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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

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mooreton Lutheran Church - Mooreton, ND

5:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church - Dwight, ND



Sunday School Christmas Program
"Gifts of Christmas"
Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m.



A potluck dinner will follow the Sunday School program. Please invite your friends and family to join us for great food and fellowship.
Please bring 1 (or 2) large dishes to share.

Mooreton Church Women

The Mooreton Church Women will not have a regular meeting this month.

Church Cleaning - Ruth Johnson



Faith Church Women

Faith Church Women will not meet this month.



Church Council

Mooreton Church Council will meet
December 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Faith/Mooreton joint council meeting will be held December 18, 7:00 p.m. at Mooreton.



Dear friends,

Peter Marshall wrote, “we yearn, our Father, for the simple beauty of Christmas----for all the old familiar melodies and words that remind us of that great miracle when God, who had made all things, was one night to become as a babe, to lie in the crook of a woman’s arm.”

His words are so very true. The Christmas season tends to become so hectic with shopping, programs and preparation that many of us hunger for a time of quiet when we can silently ponder the miracle of God, born a helpless infant, not much bigger than a loaf of bread.

I know that this Christmas is coming on the heels of a particularly difficult fall, especially for those who are involved in any way in the agricultural sector of our economy. Conditions of too much rain, sugar beets not being able to be harvested, a severe lack of propane for drying the grain and low prices have made this fall difficult beyond words. Because of the ripples of the farm economy spreading through our communities and stores and the lives of employees, stress is being experienced by nearly everyone I know.

I truly hope that the crops are in the bins by Christmas so that everyone can set aside some time for personal reflections on what the birth of Christ means for your life. I hope you are reminded as well that one of our Lord’s names is Immanuel, which means God is with us.

By taking time for reflection on Jesus’ Holy birth, I wholeheartedly believe that some of the yearning for the simple beauty of Christmas will be filled. For Christmas is not really toys and packages under a tree. Christmas is the baby Jesus in a Bethlehem stable, surrounded by sheep and oxen, worshipped by Shepherds, and cradled in Mary and Joseph’s arms.

Christmas is meant to be simple and beautiful. It is a time to remind us of God reaching out to tell His children of His love in the most personal way possible, by becoming one of us, sharing His love that will never fail you, but will in every way uphold and sustain you. May our Lord and Savior bless each of you and your loved one.!!!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Gordy



DECEMBER

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1 1st Sunday of Advent - Blue 8:30 Mooreton Worship 9:30 Mooreton Coffee 10:30 Faith Worship	2	3	4 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	5	6 	7
8 2nd Sunday of Advent - Blue 8:30 Mooreton Worship 9:30 Mooreton Coffee 9:25 Sunday School 10:00 Faith Coffee 10:30 Faith Worship	9	10	11 6:30 p.m. Mooreton Council	12	13	14 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Christmas Program Practice at Faith
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Sunday School News

Here is the schedule for the next few weeks:

December 1 - No Sunday School

December 8- Program Practice during Sunday School

SATURDAY, December 14 ~ 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Christmas Program Practice

December 15- Program practice during Sunday School. Christmas program starts at 10:30! Potluck downstairs afterwards!

The kids have been working very hard on reciting their scripts, please encourage them to keep practicing at home! Please message me if you have any questions! -DeAnna

The Sunday School will be collecting items for Churches United for the Homeless Shelter. Please bring items to the Christmas program on December 15.

Current Needs List:

*Baby Wipes

*Diapers Size 4,5, & 6

*Diaper Rash Cream

*Deodorant *Bath Towels

*Pots & Pans *Razors



As we approach the winter season we ask that you please check the Parish website, Parish Facebook page, WDAY, or KVLV for information about weather related cancellations.



Confirmation

Confirmation classes and treaters for December:

December 4 - Gina Quamme

December 18 - Dalton Praska



Food Pantry

Faith is collecting items for the Richland-Wilkin County Food Pantry. Baskets are located in the Narthex and at the back of the Sanctuary



Coffee Treaters

- 1 - None (F)
Joey Glarum (M)
- 8 - Jennifer Siemieniewski (F)
Karlene Ellingson (M)
- 15 - DeAnna Helgeson (F)
Clarice Jagodzinski (M)
- 22 - None (F)
No Worship (M)
- 29 - None (F)
Aimee Skovholt (M)



December Ushers

Faith - Vaughan Griffin & Wade Griffin
Mooreton-

December 1 Kenneth & Ruth Johnson

December 8 Lyle & Karlene Ellingson

December 15 Jake & Emily Woltjer

December 22 NO Worship in Mooreton

December 24 Kenneth & Ruth Johnson

December 29 Jamie & Karen Helgeson

***Information for weekly bulletins is due to Tertia by Wednesday's at 12:00 noon.

***Information for the January newsletter **must** be in to Tertia by December 18.

***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

Community CHOIR & ORCHESTRA A Festive Celebration of Christmas Joy

Saturday, December 14 // 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15// 2:00 p.m.

NDSCS Cultural Center//

Bremer Bank Theatre

Free Will Offering



If you cannot acolyte on your designated Sunday, please exchange with one another.

December

1 - None (F&M)

8 - Brooklynn (F) Elise (M)

January

5 - Wyatt (F)

Shelby (M)

12 -Jasmyn (F)

Elise (M)

19 - Izabella (F)

Owen (M)

26 - Brooklynn (F) Weston (M)



Faith is looking for sponsors for upcoming newsletters. If you are interested in sponsoring please contact Tertia. Sponsorship cost is \$50.00.

December Birthdays

December 5	Aaron Mennis
December 5	Brynlie Hegseth
December 6	Dalton Praska
December 8	Chris Meyer
December 9	Hunter Thane
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 25	Thomas Allrich
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 \$ _____

Our sympathy to Willerd Ward on the death of his brother, William "Bill" Ward. Bill's funeral was held November 18 at St. Anthony's in Mooreton. Please keep the Ward family in your thoughts and prayers.



Richland 44 Dollars for Scholars Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

Sunday - December 8

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Richland Elementary School - Abercrombie

Christmas Shopping made easy!

Unique and festive items from local crafters & well known "at home" companies.

Concessions will be available.



*What do the
Symbols of Christmas
Mean?*



Shepherds used crooks to bring lambs back into the fold. Candy canes remind us we are all our brother's keeper.

Sheep wear bells so the shepherd can easily locate them. Bells remind us to locate those in need, and to bring them into the fold. Also, for centuries bells have been used to announce special events.



Stars are the most familiar Christmas symbol. They represent the star of Bethlehem which guided the Wisemen to the Christ child. They remind us that we should diligently seek Him every day.

For centuries, the evergreen tree has been a common symbol of eternal life. It reminds us that because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we will all enjoy eternal life.



In many cultures the circle is a symbol of eternity, having no beginning and no end. The wreath combines evergreen boughs in a circle as a symbol of never ending love.

Candles are one of the most common symbols in the world. They represent different things to different cultures. At Christmas time, stars remind us of the star of Bethlehem.



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