



2025

Celebrating Our Faith Journey

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Fall Greetings Faith Journey Family,

I recently received an article from my friend Rev Tim Brown, Director for Congregational Stewardship for the ELCA. I was so struck by his article that I wanted to share a portion with all of you. His article revolved around the question,

"Do you remember?"

Do you remember?

Do you remember that moment in this past year when you were moved to tears in worship?

Do you remember that time you volunteered with your faith community on that service project and found yourself as the one being served the most even though you came to serve?

Do you remember when heartache struck and your faith community rallied around you with not just support but food and tears of solidarity?

Do you remember when you first heard and took to heart the message of the gospel and how it brought you heart-bursting joy?

Do you remember seeing the youth share their faith out loud for the first time, and how it bolstered your own faith? Beloved in Christ, do you remember?

In mid-October we will turn our attention to Stewardship. Our revitalized Stewardship Team has exciting things planned. No, REALLY, stewardship is exciting! Just to tease the theme a little bit I will quote my friend Rev Tim Brown, "Stewardship is everything that follows the statement, 'I believe'"

God's peace,

Pastor Sue Koesterman

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

October Memory Café Schedule

- Oct. 1st – Music with the Golden Notes Band
Hope Lutheran South
- Oct. 8th – Education: “Connecting the Caregiver Conference”
Hjemkomst Center, Moorhead
- Oct. 15th – Fall Festival of Arts
Hope Lutheran Church South
- Oct. 22nd – 9:30am Moving Ahead: Life After Loss
1:00pm – Caregiver Café Support Group
Linger, Laugh & Learn Center, 1122 1st Ave N, Fargo
- Oct. 29th – ‘Spooky Scams & How to Avoid Them’
With Jeff Carney of DarkHorse IT
Hope Lutheran Church South



EXCITING NEWS!!

Faith Journey Lutheran Church is delighted to share with you an opportunity to be part of the new Church Directory! **EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT SIGNED UP – JUST COME TO THE CHURCH DURING THE TIMES BELOW & YOU WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF!!**

We would love as many members as possible to participate in this update of information and photos. It gives all of us chance to know each other better.

Mark your calendars for these special days:

October 4: 8am – 5pm

October 5: 1:15 – 5pm (beginning after the 12pm congregational meeting)

October 11: 8am– 5pm

October 12: 12:15pm – 5pm (beginning after the 11am service)

To reserve your time, please click on the QR code & select your date & time.



Faith Journey Lutheran Church offers GriefShare, which is a support group designed for individuals experiencing grief. It provides a safe and welcoming environment where participants can share their feelings and learn about the grieving process over a 13-week program. GriefShare is part of a larger ministry that serves over 20,000 churches worldwide, offering resources and support to help people navigate their grief journey.

GriefShare are held on Thursday's from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (except for Nov. 20th & 27th when there will not be sessions) The sessions will resume on December 4th at 6:30pm.



Contact Bonnie Swanson at:
701.318.0949
Or Phyllis Olson at:
701.239.6064 for
more information.

October Congregational Meeting &

Church-Koo-Tree Potluck

Sunday, October 5th

(following the 11 am worship service)

What does Charcuterie Mean? (and how do you pronounce it?)

Charcuterie is a French word connected to the preparation of meats and is pronounced shar-KOO-tree.

The charcuterie foods are often nuts, cheeses, olives, pickles, fruits, vegetables, bread bites, crackers.

Board ideas: Vegan, Keto, Vegetarian, Gluten-Free, Low Carb, Dairy-Free

Other fun Charcuterie Board Themes: Fruit, BBQ, Nachos, Dessert, Picnic, Breakfast, Cookies, Jello

Don't forget to make a sign listing what is on your board!



Faith Journey Youth Highlights

This page is dedicated to the Youth of Faith Journey Lutheran Church. It will celebrate their accomplishments, and the projects, and activities that they have completed, as well as the upcoming events and activities that are planned for them. Please take a moment to celebrate our Youth and their continued support and contributions to the ministry of Faith Journey Lutheran Church.

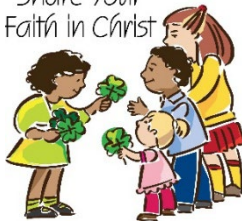
Upcoming Youth Events! Much more to come! The plans for Launch & Compass are exciting!

Join us today at 10:00am for our **LAUNCH** family Sunday School & Wednesday at 7:00pm for **COMPASS** confirmation. Programs are FREE & open to all! We have plenty of room for more families. Contact Maren Kramer for more information. The links to register are below.

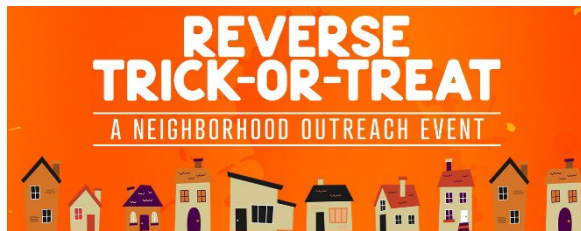
Launch QR



Share Your
Faith In Christ



Compass QR



Our Compass Youth will be participating in a Community Outreach event this year! On Wednesday,

October 29th we will leave the church at 7:00pm to take bags of treats to our neighbors & friends!

This is open to all family members & is an intergenerational activity!

