



**FAITH IN FOCUS**  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
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Ephesians 4:2 *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient bearing with one another in love.*

**Sunday worship and church events are cancelled until further notice**

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

Only activity allowed is food distribution

**Tuesday, April 7**

Pantry of Faith Distribution Day      12 - 3 pm

**Thursday, April 9**

Pantry of Faith Distribution Day      4 - 7 pm

*Since we cannot worship together, the bible readings for Holy Week and Easter Sunday are listed below.*

**Sunday, April 5**

**Palm Sunday**

*Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29. Matthew 21:1-11*

**Thursday, April 9**

**Maundy Thursday**

*Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14, John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

**Friday, April 10**

**Good Friday**

*Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12, John 18:1-19:42*

**Sunday, April 12**

**Easter Sunday**

*Jeremiah 31:1-6, John 20:1-18*



*If you have any concerns, questions or prayer requests during this time of staying at home, please call Sue Anderson 507-251-4893, Carol Johnson 507-259-6026 or a church council member that is listed in the April newsletter.*

Greetings Faith Family,

How is it that on certain days the devotion you read, study and pray about seems to be individualized and has your name written on it? That God of ours knows just when to send you the most appropriate message so one can initiate an action in service to him. Take Monday for example. My reading started with a reminder of the Frito Lay commercial, 'betcha can't eat just one'. The temptation and challenge of eating 1 chip, 1 frito, 1 cheesie..well good luck with that. The story then challenged me.. " betcha can't not find joy." Whoa, my day became enormously filled with joy. The devotions started my day, exercise indoors, the sun was shining, the attitude was light. I admit no TV or radio news is a good thing! I was rejuvenated! I made a pickup of homemade medical masks for my coworkers and myself from an unknown individual and had a lovely distance conversation. I made an ice cream delivery to shut-ins, cards got mailed to homebound friends and an outdoor walk, meeting and greeting acquaintances, distance socializing, and observations of neighborhood families sharing in art and phy. ed. class with children of school age. JOY, JOY, JOY! The heaviness was lifted. My friends, God is with us. He will never abandon us. Enter Him into your hearts and homes. He sends the sun, but look, he sent His SON to suffer and die that we may be saved. Ride on oh King. Jesus is our Joy.

Blessings and JOY be yours,  
Sue Anderson, Church Council President

Even though the world is in chaos right now, I have to thank God that I have a house, food, water, warmth and love. Thank you for always blessing me. Amen.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Faith has an active prayer ministry. If you desire prayer, please contact the church office at (507) 374 -2174 or stop into the church office. Names will be listed here for two weeks, after which time they will be removed unless we hear from you to keep prayers active.

### Please pray for:

The family and friends of Greg Cooper, the family and friends of Lollita Adams (Candy Mulholland's mother), the family and friends of Bill Feil, Karen Ingvaldson, Keeley Kleinwort Neil, Wayne McColley, Patti Midthun's friend, Diane, all our members that are homebound and in care facilities, first line care givers, medical suppliers, store managers and workers, truckers, deliverymen, first responders, farmers, all people that we rely on now more than ever, teachers and students, families that are together all the time, all people suffering from anxiety related to fear and isolation, pray for hope that covid-19 soon passes and life can get back to normal, Castillo Fuerte and Bishop Ata in Bogotá, Colombia, our church as we prepare for a new pastor, Bishop Regina Hassanally and the SEMN Synod.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### April 1-12 Birthdays

1. Jim Harmon, Jacob Knutson, Mallory Olson, Max Olson, Ashley Rohwer, Rodney Thompson
2. Marilyn Barwald
3. Kory Graham, Kim Teztlaff
4. Briely Fritsche, Isaak Knutson, Max Tibbetts
5. Zack Erdmann
6. Wendy Myer
7. Kaitlyn Hawkins, Bill Ketchum
8. Deb Roe
9. Dave Wahlstrom
10. Tye Anderson, Linda Holmseth, Ruth McColley
11. Jax Bryngelson
12. Anna Ridenour, Kenzie VanBeek

**We thank God for you!**

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

### How can you help ?

#### Quilters/sewers:

We have delivered medical masks to the workers at Fairview. If anyone has more to give them, please call Carol Johnson and I will pick them up from you and deliver them. The masks are very appreciated.

#### Pantry of Faith:

*The Pantry of Faith will be giving food out this month.*

The Pantry of Faith will be having a curbside pick-up of groceries in the west parking lot on Tuesday, April 7 from 12-3 pm and Thursday, April 9 from 4-7 pm . The Pantry could use non-perishable items for the distribution. Also, help by telling anyone who needs food to come to the church and a volunteer will bring the bags out to them. They should bring something that indicates they are a resident of Dodge County and they can only get groceries for themselves. If you can volunteer to help, please call April Dean 507-573-2528 (note change from newsletter).

**General fund:** Without our Sunday worship services, our church is not receiving the offerings that we usually receive on Sundays. Please mail your offering envelopes to the church or consider signing up for Simply Giving so that we can keep our fund balance healthy, also.

Pastor Karen from Zwingli Church at Berne has extended the invitation to watch their live Facebook page for morning worship services as well as an invitation to join them in singing the liturgy. If interested in singing please call 507-696-2488.

### *Happy Anniversary*

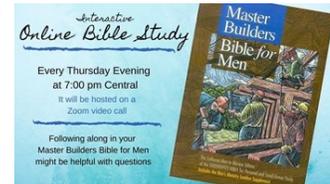
#### April 1-12 Anniversaries

5. Paul and Pastor Barb Streed
6. Wayne and Ruth McColley
9. Stan and Ellen Berge

**May God continue to bless your marriage!**

## BIBLE STUDY AND FAITH

### Men of Faith Lutheran



Lutheran Men in Mission is extending an invitation to a **virtual Thursday Night Bible Study**. It will be led by John Sundquist, LMM's Exec. Director and will cover many different scriptures. The next one will be this Thursday at 7 pm. The link is: <https://zoom.us/j/353022558> or you can dial in at 1-312-626-6799. Meeting ID 353 022 558. You may join using the Zoom Link or a phone call. If you would like to receive these emails directly from LMM, send Kevin Burke an email at [kevin@lutheranmeninmission.org](mailto:kevin@lutheranmeninmission.org) May God keep you and your family safe during this time. Your brother in Christ, Lon Buss Rochester, MN SE MN LMM Board Member National LMM Events Director 608-516-7875

#### Room for 1 more

Did you know???

In the Bible it is recorded 365 times 'do not fear'. God's words teach, preach and encourage us to NOT be afraid. That's everyday of the year!

#### **A Prayer for Faith Lutheran**

God, our peace and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we face new uncertainties around corona virus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.