



April Newsletter 2024

Faith Lutheran Church

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

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



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Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton | Easter 2024

“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.” That’s where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It’s so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He’d announced that Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word.

There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear — *phobos*. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement — *ekstasis*. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means “being possessed.” So we take a look at these women, and they’ve had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They’ve heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they’re too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed. They came to take care of Jesus’ dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it’s all the same.

Sometimes I think we feel like nothing’s changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn’t make a difference. But these three words really say something about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with amazement — this is this ecstasy, *ekstasis* — they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn’t reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed.

Tuesday, April 2

Wise Guys	9:00 am
Exercise Class (2, 9, 16, 23, 30)	9:00 am
Quilting (2, 9, 16, 23, 30)	9:00 am
Ruth Circle	1:30 pm

Thursday, April 4

Exercise Class (7, 14, 21, 28)	9:00 am
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Friday, April 5

AA (5, 12, 19, 26)	6:30 pm
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Sunday, April 7 Service Project Sunday

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

Monday, April 8

Church Council	6:30 pm
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Tuesday, April 9

Altar Guild meeting	7:00 pm
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Wednesday, April 10

Confirmation	6:30 pm
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Sunday, April 14

Worship	8:00 am
Fellowship	9:00 am
Thrivent Members meeting	9:00 am
Streaming Training	9:00 am
Sunday School and Connect	9:05 am
Worship	10:00 am
New member Dinner by Council	5:00 pm

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

Wise Guys	9:00 am
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Thursday, April 18

Pantry of Faith food distribution	4:00 pm
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Sunday, April 21 and 28

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

Monday, April 22

Stewardship Team	6:30 pm
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And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, *phobos*, phobia we get from that. But it's really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe — not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe.

And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means “possessed.” And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed. When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly, I think it's very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times.

My favorite hymn is “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song.” It's *ELW* 808. And the last verse goes like this: “I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we'll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey.”
Be well, dear church. Happy Easter.

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.



FEBRUARY’S GIVING and EXPENSES

\$15,770 February Giving	\$17,631 February Expenses
\$25,509 Year-to-Date Giving	\$36,708 Year-to-Date Expenses

Detailed monthly financial statements are located in the church library.

You can now give to Faith Lutheran Church using the new Vanco Mobile App.



Just download the app and search for Faith Lutheran Church in Dodge Center, MN

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.



APRIL 7TH SERVICE PROJECT

Pet toys for Paws and Claws



MAY 5TH SERVICE PROJECT

Flower Pots for Triton Elementary Staff



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 Sowieja

Youth/Ed. Patty Starkson

SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONNECT AND CONFIRMATION



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.



Senior Graduation Recognition Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 9th to celebrate our High School Seniors!

Information will be sent out to our Senior's families in April with more information

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.

TRAINING FOR SOUNDBOARD AND STREAMING

April 14th at 9 am in the Sanctuary

Join our Streaming Team to learn how we stream worship. Our hope is to create a team of at least 8 individuals who can help bring our worship into the homes of members.

LIVE

STREAMING

April Birthdays

1. Jacob Knutson, Mallory Olson-Ramer, Max Olson-Ramer, Ashley Rohwer
2. Marilyn Barwald
4. Isaak Knutson, Max Tibbetts
6. Wendy Myer
7. Kaitlyn Knutson, Bill Ketchum
8. Deb Roe
9. Dave Wahlstrom
10. Tye Anderson, Ruth McColley
12. Anna Ridenour, Kenzie VanBeek
13. Tim Faber
15. Lance Milner
17. Scott Langworthy
18. Jeff Tibbetts
21. Mena Faber, Karen Kleinwort
22. Preston Pflaum, Jacob Rislov
24. Missy Pflaum
25. Adeline Rohwer, Del Steen, Stacy Wolf
26. Jamie Jensen, Litany Peterson
27. Jacob Glarner, Jenna Shallbetter
28. Pam Jensen, AJ Kozisek
- 29 Ella Johnson



Faith
community
Food Pantry

**Pantry of Faith
Food Distribution**

Thursday, April 18

4:00-7:00 pm

*Thank you for volunteering and donating
to the Pantry!*

Pantry of Faith Donations for April

This month we are collecting tomato soup, saltines and granola bars for the pantry distribution on April 18th. Bring your items to the church and place them in the Pantry of Faith Box by the library windows.

Thrivent Members.

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.

NEW MEMBERS!!!

Interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran Church?

Join our council on **April 14th at 5 pm for a picnic dinner!** Get to know our council and Pastor Jes, hear about ministry opportunities and why our Council members call Faith Lutheran their church home. On Sunday, May 19th we will have our new member Sunday, welcoming new members. RSVP to the church office by April 11th 507-374-2374 or faithdc@gmail.com

Faith Lutheran does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or military status, in any of its activities or operations.



2024

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9a Wise Guys 9a Exercise Class 9a Quilting 1:30p Ruth Circle	3	4 9a Exercise Class	5 6:30p AA	6
7 Communion Service Sunday 8a Worship 9a Fellowship/Service project - all families 9a Properties Team 10a Worship	8 6:30p Church Council	9 9a Exercise Class 9a Quilting 7p Altar Guild	10 6p Confirmation	11 9a Exercise Class	12 6:30p AA	13
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*Celebrating faith in Christ by worshiping together
and reaching out in love to all God's people.*