



March Newsletter 2024

Faith Lutheran Church

308 2nd St. NW, PO Box 358
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March Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Service 8 am and 10 am
Fellowship 9 am
Sunday School and Connect 9:05 am

Friday, March 1

AA (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 3 Service Project Sunday

Worship 8:00 am
Service Project 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am

Tuesday, March 5

Wise Guys 9:00 am
Exercise Class (5, 12, 19, 26) 9:00 am
Quilting (5, 12, 19, 26) 9:00 am
Ruth Circle 1:30 pm
Stewardship Team 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 6

Lenten Worship (6, 13, 20) 6:30 pm
Confirmation with Mentors 6, 13, 20) 7:20 pm

Thursday, March 7

Exercise Class (7, 14, 21, 28) 9:00 am

Sunday, March 10 and 17

Worship 8:00 am
Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School and Connect 9:05 am
Worship 10:00 am

Monday, March 11

Church Council 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 12

Deborah Circle 7:00 pm

Monday, March 18

Outreach 5:30 pm
Youth/Ed. 6:45 pm

Tuesday, March 19

Wise Guys 9:00 am
Worship, Art, Music (WAM) team 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 21

Pantry of Faith food distribution 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

Worship 8:00 and 10 am

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm

Friday, March 29

Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 6:30 am
Easter Sunday Worship 9:00 am



Pastor Jessica
Bakken Busch



*Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace."*

Come Thou Fount ELW 807

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have just started to get our feet wet with our Lenten theme: *Wandering Heart*. As we study the faith life of one of Jesus's most famous disciples this season we are also being guided by the lyrics from the hymn "Come Thou Fount". For each step in Peter's journey with Jesus we watch the story of Peter's faith unfold guided by the melody of the hymn, its as if Peter himself wrote the song.

*"While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove."*

Ultimately what I believe we will find in Peter's story is the truth that our God loves imperfect people. That in fact, time and time again that is exactly who God claims and calls.

Peter, I believe, is a heart on his sleeve kind of guy, he follows his heart and does so with passion and gusto. We are learning that faith for Peter isn't a smooth road, but he keeps moving ahead doing his best.

*"Oh to grace how great a debtor
daily I am constrained to be;
Let thy grace now like a fetter
bind my wandering heart to thee."*

I have found that this journey with Peter was exactly what I needed at this time in my own faith life. To witness Peter's authentic, imperfect, and heart-forward journey with Jesus has reminded me to look back on the touchstone moments of my own with God. To witness Peter's wandering heart as it is bound to Jesus in those moments that he finds himself sinking or answering his call- is inspiring. Peter is always asking for help, looking for clarity, and open to learning from Jesus.

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*"Prone to wander Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart,
Oh take and seal it."*

I hope that this Lent you have accepted the invitation to journey with Peter and in doing so are finding that you are also on your own journey of faith. At the end of this season may we find as we have wandered this Lenten wilderness that our hearts are always tuned into God's grace and love.

Peace be with you, Pastor Jessica

If you would like to receive the council minutes, contact the church office and the minutes will be emailed to you. A copy of the council minutes can always be found in the church office.

Worship Assistants & Fellowship

We are in need of worship assistants for March. Please email the church office faithdcmn@gmail.com or sign-up on the clip board at church or call the church office, (507-374-2174) if you can help.

Sunday, March 3

Communion Prep: Jody Steen and Candy Mulholland

8am

Ushers: Dave and Jeremy Wahlstrom

Reader: Stacy Wolf

Communion servers: (3 needed)

9 am

Fellowship: Church will provided this week

10 am

Ushers: (2 needed)

Reader: (1 needed)

Communion servers: VaLane Tyler, 2 more needed

Sunday, March 10

8 am

Ushers: Jim and Sonja Hruska

Reader: Romell Matejcek

9 am

Fellowship: Dave and Jeremy Wahlstrom

10 am

Ushers: Michelle Anderson, Hunter Hamm

Reader: Jessica Hukee

Sunday, March 17

8 am

Ushers: Joi and Tiana Bishop

Reader: (1 needed)

9 am

Fellowship: (family needed)

10 am

Ushers: Boyd and Shelby Winslow

Reader: (1 needed)

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

8 am

Ushers: Michelle Anderson, Hunter Hamm

8 Readers: Diana Vang, Joi Bishop, Lois Johnson, Sarah

Erler, Preston Erler, Carol Johnson, Jaci Gosse

_____ (1 more needed)

9 am

Fellowship: Grant and Sarah Erler and family

10 am

Ushers: Bryce and Karen Kleinwort

8 Readers: Karen Kleinwort, Vicki Schweiger, April Dean,

_____, _____, _____, _____,

_____ (5 more needed)

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

Communion Prep: Jody Steen and Candy Mulholland

6:30 am

Ushers: (2 needed)

Reader: Sarah Erler

Communion servers: Sarah Erler, Preston Erler,

(1 more needed)

8 am

Fellowship: (family needed)

9 am

Ushers: Jess, Mason, Aaron, Lily Mealy

Reader: (1 needed)

Communion servers: VaLane Tyler, Vicki Schweiger,

(1 more needed)



Celebrating Faith in Christ by Reaching Out in Love to All God's People

At this transitional time, the January financial report can be located in the church library in the financial book.

