

2025 November

The Faith We Live

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Remember that daylight savings time ends on November 2nd so set your clocks back an hour.



In the last church I served, I met a retired clergyperson, Deborah, who became a great friend of mine. I am forever grateful for her wisdom, sense of humor, zeal for learning, and compassion for others. I am also grateful that upon leaving Sioux Falls she gave me an empty, taped-shut cardboard box. This odd gift sits in my office because it reminds me of something important.

Deborah told me that there is a stamp on that box from its creator, Uline. This clarifies the limits of what can be held within the box. There is a weight limit, a size limit, and a bursting test. We as humans also have limits given by our creator. There is only so much that we can do. There are only so many balls we can keep in the air. There is only so much social media we can consume. There is only so much things we can commit our time to doing. We have our limits, and in order to be a sane, whole person, we have to sometimes let things go.

Whether you enter the month of November feeling good or overwhelmed, remember that you have limits as a person. You do not have to be everything for everyone. God calls us to be people of love, yes. But if you take on too many things or carry too many burdens, then you will reach the bursting limit. Perhaps in this season of gratitude and thanksgiving, it is time to lay down some things so that you can begin something new or simply have more time to be present in this life that God has given. Ensure there is space in your box for practices that feed your soul and connect you to the living God.

God's peace be with you,
Pastor Jordan Louks

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LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

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2025 January-September Income & Expenses

As of September 30, 2025, Faith has a positive bottom line of \$12,490.

Compared to 2024 revenues, 2025 revenues are down by \$7,940. Compared to 2024 expenses, 2025 church expenses have decreased by \$16,970.

In summary, we have net a gain as of September 30, 2025, of \$12,490 to invest in future outreach and community support, Christian programming within the church, and maintenance of building and grounds.

Description	2024 Jan-Sept	2025 Jan-Sept	Difference 20
Revenues	\$187,650	\$179,710	(\$7,940)
Expenses	\$184,190	\$167,220	\$16,970
Net Gain	\$3,460	\$12,490	\$9,030

	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
Attendance	50	57	47	51



Ken Laber reported that the building and grounds committee is processing bids for fellowship and sanctuary air conditioning, handi-cap-accessible main entrance door, and electronic outdoor signage.

Early in 2025, bids were processed for new flooring for the fellowship hall, kitchen, and northwest building restrooms.



FAITH UMC's 2025 Charge Conference is scheduled for November 20, 2025, Thursday, at 6:30. The meeting will be held in the Faith UMC's Sanctuary starting at 6:30 pm

LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

A Heartfelt Welcome to Kristen Phillipson

Kristen Phillipson has been hired as the administrative assistance at Faith. Her first day is November 3rd.

Hello from Kristen Phillipson

My name is Kristen Phillipson. I am a wife to Erik, and a mom to Kate (11 years old). After moving around a bit with my husband's job, we landed in north Fargo and have lived here for about eight years. We love it!

Once our daughter was born, I dedicated myself to staying at home full time. Most recently, I have had the privilege of caring for all four of our aging parents, too. I was given the opportunity to work as the administrative assistant at Faith United Methodist, and it fits me perfectly. Much of my previous work experience is in administration and I am always working on growing and maturing my faith in Christ. I am so excited for this opportunity to serve the church.

Faith Food Pantry had two distributions in September with a total of 352 families receiving over 11,730 pounds of food (5.9 tons).

We are seeing less food available and an increase of families in need.

	October 10, 2025	October 24, 2025
Families Served	155	177
Individuals Served	427	505
Pounds/Family Distributed	30	40
Total Pounds Distributed	4,650	7,080

We also delivered food, beverages and paper supplies the **Open Door Program at Fargo North High School**.

As it gets colder outside we see families with no winter coats or gloves or hats. If you have any of those items that you no longer need we will take them and give them to families that can use them. You can bring them to the church and hang them on the Fellowship Hall coat rack or give them to Deb Laber and we will find a home for them.

If you would like to donate nonperishable food items, they can go in the Food Pantry box at the entrance to the church. And any monetary donations to Faith Food Pantry can be given to the office.

