rejoices with the Bakken family in the gift of new life and new birth in Christ!

Lindy Kate Bakken was born on June 9 to Tyler and Kaylee Bakken. She received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 3, with Pastor Nancy Monke officiating. Lindy's sponsors are Ryan Ward and Amy Bakken. We give thanks to God for this precious child and join with her family in praying that Lindy will continue to grow in faith, love, and the grace of God.



Our church family extends heartfelt sympathy to those mourning the loss of loved ones.

We remember Joey Glarum following the passing of her sister, Jean Wilcox. Jean's funeral was held on July 14 at West Funeral Home in Casselton, ND. We hold Joey, Brad and Jean's family in our prayers.

We also extend our sympathy to Tertia Christensen on the death of her step-grandmother, Bernice Freitag. Bernice's funeral will be held on September 8 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mountain Lake, MN. We hold Tertia, Kyle, Addie, and Bernice's family in our prayers.



May God's peace and comfort surround these families in their time of loss.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

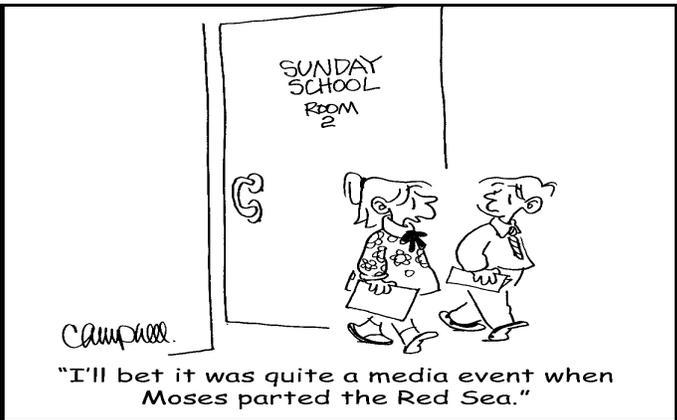
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BIBLE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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| ABANDONED
Rom. 8:38-39 | DISAPPOINTED
Rom. 8:28 | LOVELY
Isaiah 41:10 |
| AFRAID
Josh. 1:9 | DISCOURAGED
Gal. 6:9 | MISERABLE
John 3:16-17 |
| ANGRY
James 1:19-20 | DOUBTFUL
Prov. 3:5-6 | MOODY
Rom. 12:2 |
| ANXIOUS
John 14:27 | EMBARRASSED
1 John 4:18 | RESENTFUL
1 Cor. 13:1-13 |
| ASHAMED
Psalm 34:4-5 | EXHAUSTED
Matt. 11:28-30 | SCARED
Psalm 23:1-6 |
| BETRAYED
John 15:18-21 | GUILTY
Rom. 3:23-24 | SORRY
2 Chro. 30:9 |
| BITTER
Eph. 4:31-32 | GRIEVING
Matt. 5:4 | STRESSED
Psalm 55:22 |
| BORED
Col. 3:23-24 | HURT
1 Peter 2:21-23 | TEMPTED
1 Cor. 10:13 |
| CONFUSED
John 14:26 | INDECISIVE
Matt. 6:33 | UNLOVED
1 John 3:1 |
| CRITICAL
Matt. 7:1-5 | INSECURE
Psalm 4:6-9 | UPSET
Eph. 4:26-27 |
| DEPRESSED
Psalm 34:17-18 | IRRITATED
Prov. 21:23 | WORRIED
Phil. 4:6-7 |
| DESPERATE
Psalm 91:14-16 | JEALOUS
Heb. 13:5 | |



"I'll bet it was quite a media event when Moses parted the Red Sea."



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