Watch for a new and improved Financial Report in the coming months.

“Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love, or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give”.

- Steve Goodier

Endowment Update

Balances as of 01/31/2024

Capital/Building Endowment: \$134,290

Giving and Growing Endowment: \$31,851

Did you know... When you give to the endowment fund you are creating a legacy of stewardship that lasts for years to come.

If you have any questions regarding the financial information provided you can contact Mindy Schaefer at mj.schaefer@hotmail.com or Joi Bishop at JBishop@KMTel.com

All Ages Service Opportunities!

Service Sundays: The 1st Sunday of each month will be a service opportunity for all families. Join both the Outreach and the Youth and Education teams as they host service projects during fellowship time.

On these Sundays there will not be Sunday School class, but all children, youth and their families are invited to join the larger community at Faith to participate in service projects that will benefit our local community and the large world.

MARCH SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday Service Project: SOLE HOPE

Join us during fellowship time on March 3rd as we cut out patterns from jeans and plastic that will be made into shoes to protect children's feet in East Africa.

Sole Hope was founded in 2010 with a mission to address the devastating issue of jigger infestations. More than 1 billion people are affected worldwide by painful parasites. Sole Hope is committed to fighting foot diseases in East Africa by educating communities, providing medical aid, creating jobs, and distributing shoes.



This year our Lenten Wednesday night worship and Sunday morning worship will flow and connect through the theme of *Wandering Heart: figuring out faith with Peter*. On Sunday morning through traditional sermons and new liturgy, we will be introduced to the Gospel text and journey chronologically with Peter through his relationship with Jesus and his faith journey.

Then on Wednesday evenings, we will step deeper into Peter's journey through the lens of art that has been inspired by Peter's story from his call into discipleship to his mountain top faith moment at

2024 Church Council Members

President Karen Kleinwort

Vice President Charlie Asprey

Secretary Vicki Schweiger

Treasurer Joi Bishop

Outreach Lisa Wolf

Personnel Lois Johnson

Properties April Dean

Stewardship Dillon Denter

WAM Lyn Sowiejka

Youth/Ed. Patty Starkson

SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONNECT AND CONFIRMATION

***3/3 SERVICE SUNDAY (all family participation)**

3/10 CLASS

3/24 CLASS

3/17 CLASS

3/31 EASTER SUNDAY NO CLASS

***Reminder to families, this is an all ages project and there is no Sunday School class on these Sundays, families are expected to participate once a month with our service projects as part of our Sunday School program.*

CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN MARCH

March 6: 6:30 pm Lenten Worship
7:20-8 pm Mentors/Mentees

March 13: 6:30 pm Lenten Worship
7:20-8 pm Mentors/Mentees

March 20: 6:30 pm Lenten Worship
7:20-8 pm Mentors/Mentees

March 27: No Class Holy Week

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!

In the past two years Faith Lutheran has awarded 5 scholarships to seniors that are members of our church. Each scholarship is for \$500 .

Applications can be obtained from the church office. The deadline for applying is April 18th.

The scholarship program receives funds from the annual budget of the church and also accepts special gifts. Direct gifts must be identified to the scholarship fund and will be gratefully accepted.



Confirmation Camp: June 16th-21st

Come to camp with your confirmation class and Pastor Jes! Confirmation campers have memorable faith-building adventures during this week! Campers will spend time each morning with their pastor or a confirmation leader exploring faith topics. In the afternoon and evenings, campers enjoy group activities, canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, epic games, and campfire worship led by our summer staff. **Deposit Due to church office: \$150 by April 7th.**

For more info, contact Pastor Jes.

March Birthdays

1. Alexis Randall
2. Cale Giesler, Jaci Gosse
4. Tricia Johnson,
5. Harold Long
7. Jim Hruska, Sandy Lee, Jeremy Wahlstrom
8. Callie Chilson
9. Justin Moe
10. Carson Johnson, Joseph Schweiger
12. Chad Bestor, Kim Swanson
13. Chad Johnson, Rebecca Knutson
14. Ryan Johnson, Justin Randall, Aubrie Sanson
18. Judy Fredrickson, Laura Thomas
20. Scott Glarner
21. Terry Lorch, Barb Scheiber
22. Alan Lang
24. Gary Trelstad
27. Madelyn Asprey, Brady Staub
28. Autumn Dean
29. Oscar Hinrichsen, Carol Ann Thompson
31. Val Langworthy



**Faith
community
Food Pantry**

**Pantry of Faith
Food Distribution**

Thursday, March 21

4:00-7:00 pm

Park in the west parking lot.