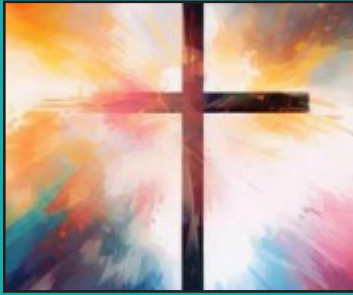
Thank you for your support!



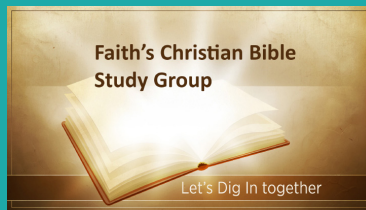
*Kristen Phillipson & Family
Administrative Assistant*



UPCOMING SERMONS & CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDIES



**Sunday Worship Services at
Faith United Methodist Church Fargo**



Date	Sermon Series	Scriptures
Nov 2	<i>All Saints Sunday "Saints of Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow" Communion</i>	<i>Matthew 6:20-31</i>
Nov 9	<i>"God of Renewal"</i>	<i>Haggai 1:15b-2;9</i>
Nov 16	<i>"Apocalypse Now?"</i>	<i>Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 21:5-19</i>
Nov 23	<i>"The Crucified King"</i>	<i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i>
Nov 30	<i>"Hope Against All Odds"</i>	<i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>

Faith UMC's Christian Bible Study Group Wednesdays, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

On November 19, the book of Jeremiah will be discussed at Christian Bible Study group.

Then, on December 3, we'll begin an Advent Book study.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX DRIVE



November 2nd is here. It's time to return the "Christmas Shoeboxes" you filled with holiday gifts and treats for the youth of various Native American Reservations in North Dakota

You're Invited!
Bring your favorite food to share.

Gratitude Gathering

Faith UMC Potluck

November 9

11:00 am -12:00 pm



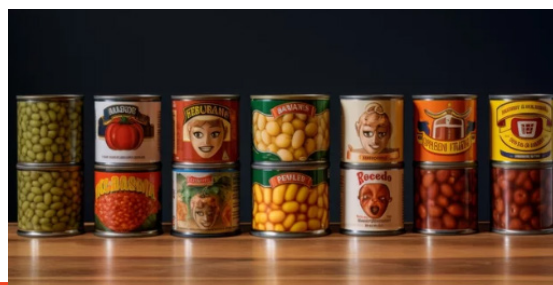
As local, state, and federal food programs are seeing reducing funding more people in our community are facing food insecurity.

Please consider making a donation to the Faith Food Pantry.

Nonperishable foods can be placed in our food pantry box in the main entrance of the church or financial donations are always accepted in the office.



If you would like to give online, you can do so by using this QR code.



Faith's Live Nativity & Sankta Lucia Holiday Celebration

December 7, 2025, 4 pm-7 pm
Faith United Methodist Church
909 19th Ave N Fargo

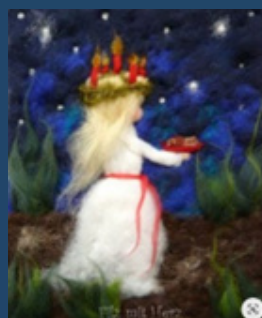


Live Nativity

For over 30 years, Faith United Methodist Church has brought a "Live Nativity" of Jesus Christ to the FM area. Join us in celebrating the anticipated birth of Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

"Live Nativity" with a petting zoo
Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long with
The Big House Band
Hot Chocolate, appetizers, & sweets



Sankta Lucia

Experience the celebration of Sankta Lucia as they do in Sweden. A Lucia is chosen to wear the crown of lights to bring the light and hope to the people during the long, cold, dark nights of winter.

4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Oak Grove Choir
St. Lucia Procession
Christmas Story Reading
Swedish Christmas Music

5:00 pm - Scandinavian Christmas Treats

Christmas Bake Sale & Scandinavian Treats

Krumkake, Rosettes, Almond Cake, Ginger Cookies, Chocolate Crinkles, Pumpkin Cookies . . .

