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March 3, 2024

This Week at Faith 3/04/2024 — 3/10/2024

Mon	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Young People's Bible Study Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	3:15 pm	Student Strings
Wed.	8:30 am 2:15 pm 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Chapel Faith Singers Prayer Vigil Youth Board Lenten Meal Lenten Worship Bells and Choir
Thurs.	6:00 pm	Young People's Bible Study
Sat.	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study Worship
Sun.	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SPRING FORWARD 8:45 am S.S./Bible Study	

Daily Readings

10:00 am

11:30 pm

Mar 4: Gen. 29:1-30, Mark 9:14-32; **Mar 5:** Gen. 35:1–29, Mark 9:33–50; **Mar 6:** Gen. 37:1–36; Mark 10:1–12; **Mar 7:** Gen. 39:1–23, Mark 10:13–31; **Mar 8:** Gen. 40:1–23, Mark 10:32–52; **Mar 9:** Gen. 41:1–27, Mark 11:1–19; **Mar 10:** Gen. 41:28–57, Mark 11:20–33.

Worship/Communion

GodConnects (Nature of God)

Attend a Bible Class – Small Group Bible Study is where you can meet friends that become family as you learn and grow together in your faith in Christ. We have groups for every age in your family.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us for continental breakfast at 8:15 am followed by Bible Study 8:45 to 9:45. Learning and activities for all ages.

Bible Study / Sunday School 8:45 – 9:30 AM

Pre-K – Kindergarten – CLC Youth Room 1^{st} – 2^{nd} grades – CLC 5^{th} Grade Classroom 3^{rd} – 4^{th} grades – CLC 7^{th} Grade Classroom 5^{th} – 12^{th} grade – CLC 6^{th} Grade Classroom

Adults – Pastor's Forum (Revelation) – Social Hall

GODCONNECTS Sunday 11:30 am

Adult Class – course in Christianity – Fellowship Hall

Monday Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM

Adults – *Hosea, Joel, Amos* – Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study - 7:00 PM

Adult – *Longer Look at the Lessons*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP & BIBLE STUDY

Meeting Mondays at 7:00 pm and Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall lead by Pastor Moore. The group is a special focus on young people. Join us and bring your friends!

SATURDAY HYMN STUDY

Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall on Saturdays, 10:00 am.



PRAYERS

Each week during worship we remember people in our prayers. Please use this list to minister, send a card or note, make a personal visit, and remember these people in your prayers. Please let the church office know of any changes in the ongoing prayer list.

Those ill, hospitalized or struggling:

Robert Truitt, Jean (friend of Harolyn Maynard), Virginia Leffew, Cindy Thomas, Neal Van Valkenburg, Charlene Kolterman, Don Smith, Bobby Ward (Rich and Angie Teschendorf's son-in-law), Gerrie Haferman, Deb Leech, Jeannine Gay, Rod Hinson (son of Paul and Sharon Bowlen), Jerry (son-in-law of Brian and Pat Brugger), Jennifer (friend of Cathy Shanahan), Wenda Halter, Ron VanDenBerg (grandfather of Mike Yurk), Hylie Osenkarski, Jim Vogel, Bob (nephew of Pam and Conrad Schmidt), Candy (friend of Carol Allen), Benson Birdcreek (father of PK3 student), Lauren Colas, John Shanahan, Rachel (Lois Ford's niece), Lauren Boode (friend of Adrienne Davis), Richard Ellingson, Jerry Barnes, Bill Brett.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

3/04 Barb Van Valkenburg, Victor Olsen

3/05 Loki Hayward

3/06 Matthew and Nicole Fretwell, Marian Barvinski

3/07 Becky Little

Others

A prayer of protection for those serving our country and those who have been deployed: Dillon Tate (Bill Stone grandson), Cody Bandur (Dawn Beiner's cousin), Kyle Stark (Paul Stark's son – Our Savior, Orlando), Matthew Leech (Bill & Deb Leech's son), Terrance Demps II (Fritz's neighbor), Gage Lee (FLS Alum), Wesley Van Gotum (Lisa Miller Truitt's cousin), Anna Cruz (Pastor Gary Held's daughter), Douglas Jensen (FLS Alum), Jack Rotar (Jeremy Fritz's nephew), Jesse Thurman (Brian & Pat Brugger's grandson), Gregory Gillinger.

Prayers for the Wasmund family, missionaries in Korea.

Prayers for our Church and School Staff and School students and families.

Lenten Prayer Vigil 2024



"What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!"
Prayer Vigil Wednesdays,
in the sanctuary or courtyard
from 4:30 until the service begins.



