

Sunday Worship 9 am
Fellowship 10 am

May Newsletter 2026
Faith Lutheran Church
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May Events

Repeating events are listed following the first date

Friday, May 1

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

Sunday, May 3

Worship Service 9:00 am
 Fellowship 10:00 am
 Last Day of Sunday School 10:00 am
 WAM Team 10:00 am

Tuesday, May 5

Wise Guys 8:30 am
 Exercise Class (5, 12, 19, 26) 9:00 am
 Quilting (5, 12, 19, 26) 9:00 am
 Ruth Circle 1:30 pm

Wednesday, May 6

Choir Practice (6 & 13) 6:00 pm
 Last night of Confirmation 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 7

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

Sunday, May 10 Mothers Day

Worship 9:00 am
 Fellowship 10:00 am

Saturday, May 16

Caroline Otto Baby Shower 9:00 am

Sunday, May 17 Graduates Recognition Day

Brunch for Graduates 8:15 am
 Worship 9:00 am
Congregational meeting 10:00 am
 Fellowship after meeting

Tuesday, May 19

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

Thursday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 24

Worship 9:00 am
 Fellowship 10:00 am

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day –Remember our Veterans

Friday, May 29

Triton Graduation 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 30

Autumn Dean graduation party

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

April 27, 2026

Members of Faith Lutheran,

It is with joy that, as of last night, the Faith Lutheran Call Committee has extended an invitation for call to a candidate. I am also excited to report that the candidate has said, "YES!"

Next, according to the constitution, a Congregational meeting is set. The constitution states notice of the meeting needs to be 21 days before the meeting (that is actually today!) and needs to be announced on the two Sundays priority

The congregational meeting will be on Sunday, May 17th, after the service. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote to install the candidate as presented by the Call Committee. There will also be a vote to amend the budget, as our 2026 budget was based on Pastor Cheryl's compensation package.

Please note: Until the time of the congregational meeting, **the candidate's name and personal information will NOT be released per constitutional guidelines.**

In thanks and in prayer for a smooth process,

Karen Kleinwort

Faith Lutheran Church Council President



Sunday,
May 17, 2026
10 am
after worship

Letter from Pastor Cheryl Indekar

Dear Faith Family,

As of 4/15/26, I've taken a needed medical leave for two months. As you know, I had back surgery in January. Unfortunately, the pain returned after five weeks. This was unexpected, and, according to my back surgeon, a "strange" occurrence. Since then, I've also been dealing with other health issues, went to the ER twice and was hospitalized for a couple of days. Fortunately, the doctors have figured out what the issues are – none are life-threatening and, with time, I will fully recover. Thank you for your understanding and giving me time to heal – I greatly appreciate your support and compassion. I miss you and wish I could be there with you. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to heal.

I understand you are meeting soon to vote to call a new pastor – this is exciting news! I'm so happy for Faith Lutheran Church! We thank the Call Committee for their hard work, diligence and patience over the past year. This is a lot of transition right now, but it's all **GOOD!**

God continues to take care of us and is good to all of us.

God's peace & love,

Pastor Cheryl

4/30/26



	Budget	Income	Expenses
March	\$ 17,818	\$ 11,099	\$ 17,371
YTD 2026	\$ 53,455	\$ 36,262	\$ 53,433

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

-Hebrews 13:16

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, January 12, 2026
6:30 p.m., Education Room

Attendees: Karen Kleinwort, Joi Bishop, April Venema, Patty Starkson, Lisa Wolf, Keith Pflaum, Jaci Gosse, Michelle Anderson

Absent: Pastor Cheryl Indehar, Allison Rislov, Ryan Schrom

Guest: Financial Comptroller, Mindy Schaefer

Call to Order- Meeting was called to order by President Karen Kleinwort at 6:31 p.m.

Devotions & Prayer- recited the Lord's Prayer together

Treasurer/Finance Report – Mindy Schaefer

December's Financial Report was reviewed

Reviewed Dedicated Funds and discussed better ways to manage funds; more to come on this topic.