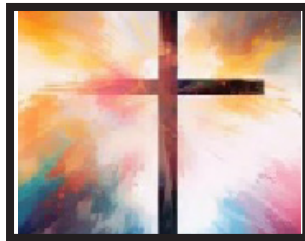


Congregational Events

Nov 7, 14, & 21
Men's Pray Breakfast
Fry'in Pan
8:00 am



Nov 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
10:00 am Worship
followed with
Fellowship



Communion Sunday is November 2, 2025

Nov 9
Gratitude Sunday
Potluck
11:00 am



Nov 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Faith Kids
Sunday School
4 years old to
5th Grade



Children will attend the first half-hour of worship service and be dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Sermon.

Nov 5, 12, & 19
Christian Bible/
Book Study
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm



5:00-6:00 pm Christian Study Group
 Led by Pastor Jordan

Nov 5, 12, & 19
Youth Group
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm



6:30-7:30 pm Youth Group
 Led by Pastor Jordan

Congregational Events & Affinity Groups

Nov 14
Faith Food Pantry
1:30 pm-3:00 pm



Faith Food Pantry is an outreach service providing food to those in need. If you wish to volunteer for this event, please contact the office at 701.232.6844.

Nov 20
Faith UMC
Charge Conference
6:30 pm, Sanctuary



Nov 6, 13, & 20
4:30-6:00 pm



English Conversation Group;
Library

Nov 6
6:00 am

Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Nov 6 & 20
at 12:00 pm



Care Ministry Team;
Fellowship Hall

Nov 10
at 6:00 pm

Leadership Team, Library

Nov 13
6:00 pm

Mission & Outreach Meeting

Weekly/Monthly
Affinity Group Events

Weekly Events:- Affinity Groups

First two Mon, 6:00 pm Scouts; Fellowship Hall
Last two Thurs, 6:00 pm Scouts; Fellowship Hall
Mon, 8:00 pm Families Anonymous; Library
Tues, 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm Dawn Hoherz's Bible Study Group
Tues, 7:00 pm AA Men's Group; Fellowship Hall;
Sat, 5:30 pm Chinese Church; Fellowship Hall
Sun 4:30 pm -7:00 pm Golden 4-H Club

Area Methodist Church Events & Program

NDSU is offering a \$4 admission fee to members of any FM congregation to attend the NDSU basketball game on Nov. 12th at 7:00 pm. Promo code is: familyandfaith..

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

NOVEMBER 12, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

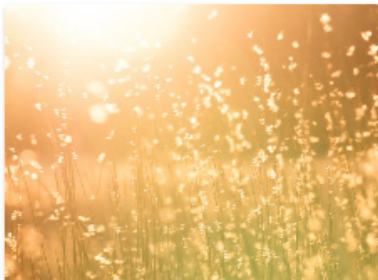
NDSU MBB VS ST. SCHOLASTICA

\$4 YOUTH TICKETS

\$9 ADULT TICKETS

PROMO CODE FAITHANDFAMILY

Wanting to Support Faith's Mission Consider Doing it Online Using a QR Code



General Fund



Faith Food Pantry



Special Offerings

Scan this QR code to donate online to Faith UMC.

By taking a photo of the QR code, on the right, you will be directed to the Faith UMC's secure website giving page which is managed by Vanco. The page has options to donate via credit card or through your bank.



Vanco's simple online payment processing services and giving application make it easy to give when and where you want.

Faith UMC has used Vanco for about ten years. The Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church also uses Vanco for all its electronic transactions.

Our church has been pleased with the security Vanco provides for electronic transfer of money, and the way donations come conveniently into Faith UMC's bank account and accounting system for recordkeeping.



BIRTHDAYS & PRAYERS

November Birthdays



11/2 Erik Van Vleet
11/8 Charles Dittman
11/10 Michelle Borowicz
11/17 Mabel Prushek
11/19 Dawn Hoherz
11/27 Carol Brooks

If your birthday isn't listed and it's your birthday this month, please let us know in the office, 701.232.6844.



To make a prayer request or remain on the prayer list, please call the office at 701.232.6844.

Prayers for the World

Those who are serving in the military
Leaders of the our nation and world
Law Enforcement throughout the nation
People of the Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine

Prayers of Support

Carol Brooks
Diane Moen
Donna Sell

Alan Dexter
Howard Richardson
Vernon Youngs



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