

Sunday Worship 9 am
Fellowship/Sunday School 10 am
Lenten Worship Wed. 6:30 pm
Daylight Savings Time begins March 8

March Newsletter 2026

Faith Lutheran Church

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Repeating events are listed following the first date

Sunday, March 1

Worship	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Sunday School	10:00 am

Tuesday, March 3

Wise Guys	8:30 am
Exercise Class (3, 10, 17, 24, 30)	9:00 am
Quilting (3, 10, 17, 24, 30)	9:00 am

Wednesday, March 4

Lenten Worship	6:30 pm
Mentors/Mentees	7:20 pm
Choir practice	7:20 pm

Thursday, March 5

Exercise Class (5, 12, 19, 26)	9:00 am
Ruth Circle	1:30 pm

Friday, March 6

AA (6, 13, 20, 27)	6:30 pm
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Sunday, March 8 **Set your clocks ahead**

Worship	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Sunday School	10:00 am
WAM and Song Selection Team	10:00 am

Sunday, March 15

Worship	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Sunday School	10:00 am

Tuesday, March 17

Wise Guys	8:30 am
Church Council	6:30 pm
Deborah Circle	7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18

Lenten Service	6:30 pm
Choir Practice	7:20 pm
Mentors/Mentees	7:20 pm

Thursday, March 19

Pantry of Faith open	4:00 -7:00 pm
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Sunday, March 22

Worship	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Sunday School	10:00 am

Wednesday, March 25

Lenten Service	6:30 pm
Mentors /Mentees	7:20 pm
Choir Practice	7:20 pm

Sunday, March 29 **Palm Sunday**

Worship	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Sunday School	10:00 am

Message from Pastor Cheryl Indehar

Patience

One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is patience according to scripture. What exactly is patience? The dictionary defines patience as: the bearing of provocation, annoyance, misfortune, pain without complaint, loss of temper or irritation. It can also mean dealing with delays without complaint.

In our busy world, many demands are made on our time and energy. There are many things that can provoke and annoy us from drivers that cut us off to people who are rude to us. We experience misfortune and can have physically, emotional and mental pain. All humans, even babies, have had reason to lose their patience. It is easy to lose patience. It is hard to have patience.

As the definition indicates patience is a two-part situation. One is the bearing of the activity and the other is the response to the activity. We may not have the control over the activity that is happening to us, but we do have the control over how we respond to it. Can we experience provocation, annoyance, misfortune and pain without complaint, loss of temper or irritation? These are challenging situations.

As a police officer on patrol there were many times that people tried to provoke me to anger. They would do this by name calling, making fun of me, not listening to me, to name a few. Fortunately, I could see and understand what they were trying to do to me. It was easy to see how it was more of a reflection of them than of me. I didn't enjoy it, but I refused to engage in a way that I would lose my temper.

There are many annoyances and inconveniences in life. If we choose to lose our patience and get angry over every single one, we will be angry person all the time. Do you want to be angry all the time? That is the question to ask one's self. God doesn't want us angry all the time.

Misfortune can strike us at any time. Fortunately, it doesn't hit us every day. It behooves us to save our energy for the times it does come and not waste our energy on the annoyances of life. Again, we will experience the misfortune, but can we do without losing one's temper.

Pain, we have all had pain in our life. Can we cope with our pain without complaining or losing our temper? Jesus gives us an example at the cross of experiencing tremendous pain. Yet, he forgives the Roman Soldiers that crucified him.

As Christians, God wants us to experience patience in our lives. It is healthier than being angry all the time. As humans, we will lose our patience at times. But patience ultimately leaves us in control of ourselves and gives us peace. Peace within us and peace with others.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHOIR



We are learning new songs for Easter. Add your voice to help make this a joyful Easter Sunday celebration!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The search for a new Pastor continues. We had one interview in February and are hoping for a few more 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 January 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
January	\$ 17,818	\$ 10,755	\$ 18,381
YTD 2026	\$ 17,818	\$ 10,755	\$ 18,381

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

-Hebrews 13:16

Detailed monthly financial statements are located in the church library.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2025 Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Fellowship Hall

Attendees: Quorum was met by the Congregation

Council Members Present: Karen Kleinwort, April Venema, Patty Starkson, Lisa Wolf, Keith Pflaum, Jacquelyn Gosse, Michelle Anderson, Allison Rislov, Ryan Schrom

Call to Order/Welcome- Meeting was called to order by President Karen Kleinwort at 10:49 a.m.