Motion was made by April Venema to accept the Treasure's Report as printed, seconded by Jaci Gosse; motion carried.

Secretary Report- April Venema

Motion was made by Jaci Gosse to approve the Secretary Report as written, seconded by Lisa Wolf; motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Call Committee- Jaci Gosse

Jeremy Wahlstrom reached out to the Synod and was informed that there is a candidate that is interested in interviewing at Faith and asked for our Ministry Site Profile.

Education- Patty Starkson

Committee did not meet in December but they are trying to get a family snow tubing event together. Levi Livingood is looking into possible options.

Outreach - Lisa Wolf

Committee did not meet. They still need a Committee Chair.

Lisa Wolf almost has the Service Groups complete

Pantry of Faith is going well. The Pantry helped five Triton High School families with meals over Christmas break.

Allison Horejsi, a teacher at Triton is starting a Community Service Class and wants to work with the Pantry of Faith.

Personnel - Keith Pflaum

Edits have been made on the Faith Lutheran Church Employee Handbook.

Properties- Michelle Anderson

A motion was made by Michelle Anderson to replace to the Refrigerator/Freezer for \$2,400 instead of repairing it for \$1,800, seconded by Joi Bishop; motion carried.

The Committee has gotten new members.

Committee is meeting in April to discuss how to allocate an estate gift that was given to the Building Fund.

Stewardship- Karen Kleinwort

Meeting in January

Committee is encouraged because there was an increase in the amount of people giving.

Worship, Arts, and Music- Allison Rislov

Committee met on Sunday, January 11th. Due to Council Liaison being absent from the Council meeting, updates will be discussed at the next meeting.

Old Business:

2026 Budget

Financial Comptroller, Mindy Shaefer gave the 2026 Budget that will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 1, 2026. Motion was made by Joi Bishop to approve the proposed budget with Pastor Cheryl listed on it for twelve months, seconded by Michelle Anderson; motion carried.

Employee Handbook

The Council will approve this at the next meeting to give time for members to review it.

New Business:

Kitchen/Carpet

A committee will be put together to discuss all possible options for new carpet and kitchen cupboards.

Gathering Space Mural

Discussed moving location from the Gathering Space to the Fellowship Hall

Committee Reports for Annual Meeting

These are being worked on and will be submitted to Carol.

Synod Giving

Asked to consider increasing SE Synod Mission Support. Council decided to leave it as \$5,000 for now but may consider increasing it later in 2026.

Pastor Chery Medical Leave

Pastor Cheryl will be on Medical Leave for four weeks. We will utilize Pulpit Supply until she returns.

Flowers will be sent to Pastor Cheryl for her upcoming surgery

Death of Pastor Justin's (previous Faith Lutheran Pastor) Father

A plant is being sent to the family

Annual Meeting

We will have a potluck

Discussed upcoming council vacancies

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:52 p.m. was made by Michelle Anderson, seconded by April Venema; motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted by April Venema

