

First Sunday in Lent

February 22nd, 2026

Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Songs

"These Thousand Hills"
"Rattle"

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Opening Song

"You've Always Been"

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading

Romans 5: 12-19 (MSG)

Gospel Acclamation

"Lord, I Need You"

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4: 1-11 (MSG)

Sermon

Trying Times

Pastor Sue

Offering

"How Sweet the Sound"

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

"Oh My Soul"

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Readings for March 1st, 2026, will be from Genesis 12: 1-4a (MSG), Romans 4: 1-5 (MSG), & John 3: 1-17 (MSG), Key Verse: John 3: 17

Beginning Feb. 25th, our youth will be serving Lenten meals at 5:30pm.

Worship will follow at 6:30pm. Food donation sign-up boards are in the Narthex. Thank you for all the ways that you support the youth of Faith Journey!

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Last Week	Month to date
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Total Attend: 183	506
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Monthly Offering Totals:

December Total Income (with Extra Blessings): \$97,000

Decembers Operating Expense: \$55,433

Decembers Net Income: \$43,618

Care & Share Offerings for February 2026 go to the Backpack Program

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of February 22nd - March 1st, 2026

Today	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion & Holy Baptism
	10:00am	Launch Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
	11:00am	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
Monday	5:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troup #213
	8:00pm	AA - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Common Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Cub Scout Pack #232
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	9:00am	Piecemakers
	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Lenten Supper served by the Youth in the Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Midweek Lenten Service
Thursday	7:00am	Kings Men at Deaner's Diner
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union Practice
Sunday	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion
	Commissioning of Communion Deacons @ both services	
	10:00am	Launch Sunday School
	11:00am	Cont. Worship with Holy Communion

We are so happy you are with us today! If you are visitor, please stop by the Welcome Desk after worship & look for me. We have a gift for you.

Spring Cleaning of the Worship Center will happen on Saturday, March 7th & Saturday, March 14th from 10am – 2pm. Lunch will be provided. If there is something you'd like to see cleaned, please write your idea on the 'cleaning suggestions' sheet on the info desk. We hope to see you on one or both cleaning days. All cleaning supplies will be provided, but you may bring your own favorite cleaning gloves. Families are invited & encouraged to participate! Remember, many hands make light work!!

What do we believe is happening when we take communion? All are welcome to attend the Intergenerational Communion Retreat on March 14th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This retreat will provide instruction for those who have not yet received communion as well as provide a good 'refresher course' for those whose last communion instruction happened years ago. Everyone who attends will help bake gluten free communion bread that will be used on Maundy Thursday.

We celebrate today with Lorna Marie Van Norman, daughter of Hamish Van Norman & Morgan Dayley. Lorna's Godparents are Devin Brink & Natalie Bastarache. Blessing to all & welcome to the family of Faith Journey Lutheran Church!

Volunteers are always needed to assist in the morning worship services! All ages are invited & there will be someone available to direct you if you would like to assist. Your assistance is appreciated & another way to connect to your family at Faith Journey. Contact Jane Whaley with questions.

Worship Assistants: 11:00am

Ushers: Jennie Bigalke

Gail Schober

Acolyte: Abigail Herlickson

Reader: Lynda Hammer

Communion Assistants: Linda Lyman Bonnie Swanson

Greeters: Helga Bennett Bonnie Swanson

Deadline for the March Newsletter is Wednesday, February 25th!

All are Welcome for a time of fellowship & study at the Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study. On March 10th at 10am, we will be screening the movie, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Assassin*, during the study time. All are Welcome!

Hospitalized or needing a Pastoral Visit: If you or a family member has been hospitalized, please contact Pastor Sue.

Prayer Concerns: If you or a family would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Bible Camp Registration is now open for youth 2nd grade – 12th grade. Scholarships are available so that all kids can afford to go to camp. See the Youth-Family Bulletin Board for more information.

Women's Night Out is scheduled for Friday, April 17th! Tickets will be on sale Sunday, March 15th, March 22nd, & April 12th. Our speaker will be Natalie Dawn Hanson. The title of her talk is "It's Personal." More information to come.

For some of our youth, going to Red Willow Bible Camp is there first big adventure away from home. Please support them by contributing to the Bible Camp Fund Drive. Scan the QR code on the screen – this is the same code as on the back of the pews. Select Rachel CT Bible Camp fund. Or you may write a check, place it in a white pew envelope & check Rachel CT Bible Camp fund on the front of the envelope. Thank you!

Results of the Souper Bowl Competition are coming on March 1st! The winning site will be presented the traveling trophy.

Faith Journey Kings Men Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, March 29th from 8:00-12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Gluten Free Pancakes will be available. Free-Will Offering Funds raised will go toward recarpeting the Youth Room in the Education Wing & replacing the flooring in the serving line area of the Fellowship Hall.

Is GriefShare for me? When a loved one dies, it can feel like you're alone. Few people understand how painful & isolating your grief can be. That doesn't mean you have to suffer alone. The next 13-week support group session will begin Thursday, March 12 at 6:30pm in a downstairs classroom. We are here for you. please join us!

Remember – Daylight saving time begins March 8th! Spring ahead one hour!

Looking ahead – this summer we will be adding a Wednesday Night Communion Service! Details will be coming soon!

Matthew 4:1

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.



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WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

Ministers: All members of Faith Journey Lutheran Church

Pastor: Sue Koesterman - skoesterman@growinfaith.org

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Contemporary Worship Coordinator: Jamie Thompson

Church Council President: Ali Farstad - Olson

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/)

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

9:00 – 4:00pm

Friday

9:00 – 12noon