

**Sunday Worship 9 am
Fellowship/Sunday School 10 am
Easter Sunday Worship
7 and 9 am with communion**

***April Newsletter 2026
Faith Lutheran Church
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April Events

Repeating events are listed following the first date

Wednesday, April 1

Choir practice 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday

Exercise Class (2, 9, 16, 23, 30) 9:00 am

Ruth Circle 1:30 pm

Worship Service with communion 6:30 pm

Friday, April 3 Good Friday

Worship service 6:30 pm

AA (3, 10, 17, 24) 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

Early Service 7:00 am

Easter Brunch 8:00 am

Easter Service 9:00 am

Barber Family Easter 11:00 am

Tuesday, April 7

Wise Guys 8:30 am

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

Quilting (7, 14, 21, 28) 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 8

Choir Practice (8, 15, 22, 29) 6:00 pm

Confirmation (8, 15, 22, 29) 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 12

Worship 9:00 am

Fellowship 10:00 am

Sunday School 10:00 am

Thursday, April 16

Pantry of Faith open 4:00 -7:00 pm

Sunday, April 19

Worship 9:00 am

Fellowship 10:00 am

Sunday School 10:00 am

Tuesday, April 21

Wise Guys 8:30 am

Church Council 6:30 am

Deborah Circle 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 25

Bridal Shower 9:00 am

Sunday, April 26

Worship 9:00 am

Fellowship 10:00 am

Sunday School 10:00 am

Message from Pastor Cheryl Indehar

Joy

In the gospel of John, Jesus tells his disciples about joy. "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." Before this statement, Jesus states, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."

Jesus wants us to experience joy in our life and that it be complete. Joy is deeper and richer than happiness. Happiness is fleeting and can come from external events and people. Joy is a continual internal state of being and disposition. Jesus is telling us that we are able to obtain this internal state of joy. We do this by abiding in Jesus' love and follow his commandments. Jesus gives us the example by how he abides in his Father's love and followed his Father's commandments and found joy.

Jesus states in scripture that all the laws and the prophets hang on two commandments. First, love the Lord your God with heart, mind and soul and second love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus gives one final commandment to his disciples. He says to them, love one another as I have loved you. Then others will know that you are my disciples.

We are to stay close to Jesus, abide in him and his love. Also, to follow his commandments. These are the two things that will bring us a joy that can't be shaken by things that the world may bring upon us. We will have trials, temptations, misfortune in our lives. But even those should not take away our joy that we find in Jesus. No matter what happens in our lives, Jesus loves us and is with us during those dark moments we may have. That is when we cling to him tighter as he holds us up.

At our baptism we were given the gift of the Holy Spirit that lives within us. He will guide and lead us to follow Jesus' love and commandments. He will also give us strength and knowledge to know how to proceed with our lives. In the book of Galatians, Paul writes about the fruit of the Spirit. He tells us to live by the Spirit and when we do, we will experience those fruits. Those fruits are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. All these fruits of the Spirit are a way of being and living in the world. It perfectly describes how Jesus lived and how we are called to live as Jesus' disciples today.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHOIR



Join the choir for the last 2 months of practice before summer break. We plan on singing during worship on May 17th, the Sunday we recognize our graduating seniors.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The search for a new Pastor continues. We are hoping for a few more interviews soon. We'll keep you updated as usual. In the meantime, we appreciate your prayers and support for the Call Committee.

Jeremy Wahlstrom, Call Committee Chair

General Income February 2026
 The ministry of Faith Lutheran Church happens on a daily basis.
 Maintaining your giving is important.
 Thank you for your ongoing support

	Budget	Income	Expenses
February	\$ 17,818	\$ 14,408	\$ 17,680
YTD 2026	\$ 35,636	\$ 25,164	\$ 36,061

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2026
Fellowship Hall

Attendance: Lisa Wolf, Joi Bishop, Keith Pflaum, Ryan Schrom, Jacquelyn Gosse, Karen Kleinwort, Alison Rislov, Michelle Anderson, Rick Shepard, Deb Dodds

Absent: Pastor Cheryl

Karen called the meeting to order. Discussed Responsibilities:

Karen Kleinworth - President
Alison Rislov - Vice President
Michelle Anderson - Secretary
Ryan Schrom - Treasurer
Jacquelyn Gosse - Call Committee
Lisa Wolf - WAM/Properties
Joi Bishop - Education
Keith Pflaum - Personal
Rick Shepard - Stewardship
Deb Dodds - Outreach

Discussed various member concerns with Pastor Corrine - Karen will talk to Pastor Cheryl about concerns.

Meeting adjourned - 1st motion by Allison and 2nd by Lisa. Next Meeting on March 17, 2026

Submitted by Michelle Anderson

2026 Church Council Members

President Karen Kleinwort	Vice President Allison Rislov
Secretary Michelle Anderson	Treasurer Ryan Schrom
Call Committee Jacquelyn Gosse	Education Joi Bishop
Personnel Keith Pflaum	Stewardship Rick Shepard
Outreach Deb Dodds	
Properties and Worship, Arts and Music Lisa Wolf	

NEW SERVICE GROUPS

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” 1 Peter 4:10

The Council has asked that we reinstate service teams. They are hoping this will help fill in some of the gaps from people not signing up to usher, read, serve communion, provide coffee hour treats, and work the sound board. Teams have been created for each month and Chairman have been assigned.