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting
March 17, 2026

Members Present:	Pastor Cheryl Indehar, Karen Kleinworth, Allison Rislov, Ryan Schrom, Michelle Anderson, Jacquelyn Gosse, Joi Bishop, Deb Dodds, Keith Pflaum, Rick Shepard
Members Absent:	Lisa Wolf
	Meeting was called to order by Karen at 6:35p.
Secretary's Report	February Meeting Notes were approved by Jaci 2nd by Debb.
Call Committee/ Salary Range for Ministry Site Profile - Jaci Gosse	There was an interview a few weeks ago. Discussion about salary range which could give us more candidates to interview. - Council decided to move forward with increasing the salary to \$110,000. Ryan made the motion and 2nd by Allison. Approved.
Education Committee - Joi Bishop	<p>Sunday School is small but mighty! Every week, we work on songs to sing for Easter Sunday. The children have been working on lessons that will lead up to Easter. Sunday School will not be in session on Easter. Our last day of Sunday School will be May 3rd and will be a PARTY! Details will be decided soon.</p> <p>CONNECT/Confirmation is meeting with their Lent mentors after each Wednesday Lent session. During this time, they are asked to reflect on the scripture for the week, where they have seen God during the week, and how they are helping their neighbors. Each week, they go over the same questions but the answers are always a little different due to new scripture from that night. Looking in on what is happening, the kids and mentors alike are loving their time together!</p> <p>Youth activities have taken a backseat to education at the moment. There has been talk from Levi about organizing a tubing trip. It hasn't really been good weather for tubing.</p> <p>In May, we will honor the graduates. Joi will look into when the scholarship committee would like applications in by. She will also try to get a meeting organized for next month.</p>
Outreach Committee - Deb Dodds	<p>We gave 25 meals at the food pantry for Feb.</p> <p>Faith also fed 6 families over Christmas break.</p> <p>Discussion about monthly service committees.</p>

<p>Properties Committee/Energy Audit - Pastor Cheryl</p>	<p>New committee Members</p> <p>Pantry of Faith Storage Space</p> <p>Kitchen Refrigerator Replacement</p> <p>Mural is coming to fellowship hall</p> <p>Energy Audit happened. There is a program for free LED lighting and we have been approved for the grant. \$6100 for lighting will be covered by the grant. The lights will be replaced in April/May. By changing the lighting we will save \$1400-\$2000.</p> <p>Discussed the cost of other lights around the church. If we go ahead, we can do that at the same time as we switch to the LED lights.</p> <p>Our boilers and AC units are energy efficient.</p> <p>Hot Water Heater is from 1984. We will replace it with a gas water heater - ~\$1700. Joi motioned to approve this and Jaci seconded the motion. It was approved.</p> <p>Weather stripping around the door needs to be replaced.</p> <p>Looking at replacing carpet - getting estimates</p> <p>Looking to create a sub committee for cabinets. If you work in the kitchen area and would like to be on the committee, please reach out.</p>	
<p>Stewardship - Rick Shepard</p>	<p>Thank you for the stewardship drive.</p>	
<p>Worship, Arts, and Music</p>	<p>Palm Sunday - Gather in the gathering area and walk in while singing if you are able, then sit down.</p> <p>Maundy Thursday with communion - 6:30p</p> <p>Good Friday - 6:30p</p> <p>Easter Sunday Services - 7a and 9a.</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Dates</p>	<p>March 17, 2026 May 19, 2026 July 21, 2026 September 15, 2026 November 17, 2026</p>	<p>April 21, 2026 June 16, 2026 August 18, 2026 October 20, 2026 December 15, 2026</p>

Documented Process Update - Allison	Basic Soundboard Stand Operating Procedure completed. Church Secretary processes are still in process.
Pulpit Supply Feedback	Karen reached out Pastor Emily and Pastor Cheryl. Karen then called Pastor Corrine to discuss feedback. It was a good conversation.
WC Trinity Lutheran Church	They reached out to us to possibly merge. If we did this, it would put a halt to our call process. This is no longer an option. We do not want to put our call process in jeopardy.
Triton Graduate Recognition	This will be celebrated on May 17th.
Meeting Adjournment	8:20pm - by Allison and 2nd by Deb
	Notes Submitted by Michelle Anderson



Celebrate America turning 250 years old

FLC sewing group invite you to begin decorating your home in red, white and blue. Opportunities are going to be available to you to purchase new home decor for this birthday party on May 3, 10 and 17 following the church service. Handmade items inclusive of quilts, table runners, placemats, pot holders, Kleenex tissue holders and pocket crosses will be available for purchase AND a quilt raffle with \$10 chances may be purchased. Please support your sewing group as well as add holiday decor to your home.

Celebrate Americas' birthday on July 4, 2026.

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 is available.

