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March 17, 2024

This Week at Faith 3/18/2024 — 3/24/2024

Mon	10:00 am	Bible Study
	12:30 pm	WISH
	7:00 pm	Young People's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	3:15 pm	Student Strings
Wed.	8:30 am	Chapel
	2:15 pm	Faith Singers
	4:30 pm	Prayer Vigil
	5:00 pm	Confirmation
	5:30 pm	Lenten Meal
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
	7:15 pm	Bells and Choir
Thurs.	6:00 pm	Young People's Bible Study
Fri.	3:00 pm	King's Kids Upper
Sat.	10:00 am	Saturday Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Worship/Communion
	6:00 pm	Passion of Christ Bible Study
Sun.	<u>PALM SUNDAY</u>	
	8:45 am	S.S./Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
	EASTER LILIES ORDERS DUE	

Daily Readings

Mar 18: Ex.2:1-22, Mark 14:32-52; **Mar 19:** Ex.2:23-3:22, Mark 14:53-72; **Mar 20:** Ex.4:1-18, Mark 15:1-15; **Mar 21:** Ex.4:19-31 Mark 15:16-32; **Mar 22:** Ex.5:1-6:1, Mark 15:33-47; **Mar 23:** Ex.7:1-25, Mark 16:1-20; **Mar 24:** Ex.8:1-32, Heb. 1:1-14.

Attend a Bible Class – 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 1st – 2nd grades – CLC 5th Grade
Classroom 3rd – 4th grades – CLC 7th
Grade Classroom 5th – 12th grade – CLC
6th 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

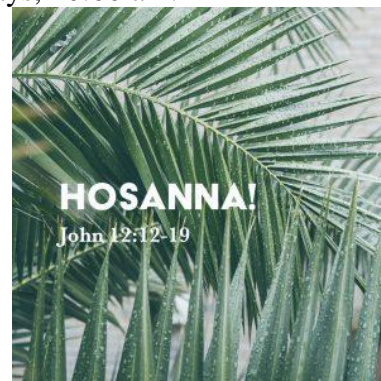
Adult – *Longer Look at the Lessons*

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.



Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their Savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.

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), Benson Birdcreek (father of PK3 student), Rachel (Lois Ford's niece), Jerry Barnes, Ned Giffey, Norma Giffey, Philip Schmidt (Conrad Schmidt's brother), Joe Armstrong, Leo Spadero (friend of Kevin and Marietta Hinton), Wes Kihlmie (Friend of Kevin and Marietta Hinton), John Hair, Clair Hair, Sharon Eslick, Dustin Curtis (friend of Holly Urie), Lisa Truitt, Nida Stroup, Sharon Bowlin.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

3/18 Kirby & Marcia Callos (52 years),

Chris Debraggio

3/20 Matthew Kappel

3/22 Beverly Mayer

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.

Prayer of thanksgiving for the preservation of Jan Voigtman's father and his release from the hospital.

Prayers of strength and comfort for Adrienne Davis at the death of Lauren Boyd.



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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Neal 352.406.2497 nealvanv@gmail.com

OUTREACH

GODCONNECTS
A COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY

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.

Passion of the Christ Viewing/Discussion March 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.

Stewardship

Growing in Faith Through Stewardship

Exodus 35:4-5 – *“Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, ‘This is the thing that the Lord has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord’s contribution’ ...*

The context of this passage is the Lord giving Moses regulations for the Sabbath. Part of these regulations deal with contributions to the Tabernacle. He goes on to list all the things that can be used for acceptable contributions, precious metals like gold and silver, beautiful cloths of royal colors, tanned skins, fine oil, and rare woods etc.

The key phrase in this regulation about contributing to the Tabernacle (church) is ..”whoever is of a generous heart”... implying that a generous heart is required for an acceptable contribution. Earlier evidence of this command was Cain’s contribution which was, apparently. made grudgingly, and thus rejected by God in favor of Abel’s. This command speaks to us at Faith as well as it did to the people of Israel under Moses’s leadership. When we give with a generous heart, the first fruits of our labors, we too will find our contributions to the mission of the church graciously acceptable to God and realize growth in faith via the Holy Spirit.

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 13 - Social ministry – Fried Chicken

March 20 - Board of Christian Education - Tacos

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!

W.I.S.H. –

Widowing In Social Harmony

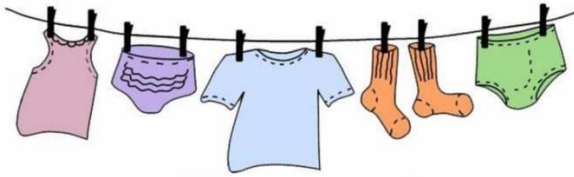
This is not a grief group. This is a group of women and men who have lost a spouse or significant other, and share in social services and activities with those who understand all that one goes through in the process of healing.

We meet monthly and gather for lunch, coffee, movies, social activities and volunteer in the church and in the community.

All are welcome – both from the Faith Family and the community! Contact Marie Nowak for more information.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 18th -- 12:30 – 2:30

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we make encouragement cards for those in the Faith Family and community needing an uplifting or inspirational message.



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. 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!

AGAPE HOUSE NEEDS

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

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.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES: MARCH 25. APRIL NEWSLETTER GOES OUT MARCH 27!

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!



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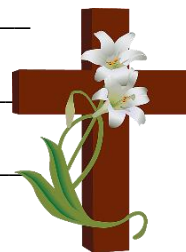
• Please fill out this order form. Include the names of loved ones or the occasion as you would like it to appear in the worship folders on Easter. Make your check payable to Faith Lutheran Church and return to the church office **no later than Monday, March 25.**

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• In Memory of _____

• In Honor of _____

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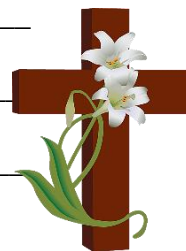
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Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that provides the space to rest in God's Word, time to spend in prayer and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend *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

