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## March 24, 2024

### This Week at Faith 3/25/2024 — 3/31/2024

Mon	<b>EASTER LILY ORDERS DUE</b>
	10:00 am Bible Study
	6:00 pm Board of Ed
	7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study
	7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	<b>DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER</b>
	3:15 pm Student Strings
	6:00 pm Elders
Wed.	8:30 am Chapel
	2:15 pm Faith Singers
	7:15 pm Choir/Bells
Thurs.	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship/ Communion
Fri.	6:30 pm Good Friday Worship
Sat.	10:00 am Saturday Bible Study <b><u>NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE</u></b>
Sun.	<b><u>EASTER</u></b>
	7:00 am Sunrise Service/Communion
	8 - 10 am Easter Breakfast
	9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00 am Easter Service/Communion

### Daily Readings

**Mar 25:** Ex. 9:1-28, Heb. 2:1-18; **Mar 26:** Ex.9:29-10:20, Heb.3:1-19; **Mar 27:** Ex. 10:21-11:10, Heb.4:1-16; **Mar 28:** Ex.12:1-28, Heb.5:1-14; **Mar 29:** Ex.12:29-32,13:1-16, Heb.6:1-20; **Mar 30:** Ex.13:17-14:9, Heb.7:1-22; **Mar 31:** Ex.4:10-31, Heb.7:23-8:13

**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 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades – CLC 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Classroom 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades – CLC 7<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Classroom 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – CLC  
6<sup>th</sup> 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

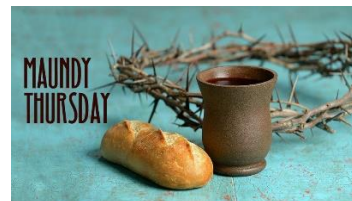
Adult – *Longer Look at the Lessons*

### 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.




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*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, Norma Giffey, Philip Schmidt (Conrad Schmidt's brother), Leo Spadero (friend of Kevin and Marietta Hinton), Wes Kihlmie (friend of Kevin and Marietta Hinton), Clair Hair, Sharon Eslick, Dustin Curtis (friend of Holly Urie), Lisa Truitt, Nida Stroup, Sharon Bowlin, Louis Zillante, Steven Scharf (son-in-law of Ellen Garvin), Christopher Constantine (friend of Conrad Schmidt), Tom Siersdale (friend of Lesley Shuster).

### **Anniversaries & Birthdays**

3/25 Ken & Stephanie Peeler (30 years)  
3/26 Ginna Ellingson  
3/27 Paul & Janet Marcil, Madeline Barnes  
3/29 Paul & Charlene Kolterman  
3/30 Conrad & Pam Schmidt (56 yrs),  
Callum Pinske  
3/31 Theresa Barnes, Caleb Drake, Harolyn  
Maynard

## **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.

## **GOOD FRIDAY Prayer Vigil**



"What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!"

**Prayer Vigil Good Friday,  
in the sanctuary or courtyard  
from 4:30 until the service begins.**



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MINISTRY.

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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## 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.

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

# Stewardship

## Growing in Faith Through Stewardship

**Luke 6:38** – *“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure, you use it will be measured back to you.”*

In this chapter in Luke, Jesus had just chosen his disciples who were called apostles and had gone with them to preach and teach to great multitudes from all Judea and Jerusalem, Tyre and Sidon. In this message He delivered the beatitudes, several woes, messages on loving your enemies and judging others. As part of the judging message, He included the short message on giving stated above. Its placement amongst the message on forgiveness is interesting in that it seems to imply there is an element of forgiveness in giving to the Lord for the work of His church.

In it He makes the point that giving generates blessings back to you. Those blessings can take many forms. Prosperity, health, family, and many other forms which we receive from God as part of our everyday life. However, that should never be the motivation for generous giving, the motivation should be giving back to God just a small portion of which He has blessed us. As believing Christians members of Faith joyfully give of our first fruits in thankfulness for all He has blessed us.

## 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](https://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 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-4<sup>th</sup> 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!

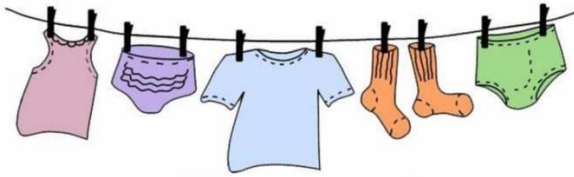
### **W.I.S.H. –**

### **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 the third Monday of each month 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.





## 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.

### FREE HOSPITAL BED

One of our members has a hospital bed that they would like to give to anyone who can use it. Please contact the church office for more information.



**Easter Lilies**

The Altar Guild has ordered beautiful Easter Lilies to decorate the chancel area of the Sanctuary for our Easter services. These flowers are available for purchase by Faith Lutheran members and friends. **The price is \$10 per plant.**

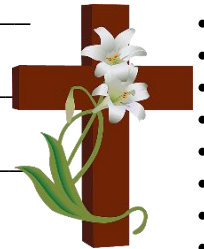
Please fill out this order form. Include the names of loved ones or the occasion as you would like it to appear in the worship folders on Easter. Make your check payable to Faith Lutheran Church and return to the church office **no later than Monday, March 25.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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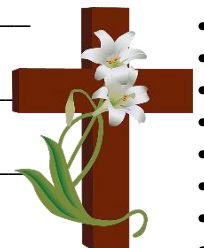
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# Try a Power Nap

*when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Proverbs 3:24*



God built specific triggers into our bodies to let us know when it's time to escape consciousness. And wise people listen to these clues. History's most notable power nappers include Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, and Winston Churchill. There is a reason why your eyelids start to droop around 2 pm. The levator muscles, which constantly contract to keep your eyelids open, give out and beg for a break. A chemical called adenosine, which collects in your brain when you're awake, piles up and makes you feel drowsy. Consequently, your body yearns for sleep to allow the adenosine to disperse, resulting in instant relief.

A study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* confirms that people who nap for at least thirty minutes daily, three times weekly, are one-third less likely to die from heart disease. Additional research suggests that taking a nap can improve creativity and memory. Cognitive neuroscientist William Fishbein says that often, during a brief nap, our brains actually keep working to resolve problems and form new ideas. That helps explain why Mozart professed to have composed music in his dreams. Studies also show that a little extra sleep can assist with weight control – which means you can lose as you snooze! Ghrelin, a hormone produced in our intestines, tells us we're hungry and triggers cravings for sweets, salty foods, and starches – all the bad stuff! However, when we sleep more, our colon stores less ghrelin, and our craving for junk food diminishes.

In Scripture, Jesus not only took frequent rest breaks himself; He encouraged His disciples to follow suit. So, try a power nap.

## **PRAYER**

***Heavenly Father, help me listen to my body and Your Word – and take a nap when needed – without feeling guilty! In Jesus' Name, Amen.***

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