Local Businesses:

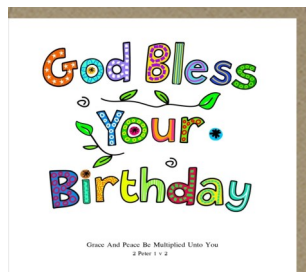
- APEX Car Wash
- Casey's
- Sunshine Foods
- Kwik Trip
- APEX Oil Change
- Center Family Restaurant
- HyVee
- WesCon Lanes

Other Businesses

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

May Birthdays

1. Diane Barber
2. Brenna Essig, Mason Mealy
3. Gary Burton
6. Weston Thomas
7. Renee Axt
9. Amy Myrom
11. Royal Bishop
12. Jill Hukee
13. Andrea Tapp
15. Declan Wolf
- 18 Carol Burzlaff
22. Anya Klein, Kayce Redican
23. Terri Hallaway
25. Bonnie Redican
27. Dave Myrom, William Rohwer
28. Zay'vion Bishop, Sonja Hruska, Lillian Rislov
31. Ron Anderson, Darlene Keller



Worship Assistants & Fellowship

Sunday, May 3

Communion Prep: Val Langworthy/Monica Keesling

Ushers: Lyn Sowieja and Bob Christianson

Reader: Renee Lehmann

Soundboard: Jason Kozisek

Streaming:

Communion servers (3): 1. Rick Wolf

2. Lisa Wolf 3. Jaci Gosse

Fellowship: Faith Family

Sunday, May 10 *Mothers Day*

Ushers: Del and Jody Steen

Reader: Deb Dodds

Soundboard: Wolf Family

Streaming: Wolf Family

Fellowship: Sunday School



Pantry of Faith Food Distribution Thursday, May 21 4:00 - 7:00 pm

This month we are collecting potatoes for a baked potato meal. Add what you think might go with this meal. Needs to be shelf stable.

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, May 17 *Seniors Recognition Sunday*

Ushers: Jaci and John Gosse

Reader: Vicki Schweiger

Soundboard: Schrom Family

Streaming: Schrom Family

Fellowship: Confirmation teachers and Education Team

Sunday, May 24

Communion Prep: Val Langworthy/Monica Keesling

Ushers: **Needed**

Reader: Jeremy Wahlstrom

Soundboard: Wolf Family

Streaming: Wolf Family

Communion servers (3): 1. Rick Wolf 2. Lisa Wolf

3. Jaci Gosse

Fellowship: Dave and Jeremy Wahlstrom

Sunday, May 31

Ushers: Lisa and Rick Wolf

Reader: Val Langworthy

Soundboard: Schrom Family

Streaming: Schrom Family

Fellowship: Lisa and Rick Wolf

May

2026

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1		1 6:30 pm AA	2 Synod Assembly in Mankato
3 Communion 9 am Worship 10 am Last day of Sunday School 10 am Fellowship 10 am WAM	4	5 8:30 am Wise Guys 9 am Exercise Class 9 am Quilting	6 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Last night of Confirmation	7 9 am Exercise Class	8 6:30 pm AA	9
10 Mothers Day 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship	11	12 9 am Exercise Class 9 am Quilting	13 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	14 9 am Exercise Class	15 6:30 pm AA	16 Caroline Otto Baby Shower
17 Graduates Recognition Sunday 8:15 am Brunch for Graduates 9 am Worship 10 am Congregational meeting	18 <i>June Newsletter articles are due this week</i>	19 8:30 am Wise Guys 9 am Exercise Class 9 am Quilting 6:30 pm Church Council 7 pm Deborah Circle	20	21 9 am Exercise Class 4 pm Pantry of Faith open	22 6:30 pm AA	23
24 Communion 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 31 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship	25 Memorial Day Honor our Vetserans	26 9 am Exercise Class 9 am Quilting	27	28 9 am Exercise Class	29 6:30 pm AA	30 April Dean Graduation Party

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