*Thank you to all the people who volunteer and
donate to this program*

Thrivent Members.

Remember to designate to what non-profit you would like to contribute your Choice Dollars to this year. This needs to be done yearly. If you have not designated last year's Choice Dollars, you can still do it on line until March 31.

Also, if you would like help with ideas where you could support a project with your Action Team money, contact Pr. Jes, the office or another Thrivent member. If you need help with the application, contact the office and Carol Johnson will be able to guide you through the process. Each Thrivent member receives \$250 twice a year for 2 different projects. In the past we have used Action Team gift cards for our Harvest Feast, Sunday School, Christmas Program, Salad Luncheon and other events.

It's time that we have another meeting to discuss the Choice Dollars that have been donated to Faith Lutheran.

Sunday, April 14, at 9 am Gathering Area.

Have your ideas ready to discuss.

Interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran Church?

Please email or contact the church office to learn how to become a member of our church family.



**Holy
Baptism**

***Do you have a child that
you would like baptized?***

Contact Pastor Jes for more
information.

We love celebrating the newest members of Faith.

Help decorate the altar with flowers this Easter. We have ordered Easter lilies and tulips for you to purchase. The prices are: Easter lilies \$16 and Tulips \$14. A form is attached to this newsletter or available on the table in the narthex (by the library windows).

Return the forms to the office by March 14th

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2024

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and fourth Sunday of the month.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|---|---------------------------|----------|
| | | | | | 1 6:30p AA | 2 |
| 3 Communion Service Sunday 8a Worship 9a Fellowship/Service project - all families 10a Worship | 4 | 5 9a Wise Guys 9a Exercise Class 9a Quilting 1:30p Ruth Circle 6:30p Stewardship Team | 6 6:30p Lenten Worship 7:20p Mentor/Mentee | 7 9a Exercise Class | 8 6:30p AA | 9 |
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| 24 Palm Sunday 8a Worship 9a Fellowship 9:05a Sunday School and Connect 10a Worship 31 Easter Sunday Communion 6:30a Sunrise Service 9a Easter Service | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| HOLY WEEK | | | | | | |
| | | 9a Exercise Class 9a Quilting | | 9a Exercise Class 6:30p Maundy Thursday Worship | 6:30p Good Friday Worship | |

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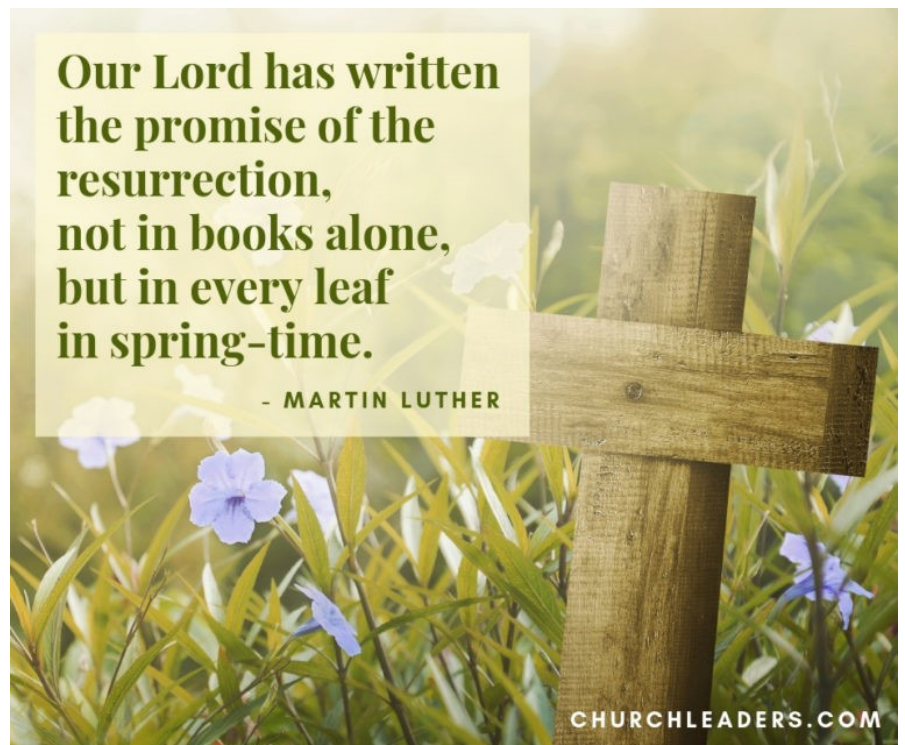
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**Our Lord has written
the promise of the
resurrection,
not in books alone,
but in every leaf
in spring-time.**

- MARTIN LUTHER

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*Celebrating faith in Christ by worshiping together
and reaching out in love to all God's people.*