An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it. So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Barbara or Neal Van Valkenburg. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

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Stewardship

Growing in Faith Through Stewardship

Matthew 6:19-20 – "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

In this chapter of Matthew Jesus's message covers a variety of topics from giving to the needy, the Lord's Prayer, Fasting and where to lay up your treasures concluding with Do Not Be Anxious (about what we will wear, what we will eat etc.) and makes the point that God who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds, who are less to Him than His people, and will surely do likewise for us.

Every member of Faith has, at one time or another, worried about just those things, probably to no avail. Worse than the worry, it can affect how we decide to contribute to the church. When we make our contributions to the church the first thing in our line item budgets (first fruits) we declare the laying up of our treasures in heaven is our priority and trust that God will take care of the rest, making sure we will have what we need, not necessarily what we want. Contributing with that kind of faith truly is laying up our treasures in heaven.

Gifts & Memorials

We appreciate these gifts and memorials. If we have neglected to acknowledge a gift or memorial that you have given, please contact the church office. Our Stewardship Theme for 2024:

"GROWING THE FUTURE" IN Faith, AT Faith.

Based on the Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:9 "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops."

Watch for more to come as we launch this Theme. Your Stewardship Team





Your gifts and offerings are crucial for our congregation to fulfill God's calling in our community. We thank all those who have continued to give during these trying times. We have many ways for you to

provide offering to your church during this time away from the campus. You can mail them to the church or make bill pay arrangements through your bank, but did you know that you can now make your tithes and offerings safely and securely online? Just go to bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving to provide your offerings & gifts today!

Wednesday Lenten Meals Join Us for a Jolt of Food, Fellowship & FAITH

Serving from 5:30PM – 6:30 PM

With Dessert & Beverages

Wednesday Dates & Host:

March 6th - Social Ministry - Soup Supper

March 13th - Social ministry – Fried Chicken

March 20th - Board of Christian Education - Tacos

OUTREACH



Adult membership class – We have formed a new GodConnects adult membership class meeting Sundays 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith.

More information is available on the flyer in the narthex or by calling the church office.

ACOLYTES

If you are interested and would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact the church office. No experience necessary. We will train you!

Portals of Prayer Reused Please consider saving your gently used Portals of Prayer devotion books and giving them to Michael Repass. They are being saved for use through the Agape Ministry Food Pantry.



Undie Sunday!

Women's Guild is collecting underwear and socks for our local children in need. Please help by bringing in new underwear and socks in sizes to fit school-aged boys and girls. Collection efforts begin with Undies Sunday on **Saturday February 10** this year. A collection basket will be placed in the church narthex. Undies will continue to be collected through **April 7** when all items will be given to Lake County Schools. Distribution to needy students will be facilitated by Student Services. Thank you for your generosity towards our community of needy children!

WISH

[Widowing in Social Harmony]

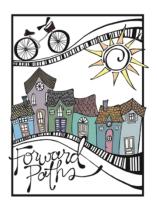
This is not a grief group. This is a group of women and men who have lost spouses or significant others and want to share in Social Services and activities with those who understand all that one goes through in the process of healing.

We meet monthly. We gather for lunches, for coffee, to see movies, to share, to volunteer in the community and at church. All are welcome and we invite the community as well. Most importantly, we enjoy new friends.

Next meeting: 12:30 pm March 18

Housewarming Shower for Tiny Homes

Faith's Women's Guild is sponsoring a housewarming shower for one of the tiny homes being built in Eustis on Grove St. Forward Paths Foundation is building 10 tiny homes to house youths who are aging out of foster care at age 18. Some teens are abandoned by their parents and left to navigate on their own. They are enrolled in high school but have no permanent housing or adult supervision. They must find a job, a place to live, and transportation. Without help, very few have the resources or life skills to become successful. One in four of these youths end up incarcerated according to DCF. Forward Paths mission is to provide temporary housing, mentors to help with job skills/finding jobs, education, counseling, materials for everyday living, and donations for necessary items such as a birth certificate, drivers license, uniforms for job or school, etc. Since the tiny homes are in our own backyard, the opportunities to help this excellent organization are limitless. They are hoping to have a grand opening around May 1st. Since we believe that each home will already have furniture, our goal is to provide the rest: bedding, towels and bathroom items, stock a kitchen with dishes, pots and pans, etc. We have established a list which will be in the Narthex for folks to sign up to donate an item or two, if you wish. Please go to their website at forwardpaths.org to learn more about this unique organization that is providing such necessary and blessed relief for unhoused youth. For more information about the shower, you can call Susan Ashcraft 352 459-4419 or Louise Repass 352 408-5772. Thank you so very much for your help with this endeavor!



