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## April 7, 2024

### This Week at Faith 4/08/2024 — 4/14/2024

Mon	10:00 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Young People's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	Noon	Women's Guild
	3:15 pm	Student Strings
	6:00 pm	Council
Wed.	8:30 am	Chapel
	2:15 pm	Faith Singers
	6:00 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Bells
	7:00 pm	Choir
Thurs.	6:00 pm	Young People's Bible Study
Fri.	3:00 pm	King's Kids Lower
Sat.	10:00 am	Re:Vitality
	3:00 pm	Re:Vitality
	5:00 pm	Worship
	6:00 pm	High School Youth
Sun.	8:45 am	SS/Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
	11:30 am	GodConnects (Prayer)



**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 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!

### RE:VITALITY

Meets in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 am or 3:00 pm Saturdays -- RE:Vitality --

Connect to Disciple: How to engage the non-churched people in our community.

6:00 pm Tuesdays -- RE:Vitality -- *Shepherding Our Strays: How to actively serve our inactive members.*

### Daily Readings

**Apr. 8:** Ex. 20:1-24, Luke 4:16-30; **Apr. 9:**

Ex.23:14-33, Luke 4:31-44; **Apr. 10:** Ex.24:1-18,

Luke 5:1-16; **Apr. 11:** Ex.25:1-22, Luke 5:17-39;

**Apr. 12:** Ex.31:1-18, Luke 6:1-19; **Apr. 13:**

Ex.32:1-14, Luke 6:20-38; **Apr. 14:** Ex. 32:15-35,

Luke 6: 39-49.

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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), 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), 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, Steven Scharf (son-in-law of Ellen Garvin), Christopher Constantine (friend of Conrad Schmidt), Tom Siersdale (friend of Lesley Shuster), Alan Black (son-in-law of Pat and Brian Brugger), Tammy Frost (friend of Paul Kolterman), Bill (brother-in-law of Sharon Anger), Cheryl (sister-in-law of Sharon Anger), Graceson Callahan (brother of a student at FLS).



## **Anniversaries & Birthdays**

4/09 Addyson Ballard  
4/10 Nancy DeWitz, Phoenix Fessenden  
4/12 Andy Boxx, Ron Richards  
4/13 Sharon Maxwell

### **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.

Prayers for safe-keeping for the children, staff, and those seeking shelter with them at Habitat for Children's Ministries in Haiti.

Prayers for everyone affected by the collapse of the Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland.

A prayer of strength and comfort for Laura Ricci on the death of her mother.

Prayers for Principal Tim Leech as he deliberates a Call to be principal at First Lutheran in Clearwater.

# 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.



For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, Easter can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside but full of pain on the inside, and the joy of Easter seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs; male Stephen Ministers are always matched with men, and female Stephen Ministers are matched with women. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: *Barbara & Neal Van Valkenburg*. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Barbara – 352.406.2580  
Neal – 352.406.2497  
[barbarajvanv@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajvanv@gmail.com)  
[nealvanv@gmail.com](mailto:nealvanv@gmail.com)

## 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!

**APRIL 7**

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!

**IF YOU PURCHASED EASTER LILIES,  
THEY MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER  
CHURCH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7!**

# Stewardship

## Growing in Faith Through Stewardship

Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

**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!

## 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.



## LITTLE HOUSES ON GROVE

For anyone who would consider becoming a volunteer or simply would like to know more about helping with the Forward Paths youth at our new local "Cottages on Grove", there will be a Eustis Volunteer Lunch at noon on April 17 at the First Methodist Church in Eustis. This is a save the date only and more details will be forthcoming. As the date gets closer, an RSVP will be needed as lunch will be served. As it stands now, these luncheons will take place every month on the third Wednesday. The first one will be important as there will be a lot of information about processes and expectations. Thank you so much for your consideration of this way to share Christ's love in our community.

Also, huge thanks to our congregation for so very quickly and generously filling the requests for housewarming items for one of the cottages. The needed items have begun to pour in and we'll find out soon when and where to deliver them.



## AGAPE HOUSE NEEDS

Agape House is asking for donations of canned chicken or canned tuna fish.



## 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.



The Women's Guild will be raising money to offset the cost of the LWML Convention in September 2024. We will have a bake sale on Sunday April 14, the day before tax day! Come get a special treat for Sunday Dinner, while supporting our Women's Guild! Thank You

## VBS Volunteers needed!

VBS and the summer are starting to loom around the corner, and we want you here! June 3-7 from 9AM to 12PM each day we will be hosting our SCUBA VBS! Come check out our water-themed VBS this year! We are always looking for volunteers, so if you might be interested, please see DCE Mike Yurk!