- You will be contacted by the chairman for your month and asked to serve in whatever capacity you would enjoy. Most people are assigned to 2 months throughout the year. In some cases you may be available to fill more than one slot. For example, usher one Sunday and serve fellowship another Sunday.
- If you would like to share a slot, for example serving fellowship with someone else, be sure to let the chairman know when they call. Teaming up is a good way to get to know others in our Faith family.

Thank you very much for being willing to help our worship service go smoothly!

“Serving is a form of worship, a way to express gratitude for what Jesus has done for us!”

Thank You!

Lisa Wolf

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!

In the past four years Faith Lutheran has awarded 10 scholarships to seniors that are members of our church. Each scholarship is \$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.



SCRIP CARDS

When you buy a gift card from Faith the church gets a percentage back for the amount of the card. So, if you need a graduation gift, birthday gift or just for your use, buying a gift card from the church supports our general fund.

The Schrom family is selling cards after the worship service in the gathering area. Stop by and see what they have for gift cards.

If there is a special business that you use for shopping and it is not on the list, check with Ryan Schrom to see if it could be available.

Local Businesses:

APEX Car Wash	APEX Oil Change
Casey's	Center Family Restaurant
Sunshine Foods	HyVee
Kwik Trip	WesCon Lanes

Other Businesses

Amazon	Buffalo Wild Wings
Dominos	Fleet Farm
Old Navy	Panera
Sephora	Subway
Target	Texas Roadhouse

APRIL Birthdays

1. Jacob Knutson, Mallory Olson, Max Olson, Ashley Rohwer
2. Marilyn Barwald
4. Isaak Knutson
7. Kaitlyn Hawkins, Bill Ketchum
8. Deb Roe
9. Dave Wahlstrom
12. Anna Ridenour, Kenzie VanBeek
13. Tim Faber
17. Scott Langworthy
21. Mena Faber, Karen Kleinwort
22. Jacob Rislov
24. Missy Pflaum
25. Adeline Rohwer, Del Steen, Stacy Wolf
28. AJ Kozisek



Worship Assistants & Fellowship

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday 7 am

Communion Prep: Ann Trelstad and Lyn Sowieja

Ushers: Jody and Del Steen

Reader: Jeremy Wahlstrom

Soundboard: Schrom Family

Streaming: 9 am service only

Communion servers (3): 1. Carol Johnson
2. needed 3. needed

Fellowship: **Easter Brunch between services**

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday 9 am

Ushers: Scott and Val Langworthy

Reader: AJ Kozisek

Soundboard: August Kozisek

Streaming: Jason Kozisek

Communion: Axt Family



Pantry of Faith Food Distribution Thursday, April 16 4:00 - 7:00 pm

This month we are collecting items to make a pizza: pizza crust (package or whole crusts) pizza sauce and pepperoni. Place these items in the box by the library windows.

Are you trained in live streaming and PowerPoint? We need someone who has a flexible schedule to be available to assist with streaming and/or PowerPoints at funerals. This will be paid by the family and not by our church. Please contact the church if you are interested or talk to Jason Kozisek about the details.

Sunday, April 12

Ushers: April Venema and Autumn Dean

Reader: April Venema

Soundboard: Schrom Family

Streaming: Schrom Family

Fellowship: Venema/Dean/Dodds Family

Sunday, April 19

Ushers: Alisha and Greg Selthun

Reader: Val Langworthy

Soundboard: Needed

Streaming: Jason Kozisek

Fellowship: Selthun Family

Sunday, April 26

Communion Prep: Ann Trelstad and Lyn Sowieja

Ushers: John and Jaci Gosse

Reader: Caroline Otto

Soundboard: Needed

Streaming: Needed

Fellowship: Gosse/Otto/Johnson Family

Communion servers (3): 1. Caroline Otto 2. Mindy Schaefer 3. Carol Johnson



2026

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday Easter Sunday and the fourth Sunday this month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 pm Choir practice	2 Maundy Thursday 9 am Exercise Class 1:30 pm Ruth Circle 6:30 pm Worship	3 Good Friday 6:30 pm AA 6:30 pm Worship	4
5 EASTER SUNDAY Communion 7 am Early Worship 8 am Brunch 9 am Easter Worship 11 am Barber Family Easter	6	7 8:30 am Wise Guys 9 am Exercise Class 9 am Quilting	8 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	9 9 am Exercise Class	10 6:30 pm AA	11
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19 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10 am Sunday School	20 <i>May Newsletter articles are due this week</i>	21 8:30 am Wise Guys 9 am Exercise Class 9 am Quilting 6:30 pm Church Council 7 pm Deborah Circle	22 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	23 9 am Exercise Class	24 6:30 pm AA	25 9 am – 4 pm Bridal Shower Lehmann Family
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*Celebrating faith in Christ by worshiping together
and reaching out in love to all God's people.*