

# Dwight - Mooreton Lutheran Parish

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Dwight, North Dakota

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## December

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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**  
**Saturday, December 24**

**4:00 p.m. Mooreton Lutheran Church - Mooreton, ND**  
**5:15 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church - Dwight, ND**



**Sunday School Christmas Program**  
**"The Promise"**  
**Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m.**



Both congregations are invited, as well as family and friends of our Sunday School students. A potluck dinner will follow the Sunday School program. Everyone is invited to join us for great food and fellowship. Please bring 1 (or 2) large dishes to share.

### December Ushers

Mooreton Jamie & Karen Helgeson

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Mooreton Council Budget meeting will be held  
December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

The Faith/Mooreton joint council meeting will be  
held December 14, 7:00 p.m. at Faith.

### NO Worship Services On...

Mooreton will not have Worship on December 11. Members are invited to attend the Sunday School Christmas program and potluck dinner at Faith.

There will be no Worship services at Faith or Mooreton on December 25. Merry Christmas!

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



Dear friends,

“There is a passage from the book of Isaiah which gives voice to a powerful prayer---that God would enter this world with divine power and promise. “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,” the prophet cries. This Advent, as we prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the Christ child, we should remember that God has entered time, space and human existence—that God has torn open the heavens and is remaking our world from the ground up, the way a potter starts with a lump of clay and eventually creates a beautiful vessel. God is doing a new thing---can we perceive it?” This passage from an Advent devotional I read was written by Carol Jacobson, an associate professor of theology at Pacific Lutheran University.

I love Isaiah’s question. It is filled with a deep sense of yearning for God to enter this world of ours with all of its times of crises and danger, sorrow and pain, and those welcome times of joy and hope that come from time to time to renew our hope, faith and courage.

Isaiah’s prayer is answered centuries later in the birth of the Christ child. It is in this birth that the work of redemption is begun, the work of remaking our world from the ground up. And that God’s work begins from the ground up is signified by having our Lord born to the poorest of the poor, his birth heralded to shepherds who were near the very bottom of Israel’s social order and Jesus’ ministry of healing, especially to those considered outside of God’s favor, the poor, the sick, the oppressed, and those labeled sinners by the religious establishment. God does His work of rebuilding our world not through force, but through the power of love, compassion and the seeking of justice and life for all peoples across the planet.

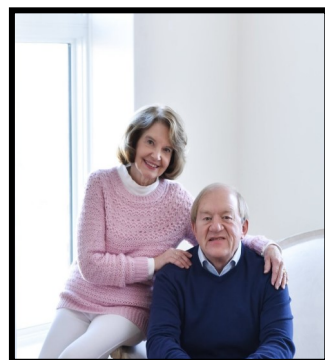
Gerhard Frost once wrote that we live on glimpses of God’s reshaping and remaking this broken world, something which will never be completed this side of Christ’s second coming. To me, whenever I see another person engaged in an act of kindness or generosity or witnessing to the hope Christ Jesus has established in their hearts. I also see it in acts like the Berlin wall being torn down, or when Nelson Mandela instituted a truth and reconciliation commission instead of a policy of revenge to bring healing and not more division when he came into power in his racially torn country. In these events; I am witnessing one of those glimpses Dr. Frost was referring to.

The message of Advent and Christmas is that God is indeed present in our world in our individual lives reshaping the world and reshaping us into being more and more the people God created us to be. Like the potter trying to shape a bowl out of a lump of clay. It takes time, patience and an immense heart of love to not give up on the stubborn lumps we as nations and individuals can sometimes prove to be.

My prayer is that you and I will have a continuous prayer. “Come Lord Jesus, come quickly and make me and our entire creation new.” Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Gordy and Wallyn





**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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<p>4 <i>2nd of Advent - Blue</i>  <b>8:30</b> Mooreton Worship  <b>9:30</b> Mooreton Coffee  <b>9:20</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30</b> Faith Worship</p>	5	6	<p>7  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Confirmation    <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Mooreton Church Council Budget Meeting</p>	8	9	10
<p>11 <i>3rd of Advent - Blue</i>  <b>NO Worship at Mooreton</b>  <b>9:20</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30</b> Sunday School Christmas Program at Faith followed by Potluck Dinner</p>	12	13	<p>14  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Confirmation    <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Joint Council Meeting at Faith</p>	<p>15  <i>January Newsletter information Due to Tertia</i>  </p>	16	17
<p>18 <i>4th of Advent - Blue</i>  <b>8:30</b> Mooreton Worship  <b>9:30</b> Mooreton Coffee  <b>9:20</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30</b> Faith Worship</p>	19	20	<p>21  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Youth Group</p>	22	23	<p>24  <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</i>  <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Mooreton  <b>5:15 p.m.</b> Faith  </p>
<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i>  <i>No Worship at Mooreton or Faith</i>  </p>	26	27	28	29	30	<p>31  </p>

