



Celebrating Our Faith Journey 2026

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Happy July, beloved people of God,

I don't know about you, but I am a list maker. Like a checklist maker. And for me, there are few things that feel better than checking things off on a "to do" list. Maybe it's that way for you as well.

This late Spring and early Summer, we have been able to check several things off our collective Faith Journey checklist.

- *Zoom technology and audio for Fellowship Hall updated and bugs (mostly) worked out - check!*
- *Ducts cleaned - check!*
- *Sign funded and installed - check!*
- *Reflective window film for stained glass windows in the South peak selected and ordered - check!*
- *Preparations for new Youth Room completed - check!*
- *Faith Journey Church app approved by Android and Apple so that implementation can begin - check!*
- *Confirmation and Launch curriculum selected and ordered - check!*

It feels good when we set goals and reach them, doesn't it? It reassures us that we are able to accomplish things when we work together.

What goals would you like added to future checklists? Let Katie, Maren, myself, or a member of the church council know, and we will see about adding them.

Grateful to be serving God in this place - check!

God's Peace,

Pastor Sue

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

July Memory Café Schedule - 3910 25th St. South, Fargo

July 1st 1:00pm – Memory Café Family & Friends Day at Rheault Farm Shelter, Fargo

July 8th 1:00pm – Music with Ransom Notes, Memory Café 3910 25th St. S, Fargo

July 15th – 1:00pm – Education: Let's Talk Memory: Healthy Brain, Healthy Life Janet Grove, MS, CCC-SLP, Memory Café 3910 25th St. S, Fargo

July 22nd - 9:30am – Moving Ahead Life After Loss Support Group, 3910 25th St. S. Fargo

July 22nd – 1:00pm – Caregiver Café Support Group @ Memory Cafe



IN LOVING
Memory

*Given in loving memory & in honor of members & friends of
Faith Journey Lutheran Church*

In Memory of:

Jan Titus
Jan Titus
Jerry Roth (3)

Given by:

Willis & Sharon Schacher
Paul & Diane Newburgh
James Roth

Given to:

General Fund
General Fund
General Fund

Death

Jan Titus May 13, 2026 Service with Pastor Sue at Faith Journey Lutheran Church May 23, 2026

Baptized into the family of Faith Journey Lutheran Church

June 7, 2026 Ivy Moore Daughter of Jordan & Courtney Moore
June 21, 2026 Cora Jo Kulyk Daughter of Jason & Katelyn Kulyk



The Caring Ministry Team is planning a CPR course this fall, including hands-on training in CPR & AED use. The date & time are still to be determined. If you need to renew your certification or become certified for the first time, this is a great opportunity. A minimal fee will apply. Watch for more information in the coming weeks!



FAITH +JOURNEY CARING MINISTRY TEAM




Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity? The Caring Ministry Team is looking for additional members. You would join a committed group of volunteers whose focus is the spiritual, mental, and physical health of the congregation. You are invited to join them in visiting home bound members, being a part of the communion deacon ministry, or visiting congregants in nursing homes. Our team is also involved in health presentations, writing articles related to health and wellness including food and nutrition for the newsletter.

If you are interested in joining, please let the church office know or contact Jenean Baumann at 701-367-7136 for more details.

July

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			<p>1</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11am Faith & Conviction Mtg 6pm Arts & Environment Team Planning Mtg 6:45pm Dakota Vocal Union practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Closed All Day</p>	<p>4</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>10am Service with Holy Communion Commissioning of Communion Deacons</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #213 7pm AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Faith Formation Mtg 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11am Faith & Conviction Mtg 1pm Caring Ministry Team Mtg 6:45pm Dakota Vocal Union practice</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30am More than Manna</p>
<p>12</p> <p>10am Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #213 7pm AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am Bible Study 5:30pm Landscaping Team Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11am Faith & Conviction Mtg 6:45pm Dakota Vocal Union practice</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>Vacation Bible School All are Welcome! 9am – 2pm</p>						
<p>19</p> <p>10am Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30pm Council Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #213 7pm AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10am Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7am Kings Men at Deaneer's Diner 11am Faith & Conviction Mtg 6:45pm Dakota Vocal Union practice</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30am More than Manna</p> <p>AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!</p>
<p>26</p> <p>10am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4pm Faith Foundation Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #213 7pm AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11am Faith & Conviction Mtg 6:45pm Dakota Vocal Union practice</p>	<p>31</p>	

WE ARE MOVING FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH THE FAITH JOURNEY LUTHERAN CHURCH APP!



Both Google Android and Apple Developers have officially approved the app, which is a MAJOR milestone in the process. What does that exactly mean... it means our next steps will be building and customizing it to best fit our needs.

Over the next few weeks, I will be working closely with Subsplash to fine-tune all the details and get everything set up. While there is still a lot of work to be done behind the scenes, we are making progress and are super excited about what this new tool will offer our Faith Journey Family.

Please keep an eye out for important updates and information about the next steps. I will keep you posted by email, newsletter, in the bulletin, and newsletter. Thank you for your patience as we step into the future of Faith Journey.

God's Peace, Katie Berg



Planning an Event?

Contact Katie in the church office to secure the date & to receive the form needed to reserve the space. Needed on the form will be the contact person, date/s, times, est. number of participants & any other pertinent information. All activities MUST be scheduled through Katie to guarantee your time, date & the space requested. Thank you!
**space not guaranteed without the necessary information & form



Our church directory is available to view on your computer! Instant Church Directory – the program we use to build our church directory - has a member website. Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Brenda Jo or Katie know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the create log-in process. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our church. Any time updates are made, they will be shown on the Online Members' Website, too. For more information about the members' website, go here: <https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory>



Piecemakers Quilt Sale Success!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our congregation, this spring's quilt sale raised **\$1,075!** The Piecemakers are thrilled with the support shown and extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased a quilt, made a donation, or helped spread the word. Your support makes a difference and is greatly appreciated!

Name: _____

Summer Alphabet Challenge

Can you think of a summer themed word for each letter of the alphabet?

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

I

J

K

L

M



N

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P

Q

R

S

T

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V

W

X

Y

Z

WHO & HOW TO CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Faith Journey Lutheran Church

WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest Password: FaithJourney

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Pastor: Sue Koesterman - skoesterman@growinfaith.org

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Church Council President: Ali Farstad – Olson

Church Council Vice President: Dan Knudsvig

Church Council Secretary: Katie Berg

Church Council Members: Trina Smaaladen, Brenda Jo Guillard, Ginny Jesser, Stephanie Rieniets, Jolanda Anderson, Susan Kaufman

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

11:00am Contemporary (September – May)

10:00am - Rotating Traditional & Contemporary (May 24 – September 13)

6:30pm – Wednesdays (May 27 – August 26)

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

Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Friday – 9:00am – 12noon



Camp Wear Love

July 13–16, 2026

Monday–Thursday 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

For Kids Kindergarten – Grade 5

Lead by Red Willow Bible Camp Staff

Free to All Participants!

(Thanks to a Faith Formation Scholarship)

Lunch will be included

(We will move indoors if needed for weather)

Register now!

Volunteers will be needed!

Volunteers (6th grade – 105 years old!)

Host homes for camp staff (July 12–16)

Talk to Maren Kramer with questions & to volunteer

Full Camp
Experience

Outdoor
Camp
Setup

Games

Crafts

Bible
Lessons

Tents &
a Fire
Ring