# NOISY OFFERING



**Bring your loose pocket change to  
contribute to celebrating our  
teachers and staff during Teacher  
Appreciation Week!**

**April 14 during service**

MOMMY AND ME

# Tea Party



AT FAITH LUTHERAN

*April*  
**21**  
2:00 PM

♥♥ \$10 per family

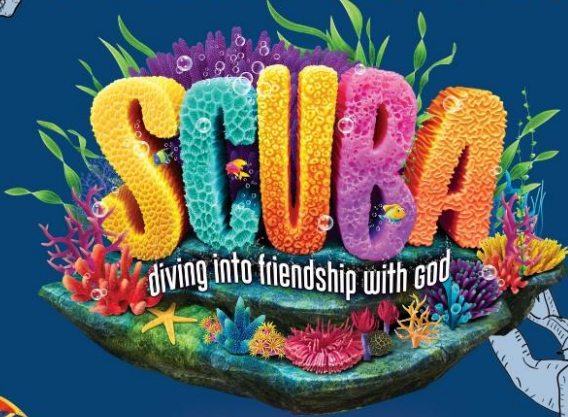
☕ Dress to impress

👒 Hats encouraged

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE




FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
& SCHOOL PRESENTS




SCUBA

diving into friendship with god



SCUBA VBS  
JUNE 3-7 9AM-12PM



PREK3-4TH GRADE  
OLDER STUDENTS WELCOME  
TO VOLUNTEER



<https://vbspro.events/p/faitheustis>





# RE:VITALITY

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## CONNECT TO DISCIPLE

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### Engaging the Nonchurched People in Our Community

#### OVERVIEW

*Connect To Disciple* uses a four-part process of “Build Awareness, Create Connections, Nurture Relationships, Make Disciples” to guide and equip congregational leaders in improving the congregation’s outreach to the lost people in their community. The workshop provides tools, including the Outreach Funnel and Outreach Pathways, to aid the congregation in creating and implementing planned and intentional actions to reach out to nonchurched people, and move from making connections to making disciples.

The desired outcomes of *Connect To Disciple* include:

- A better understanding of outreach and its centrality to the congregation’s mission and purpose;
- The identification and assessment of the congregation’s current outreach activities; and
- The ability to identify and plan congregational activities for effective outreach.



#### APPROACH



*Connect To Disciple* begins with capturing and evaluating the “as is” outreach of the congregation. Through this exercise, the participants begin to assess what makes for effective outreach and how their current outreach efforts can be enhanced. Additional exercises lead participants through identifying gateways for outreach, evaluating current and potential outreach activities, and developing Outreach Pathways to plan the intentional actions the congregation will take to implement effective outreach activities.



## QUICK GUIDE

# RE:VITALITY

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## SHEPHERDING OUR STRAYS

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### Actively Serving Our Inactive Members

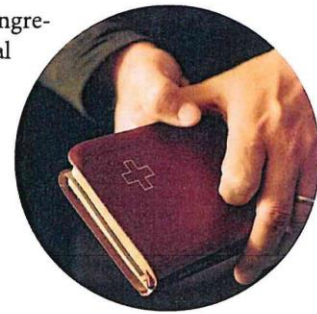
*“My people have been lost sheep ... They have forgotten their fold” (JEREMIAH 50:6).*

#### OVERVIEW

*Shepherding Our Strays* (SOS) addresses a significant challenge for many congregations: engaging members who have separated themselves from the spiritual life of the congregation. Much more than a checklist for “cleaning up the rolls” or “clearing out the deadwood,” SOS provides congregational leaders and concerned members with practical processes and useful tools for reaching out to inactive members with care and intention.

The expected outcomes of SOS include:

- A better understanding of and greater compassion for inactive members;
- A greater awareness of the need to minister to inactive members;
- A realistic, effective plan for engaging short-term inactive members;
- A realistic, effective plan for engaging long-term inactive members; and
- A CARE Team equipped to implement these plans.



#### APPROACH



SOS begins with looking at the types of inactive members. Pictured in terms of a flock of sheep, members of the congregation are identified as “Safe,” “At Risk,” “Straying,” and “Strayed.” SOS specifically addresses reaching out to “Straying” (i.e., short-term inactive) and “Strayed” (i.e., long-term inactive) members. Straying and Strayed members are served through a Contact and Visitation Plan developed as part of the workshop.

#### SERVING OUR STRAYING MEMBERS

Serving Straying members focuses on putting a process in place for early intervention. This process includes incremental and intentional contact with people who are absent from worship, which is escalated at set points. This early intervention seeks to prevent long-term inactivity.





**LEARNING**

*"Helping Students Reach Their Full Potential"*

Parental Involvement Workshop

## “Preventing Summer Learning Loss”



**April 11, 2024**

**6:00-7:00 pm**

This workshop will be presented at Faith Lutheran School  
Please rsvp (with your name, child's name, and # planning to attend)

by 4/5/24 to: [gthurston@oneononelearning.com](mailto:gthurston@oneononelearning.com)