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"Twas the Night Before Christmas"

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'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the stable
The creatures were stirring, because they were unable
To understand God's timing planned with great care
He had prepared for the Messiah to be born there

Mary and Joseph all snug in their straw beds
While visions of a baby danced in their heads
And Mary in her robe, and Joseph in his too
They settled down for a few winks, what else to do

When out of the barn there arose such a clatter
The babe was coming, that was the matter
Away to get the manger Joseph flew like a flash
And placing in it some straw for this birthday bash

As the moon over the stable glowed in the night
The stars twinkled in their absolute delight
When, what to their wondering eyes did appear
But a host of angels and shepherds coming near

An angel of the Lord so bright, full of God's glory
Had told the shepherds this wonderful story
"Good tidings of great Joy for all the world
In the town of David, a Savior has been unfurled"

Now, God of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, and Moses
Oh God of Judah, of Jesse, and David, has shown us
The faithfulness of God to bring the Word as flesh
To be one of us was a concept still so fresh

He was dressed in peace from His head to His foot
He was just perfect, to be simply put
Jesus was the promised One in swaddling clothes
Lying in a manger, for you to see as He chose

His eyes – how they twinkled! His countenance it glowed
His cheeks were like roses, a smile with love it showed
His mouth that would speak truth, life, and healing
And His beautiful feet, at which someday we'd be kneeling

He spoke not a word, but would soon go to work
Filling lives with abundance, and responsibilities not to shirk
No one fathomed He'd have the sin of the world on His back
And that redemption and new life would be His knack

The greatest gift of all time is He
Thank you, Jesus, for coming for me
Now the King will return one more time, oh what a sight
Then we will have the Merriest Christmas forever,
But for now I wish you Good Night!

I pray you all have a wonderful Christmas season. Remember that Jesus is the reason! Blessings to you all!

Prayers

- For a new theme for our next camp season.
- For continued evaporation on our lake.
- For ongoing resources - help, finances.
- For rest from a busy season for our staff.
- For a strong finish to the year.
- For peace & comfort for FaHoCha families in grief.
- For our summer staff and campers to continue to train in their faith disciplines.

Praises

- For a good fall and getting camp winterized.
- For all our prayer warriors and financial helpers.
- For a successful Golf Tournament.
- For a little bit of evaporation from the lake.
- For all the retreats we were able to host.
- For the discipleship & leadership growth with staff.
- For a good first year with Labor Day Camp back.

Wish List

- Misc. Dewalt tools and batteries
- Dewalt 7 1/4 circular saw
- Dewalt 60v batteries and charger
- Good single (extra long) mattresses
- Good queen mattresses
- Full-size Side-by-Side

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The Game Room Opened!

It was exciting to open our new Game Room/Snack Shack for campers this past summer! They had a blast in the new climate-controlled space, and we still have room to add more items in the future! The staff and adult guests enjoyed it almost as much as the kids! The patio also served as a great space for those rainy days to meet for verse time with their teams. Additionally, the building has room to spread out and chat. What a blessing!

Thanks to all who gave and worked on this project!





Labor Day Leadership / Discipleship Retreat

This Fall, we relaunched our Labor Day Camp at FaHocha Bible Camp. This was the first one held since 2019! The intended audience was High School students desiring to grow deeper in their faith and leadership. We had 17 students in attendance. We were challenged by Pastor Nathan Palatsky – our speaker – on discipleship principles found in the book of John, chapter 17.

It was a great time to play, pray, worship, and prepare to be a "light" in everyone's respective spheres of influence in their community, school, families, and activities.

We were encouraged to have a fresh start – albeit small - and resolved to grow this event with the collaboration of multiple youth leaders. Thank you to all who were a part of it in some way!

Retreats



We were blessed to host Calvary Chapel of Bismarck Mandan again for a retreat in September. It is always a great thing to see the body of Christ spend time together in worship and even in play. The informal setting of camp helps to strengthen the connections that make a solid local Church. May God use this body as "salt and light" in the Bismarck Mandan area!

We were happy to also have been a host to the North Dakota Home School Association Board and the Association Free Lutheran Pastors as well. It is so good to connect with the different groups of people at camp.

Our future vision involves adding to the opportunities that different Christian entities have to come and find some peace, quiet, and restoration in the Lord.

Year-End Giving

As we near the end of the year, we are so thankful for the many years the Lord has sustained us and His work. The camp work and other ministry ventures require resources. The camp receives fees that cover part of the total resources, but God's people are needed to fill in the gaps. We are running a bit behind for this year in our general budget, and we are still on our 75th initiative campaign, which is expansion.

Through the camp ministry, we have seen many students make significant decisions of faith. We have helped young staffers grow in amazing ways to take their place in the world and build God's Kingdom where God has them. This past year, we as missionaries have also shared various ministries, like preaching and speaking in various places, leading worship, preparing for a Men's ministry, and serving at the Awana Kids Club program.

Please consider how the Lord may use you to be a partner, prayerfully and financially, in the ministry moving forward. May you be blessed!

Giving Hearts Day 2027

The next Giving Hearts Day is just around the corner! Every organization that is a part of it raises its own matching funds for its own goal. The time frame for receiving matching gifts for Giving Hearts Day 2027 begins on December 1st, 2026. This goes through January 25th, 2027. To be a matching fund donor, you must give in the time frame stated, and the gift must be $3,000 or more. The total matching funds received will help us reach our goal for the 2027 Giving Hearts Day campaign. The time frame for all of the other Giving Hearts Day gifts begins January 11th, 2027, and goes through the actual day of Giving Hearts Day, February 11th, 2027.

This year our goal is $120,000 for our Giving Hearts Day campaign; this would require at least $60,000 in matching funds. This will be primarily to finish our 75th Initiative Phase 3 (Office/Nurse Station Addition) and to begin looking toward our Phase 4 (the new Chapel). If the Lord prompts you to take part in this campaign as a matching donor or otherwise, we would be blessed!



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The FaHoCha Open

We had a great day for the 24th Annual FaHoCha Open! It was held on Saturday, September 19th, at Creel Bay Golf Course in Devils Lake. "The Bildens", a team from Northwood, took home the trophy with a score of 57. The Hearing Aid Company from Devils Lake came close with a score of 59. Rounding out the top flight was Team Brown, a local area team, shooting a 62.

The tournament also featured several individual contests. Dennis Gleason, from Gleason Construction of Devils Lake, nailed a 30' 3" putt to take the Longest Putt contest on hole #9. Nevin Gillis smashed a long drive on hole #1 to take home the Men's Longest Drive. Also, Mark Anderson, Sutton, ND, dropped a nice shot on hole #17 that was only 5'9" from the hole for our Closest to the Pin contest. The last contest of the day was a Putt Off for a crisp $100 bill. Tim Gleason from Gleason Companies in Devils Lake won that contest.



2026 FaHoCha Open Champs

We had 67 participants, which was a FaHoCha Open record. This tournament supports scholarships for families needing help sending kids to camp. We also raised a record amount of money- over $19,000. The post-tournament meal was a great time of fellowship, good food, and door prizes as we wrapped up the day!

We want to thank the sponsors, participants, and volunteers who made the day successful! May it lead to many life-changing experiences for the kids who will benefit!

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