Opening Prayer- President Karen Kleinwort led us in prayer

2025 Annual Meeting Agenda approval- motion was made by Sue Anderson, seconded by Vicki Schwieger; motion carried

Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting approval- motion was made by Bryce Kleinwort to approve the 2024 Annual Meeting minutes with the change of Karen Kleinwort's term to end in 2027, seconded by Del Steen; motion carried

Annual Report Ministry Reports, refer to printed copy

New Business:

2026 Budget- presented by Financial Comptroller Mindy Schaefer; motion was made to approve 2026 Budget by Gary Trelstad, seconded by Gary Burton; motion carried

Recognizing Outgoing Members

April Venema: term ended 12/2025

Patty Starkson: term ended 12/2025

Election of New Members

Rick Shephard: 3-year term to end 12/2028

Deborah Dodds: 3-year term to end 12/2028

Motion to close nominations and accept new members was made by Grant Erler; seconded by Alisha Selthun; motion carried

Remaining Members

Lisa Wolf- term ends 12/2026

Joi Bishop- term ends 12/2026

Keith Pflaum - term ends 12/2026

Ryan Schrom- term ends 12/2026

Jacquelyn Gosse - term ends 12/2027

Allison Rislov - term ends 12/2027

Michelle Anderson- term ends 12/2027

Nominating Committee for 2025, terms to begin 2027

Lisa Wolf

Joi Bishop

Keith Pflaum

Ryan Schrom



Delegates to SEMN Synod Assembly that will be held Saturday, May 2 2026 in Mankato- 2 needed

Jacquelyn Gosse nominated Jeremy Wahlstrom and Carol Johnson.

Motion was made by Gary Trelstad to close nominations, seconded by Gay Burton; motion carried

Call Committee- Jeremy Wahlstrom provided a Call Committee update to the Congregation.

Other- No other business discussed

Adjournment- motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sue Anderson, seconded by Del Steen; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Closing Prayer- Meeting ended by sharing the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by April Venema- 2025 Council Secretary

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



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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. Cheryl, 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, flowers for the altar, quilting projects and other events.



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 17th.

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.

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

EASTER FLOWERS

We have ordered Easter lilies, large mums and begonias to be placed on the altar this Easter. If you would like to purchase a flower in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form that is available at the table by the library windows. All flowers are \$15. Place your order and payment in the envelope provided by Monday, March 23, 2026. Flowers can be taken after Easter Sunday worship on April 5, 2026.



LENTEN WORSHIP—PALM SUNDAY -HOLY WEEK-EASTER

Lenten Worship Services:	March 4, 11, 18, 25	6:30 pm
Palm Sunday Service:	March 29	9:00 am
Maundy Thursday Service	April 2	6:30 pm
Good Friday Service	April 3	6:30 pm
Easter Sunday Services	April 5	7 am and 9 am

March Birthdays

2. Jaci Gosse
4. Tricia Johnson
5. Harold Long
7. Jim Hruska, Sandy Lee, Jeremy Wahlstrom
9. Justin Moe
10. Joseph Schweiger
12. Kim Swanson
13. Chad Johnson, Rebecca Knutson
14. Ryan Johnson, Aubrie Sanson
18. Judy Fredrickson
19. Laura Thomas
21. Terry Lorch
24. Gary Trelstad
27. Madelyn Asprey
28. Autumn Dean
29. Carol Ann Thompson
31. Val Langworthy



Worship Assistants & Fellowship

Sunday, March 1

Communion Prep: Jody Steen

Ushers: Schrom Family

Reader: Jeremy Wahlstrom

Soundboard: Grant Erler

Streaming: Preston Erler

Communion servers (3): 1. Barb Erler
2. Sarah Erler 3. Laryssa Erler

Fellowship: Chapin Family

Sunday, February 8

Ushers: Grant and Preston Erler

Reader: Renee Lehmann

Soundboard: Shrom Family

Streaming: Shrom Family

Fellowship: Rislov and Redican families



Faith
community
Food Pantry

Pantry of Faith
Food Distribution
Thurs., March 19
4:00 - 7:00 pm

This month we are using the donations and food that we have in our cupboards. Everyone needs to do that once in awhile and it is time for our church to do same.

SCRIP CARDS FOR SALE

We now have gift cards from local businesses like: Sunshine Foods, Center Family Café, APEX car wash, Wescon Lanes and some new cards that are popular for clothing.

Remember that the church receives a percentage of each sale. So, when you buy a card from Faith you are donating to our church.

Sunday, March 15

Ushers: Rislov family

Reader: Sarah Erler

Soundboard: Shrom Family

Streaming: Shrom Family

Fellowship: Grant and Sarah Erler

Sunday, March 22

Communion Prep: Jody Steen

Ushers: Dan and Judy Fredrickson

Reader: Barb Erler

Soundboard: Shrom Family

Streaming: Preston Erler

Communion servers (3): 1. Sarah Erler
2. Allison Rislov 3. Barb Erler

Fellowship: Schrom Family

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

Ushers: Grant and Barb Erler

Reader: Terri Hallaway

Soundboard: Allison Erler

Streaming: Preston Erler

Fellowship: Grant and Barb Erler

MARCH 2026

Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and fourth Sunday this month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School 10 am Fellowship	2	3 8:30 am Wise Guys 9 am Exercise Class 9 am Quilting	4 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7:20 pm Mentor/Mentee 7:20 pm Connect	5 9 am Exercise Class 1:30 pm Ruth Circle	6 6:30 pm AA	7
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15 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10 am Sunday School	16 <i>Newsletter articles are due this week</i>	17 8:30 am Wise Guys 9 am Exercise Class 9 am Quilting 6:30 pm Church Council 7 pm Deborah Circle	18 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7:20 pm Choir practice 7:20 pm Mentor/Mentee	19 9 am Exercise Class 4 pm Pantry of Faith open	20 6:30 pm AA	21
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*Celebrating faith in Christ by worshipping together
and reaching out in love to all God's people.*