



# faith church

W I L L I S T O N

## MONTHLY NEWS

# may 2024

### pastor's note

Every month has its characteristics and May is no different. May is the month of celebrations! Mother's Day, Graduation, the end of school, and Memorial Day are all celebrated this month. These great events come two special to our faith: Pentecost and Aldersgate Day

Pentecost is the birthday of the church. We remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and the empowering of that little band of Disciples to speak the truth of Jesus to all people in the ways the people could understand. Today, we continue sharing the truth that Jesus is the Christ; the means of grace and mercy sent from the Father. We are saved through his sacrifice and we are glorified by his resurrection.

As Methodists, we celebrate our own specific Pentecost. On May 24, 1738, at a Moravian prayer meeting, John Wesley felt his heart strangely warmed and experienced the assurance of his salvation. That night, Wesley's life changed and so did the world. From that moment forward John Wesley and all those making up the Wesleyan family (Global Methodists, Wesleyans, Nazarenes, Salvation Army and so many more) have called people into a relationship with Christ that changes their personal and communal lives.

This is a month to celebrate!  
-Pastor Ross

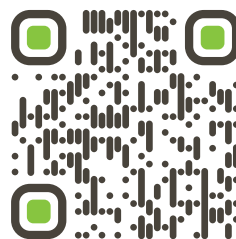
### home communion

Home Communion: If you would like communion, but do not feel comfortable gathering with others during this time of COVID or are limited in your ability to leave your home, please let us know at the church office and we will arrange a home visit with communion for you.

### a time of celebration

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who have been celebrating in May and will be celebrating in June. God bless you!

## Get in Touch



### Sunday Worship Times

9:30 am - Sunday School

9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am - Worship

11:00 am - Online Worship

# Announcements

## out in faith & g.i.f.t.

April was a busy month for Out In Faith. We assisted people with diapers, formula, coats, hats, gloves, motel room, gas, food, blankets and a variety of other assistance. We assisted many people who are homeless. We could not have done it without you.

We served a special Easter GIFT meal on Saturday, March 30. The meal was served as drive through. Over 30 people assisted us with purchasing, baking, cooking, serving and washing dishes. We are grateful for all who participated. We could not have served 535 people without you and your prayers. Several people requested prayer and words of assurance. This ministry is important.

Thank you all who have baked, cooked, served and cleaned up. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your prayers.

A special "Thank You" to ALL who have given!!! We appreciate each of you!!!

## financial giving

Financial giving will continue to be an option on our website: [FaithChurchWilliston.org](http://FaithChurchWilliston.org)

## greeting cards

The United Methodist Women sell greeting cards all year long. The cards are in boxes of 12-16 cards. There are cards for all occasions: birthday (adult and children), Confirmation, graduation, wedding, get well, sympathy, thinking of you, etc. The box price is \$6.00. If you are interested in cards, please check with the church office.

## christian education

If you have a graduating senior, please be sure to let me or the office know so that no one is forgotten. If you have a baby picture and current picture of your graduate please drop them off at the church office no later than May 13. They will be returned to you. As we look ahead to summer, we will be busy.

Our camping and baked potato fundraiser on June 2. After worship, we will be serving baked potatoes and you can add all your favorite toppings. You can get your meal for here or to go. We ask that you leave a free-will donation going toward camping and summer activities. A camping list will be provided soon. We are also working on Vacation Bible School. This is for ages 3 years old through 6th grade (the grade you just finished). We do not have our final dates yet, but we will let everyone know as soon as they are in place. Would you like to volunteer to help at VBS? Let me know, we sure could use your help!

We will continue making Kidzone bags throughout the summer. They are handed out to children during the GIFT meal. The children look forward to the bags and even ask for one as they come through the line. Our committee is so happy that this is something we can provide to all children. It'll be a busy May and Summer! Please come take part in our activities and volunteer to help out in any of them.

Enjoy your summer,  
Debbie Brown

## upcoming schedule

This month our Sunday school year is winding down, we celebrate graduations and we begin planning for summer. For the remainder of this month, here is our schedule:

- May 5th: Sunday school as usual
- May 12: Sunday school as usual, and a special activity
- May 19: Last day of Sunday school and Senior recognition with cake before worship in the Fireside Room.  
  
Presentation of Bibles to our Seniors during worship.

## Fill the Tubs for Disaster Relief

We are filling tubs with supplies for disaster relief at Annual Conference, June 13-15 in Sioux City, IA. Disasters can hit at anytime and anywhere. The Upper Midwest Conference is trying to be prepared. We are working with "Just Help One" Disaster Response and gathering items for disaster hygiene kits.

Faith Church is collecting the following items:

- \*Hand towel & wash cloth
- \*Travel Soap
- \*Travel Deodorant
- \*Comb
- \*Travel toothpaste & toothbrush
- \*Travel size shampoo & conditioner
- \*Travel size tissues

Please bring all items to the church by June 9.

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Noon Bible Study	2 1 pm Faith Quilters 7 pm Boy Scouts	3	4 5 pm GIFT meal
5 Older Student Confirmation	6 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	7 Noon Bible Study	8 Noon Bible Study	9 1 pm Faith Quilters 7 pm Boy Scouts	10	11 5 pm GIFT meal
12 Mother's Day	13 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	14 Noon Bible Study 7 pm 4-H	15 Noon Bible Study	16 1 pm Faith Quilters 7 pm Boy Scouts	17	18 5 pm GIFT meal
19 Last Day Sunday School Senior Recognition 11:35 am Administrative Council Meeting	20 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	21 Noon Bible Study	22 Noon Bible Study	23 1 pm Faith Quilters 7 pm Boy Scouts	24	25 5 pm GIFT meal
26	27 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	28 Noon Bible Study	29	30 1 pm Faith Quilters	31	



### senior recognition

If you have a graduating senior in your family (high school or college), please let the church office know by May 13. If you have a baby picture and current picture of your graduate please drop them off at the church office no later than May 13. They will be returned to you.

We are recognizing all graduating seniors during the worship service on May 19 and with cake before worship.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

-Hebrews 11:1