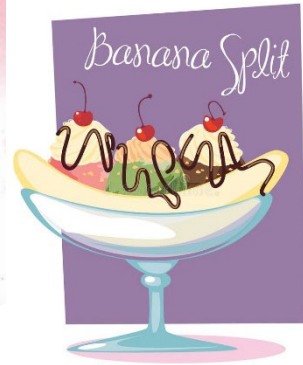
****We will be preparing the bags for this event on Oct. 22nd during Compass.**



Halloween Treat Street
Join Faith Journey Lutheran Church
October 25th 1pm – 2pm
in the POW/MIA Plaza

This is a family-friendly event that brings the community together for a safe & festive afternoon of Trick-or-treating.

This event is being sponsored by West Fargo Events, West Fargo Park District, Vision Zero, Choice Bank, & the City of West Fargo.



Bring your 'Best Spuds' & join the Quilters for the Annual Spuds & Splits event on Sunday, November 3rd starting at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Baked Potatoes with all the toppings & Banana Splits will be served. The Piecemakers are seeking your help in donating items for the Silent Auction. Ideas are: Gift Baskets & Homemade Craft Items. The Piecemakers will also have some of their beautiful quilts & other items in the auction. The money raised will go for the Church Sign Fund. Hope to see you there!!



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1 9am Piecemakers 11am Staff Meeting 7pm Compass	2 6pm Arts & Environment Meeting 6:30pm GriefShare 7pm Dakota Vocal Union Practice	3	4 8am Church Directory Photos
5 9am Trad Worship with Communion Both Services Commissioning of Communion Deacons 10am Launch Sunday School 11am Cont. Service with Communion 12pm Church Potluck & Congregational Meeting 1:00pm Church Directory Photos 4pm Bio Girls	6 4pm Reflections Rehearsal 6:30pm Boy Scout Troup #213 8pm AA	7 10am Bible Study 1pm Women's Board Meeting 6pm Cub Scout Pack 232 6:30pm Choir	8 9am Piecemakers 11am Staff Meeting 7pm Compass	9 1pm Caring Ministry Team Meeting 6:30pm GriefShare 7pm Dakota Vocal Union Practice	10	11 8am Church Directory Photos
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**In Memory of:**

Linnea Ahlberg
 Ida & Arnold Roth
 Jerry Roth
 Ross Olson

Given by:

Paul & Signe Nystuen
 James Roth
 James Roth
 Roger & Betty Hansen

Given for:

General Fund

 Care & Share

In Honor of:

Ted & Francis Lindseth's 50th Anniversary
 Judy Holmen
 James Holmen

Given by:

Steve Wingad
 Ada Lindseth
 Ada Lindseth

Given for:

Kings Men
 General Fund

**Baptisms**

Maya Marie Borchart	September 7, 2025	Daughter of Nathan & Danielle Borchardt
Ada Lang Lindseth	September 17, 2025	Daughter of Thomas & Calie Lindseth

Deaths

Donald Vigen August 22, 2025 (non-member)

For the past several years, we have used Push Pay to process automatic donations. Starting September 23, 2025, we have canceled those accounts and are moving to a new platform called Zeffy. Zeffy will be our only platform for donations and payments.

Zeffy is a free platform that helps nonprofits like ours save on costs. If you would like to continue supporting the church, please log in through the website or use the QR code listed below to set up your donation.



Just a reminder as a free service, there are a few limitations to be aware of:

- Zeffy is a free platform that operates on donations. When making your donation, you can choose whether or not to donate to Zeffy. Please double-check to ensure your choice is correct.
- Currently, we can only able to set up one-time, monthly, and yearly donations. Zeffy is working on enabling recurring payments for weekly donations, but until then, you will need to make your weekly donations manually.
- When signing up for recurring payments, you cannot choose the date. It will always be on the day you sign up. For example, if you sign up on the 10th, your monthly payment will always be on the 10th.
- Once you set up a recurring payment, the donation amount will remain the same for each subsequent payment. If you choose not to donate to Zeffy, each recurring payment after that will not include a donation to Zeffy.
- If you need assistance setting up your Zeffy account, please contact Katie or Heather in the church office.



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/faith-journey-lutheran-church-giving>

WHO & HOW TO CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Faith Journey Lutheran Church

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Church Council Vice President: Dan Knudsvig

Church Council Secretary: Katie Berg

Church Council Members: Trina Smaaladen, Brenda Jo Guiland, Sue Kofstad, Ginny Jesser, Stephanie Daul, Jolanda Anderson

Worship Sunday 9:00am Traditional *(September – May)*

11:00am Contemporary *(September – May)*

10:00am - Rotating Traditional & Contemporary May - August

Launch Family Sunday School for 4 years - Grade 5

Sunday, 10:00am - Fellowship Hall (During the school year)

Compass Confirmation for Grades 6 - 8

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - Worship Center (During the school year)

Find us on our Website: www.growinfaith.org

Instagram: [faithjourneyWF](https://www.instagram.com/faithjourneyWF)

Facebook: [faithjourneyWF](https://www.facebook.com/faithjourneyWF)

Send bulletin and newsletter information to: Jolanda Anderson - jolandaanderson@gmail.com

Please join our Community Impact team and Lutheran Church of the Cross by donating non-perishable items for 30 families at Grace Gardens!

Thanksgiving/Gratitude Boxes—Nonperishable Items:

- ☐ Gravy Packets (68)
- ☐ Cranberry Sauce (35)
- ☐ Strawberry Jell-O (35)
- ☐ Orange Jell-O (35)
- ☐ Stove Top Stuffing (34)
- ☐ Canned Green Beans (70)
- ☐ Canned Corn (70)
- ☐ Roaster Pans (30)
- ☐ Cardboard Boxes-Cashwise (30)