## Church Women



### Mooreton:

Church Cleaning - Ruth Johnson

### Faith:

Faith Church Women met December 1 for a Christmas Supper at Prante's.

## A NOTE ABOUT YEAR END GIVING



### Faith Members:

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the church throughout 2022.

Any financial donations must be in to Tertia by December 31 in order to be credited to your 2022 Financial 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 members - December 24 is the last church service for the year. If you would like to make a financial donation for 2022, please get it in by December 26, 2022. Any donations being sent by the mail should be sent to:

Mooreton Lutheran Church  
Box 282  
Mooreton, ND 58061

Thank you, Church Council

## Mooreton Lutheran Fellowship Servers

Please switch with someone if you cannot make it. If you drop it off at the church, please make sure you have someone to serve it and clean up

- 4 - Clarice Jagodzinski
- 11 - No Worship at Mooreton
- 18 - Amanda Ward
- 25 - No Worship/Merry Christmas!



## Faith Altar Guild

December	Colleen & Terry
January	Vaughan & Wendy
February	Wade & Kassi
March	Valerie & Diane



## Sunday School News

The Christmas program will be held Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 during Faith's worship service.

There will be Sunday school the Sunday following the program, December 18.



With  
Deepest  
Sympathy...

Our sympathies to Wallyn Lee on the death of her brother Mark Gradin whose funeral was held October 29 at Birka Lutheran in Washburn. Please Keep Wallyn, Pastor Gordy and Mark's family in your thoughts and prayers.

"Members of Mooreton Lutheran Church want to say a BIG Thank You to Clarice Jagodzinski for her many years of service to our Church. She has decided to retire from playing organ and her treasurer position. Clarice hasn't only done those jobs, she has taken care of the books for the Ladies group and always helped out with anything that needed to be done around the church. Know she will have a different view of the service and can sit back and just enjoy. We Love you Clarice and wish you well in your Church Retirement." A celebration in honor of Clarice will be held at a later date.



## F.A.M.I.L.Y.

### Faith and Mooreton incredible Lutheran Youth

The "Giving Tree" in the back of each church was put together by the F.A.M.I.L.Y. Youth Group and will be benefiting needy students from the local schools. We would like the gifts returned to the churches or Toviao/F.A.M.I.L.Y. Youth Group Member no later than Sunday, December 11th. If you return the gift already wrapped, please remember to place a sticky note on the gift to identify what is inside.

~GIGATT (God is Good All Time)  
Toviao





## December Birthdays

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 9	Judi Mikkelsen
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 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.



November 27 we welcomed Alyus Vaughan Griffin into Faith Lutheran Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Alyus' parents are Nathan & Alicia Griffin. His sponsor is Carrie Bernstein. Alyus' grandparents are Vaughan & Wendy Griffin.

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



## Food Pantry

Faith is a collection site for the Richland-Wilkin County Food Pantry. Baskets are located in the Narthex. Thank you in



## Look to Christ

2022 COMMUNITY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA  
CHRISTMAS CANTATA

This year's Christmas Cantata, "Look to Christ", will be held at the Cultural Center of NDSCS on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 PM. The 65+ voice choir made up of local community members is under the direction of Kent Loken and will be accompanied by a 30 piece orchestra. Freewill donations will be accepted to benefit the Richland Wilkin Backpack program. In six years of supporting the Back Pack Program, the cantata has been able to donate \$38,100 to help

## 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Information for the weekly bulletins is due to Tertia by **Wednesday at noon.**

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

\*\*\*If you would prefer to receive the monthly newsletter via email versus a paper copy, please let Tertia know or send an email to: **tertiakyle@yahoo.com**

## 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**

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*Sponsor for Faith's  
December Newsletter is  
Hilda Vogeler.*