Faith Lutheran School News

2024 Faith Track Season is Underway!

The Faith Lutheran Track team has started their 2024 campaign! So far, they have competed in two Tri-County Christian League Meets.

In the first meet of the season last Thursday, Lorelei L. led the girls by finishing 3rd in the shot put by throwing a personal best of 7.82 meters. The relay team of Joely S., Kendra V., Lorelei L., and Ella Z. finished 8th in the 4x100 relay. For the boys, Jack Henry H. finished 8th in the shot put. Faith also saw many personal records broken. Joely S., Henry P., and Hollis J. had personal bests in the long jump. Everett F. and Lorelei L. had personal bests in the 100, while Jack Henry H. had his best time in the 1500 meter.

In the second meet of the season on Tuesday. the Crusaders saw many good things happen. Lorelei L. threw another personal best of 7.96 meters in the shot put, and finished 2nd. Jack Henry H. also had a personal best of 8.11 meters in the shot put and finished 7th. Camden F. finished 8th in the 800 meter, while running a personal best. The 4x100 relay team of Ella Z., Kendra V., Jady A., and Lorelei L. finished 7th, while the boys team of Henry P., Camden F. Joziah S., and Gregory J. finished 8th. Kailey A., Ella Z., and Kendra V. had personal bests in the Long Jump. Kailey A. also had a personal best in the 100, while Henry P., Jacob F., and Bree Z. all had personal bests in the 200 meters. Camden F. and Landon L. had personal bests in the shot put.

With 2 meets left to go, the Crusaders look to continue to improve those personal bests and score team points.

AGAPE HOUSE NEEDS
Agape House is asking for donations of
Meals-in-a-Can for the month of March.

Passion of the Christ Viewing/Discussion March 2 & 23 6-8pm

Just in time for Holy Week, Faith Lutheran is sponsoring a "Passion of the Christ" viewing and discussion that will take place over two nights! Part Bible study, part movie watching, part potluck, come for two evenings of helping prepare our hearts and our minds for Holy week and the joyous Easter celebration after. Middle School and High school students are encouraged to attend, as well, with a parent or guardian. If not attending with a parent, a permission form would need to be signed. This is not just a youth event—this is a church-wide event for people of all ages wanting to prepare themselves for Holy week. Viewing will take place in the Fellowship Hall and we will relocate if we get too full. Both nights are potluck, so bring some food to share (we'll take care of the popcorn!). Contact DCE Mike Yurk for more information.



Easter Breakfast

Wake up early with us on March 31 for our annual Easter breakfast! Biscuits and gravy and pancakes and fruit are all on the menu this year, starting at 8am. In the middle of the breakfast, starting at 9AM, will be the Easter Egg Hunt with prizes! Read more about that below!

Easter Egg Hunt

Starting at 9AM in the Christian Life Center Faith Lutheran will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Ages Pre-k-4th grade are welcome to come and participate, with prizes being awarded for golden eggs and brown bunny eggs! This will not be something you want to miss, so please arrive as close as you can to the start to ensure your children get to participate!

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Needed!

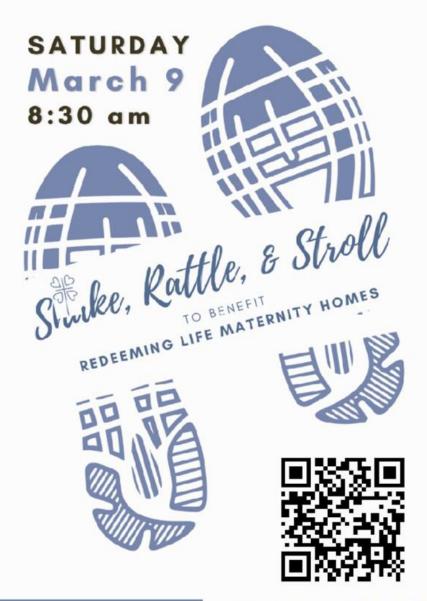
If you are feeling generous and love seeing kids smile, the Board of Youth is looking for donations of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Drop any donations off in the church office or contact Mr. Yurk!

Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that provides the space to rest in God's Word, time to spend in prayer and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend *Vocatio: Retreat* — a three-day retreat geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain. **Registration** is free and includes lodging and meals. To register, scan the QR code below, visit **csl.edu/vocatio-retreat** or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary." Hurry! Registration closes March 29.





Join the Orlando's East & West Circuit churches of the FLGA District, LCMS for a FAMILY WALK FUNDRAISER



FREE EVENT

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GET STARTED!

- Form a team to fundraise and walk together
- Organize a financial collection at your church
- Recommend a church member for the event planning committee

