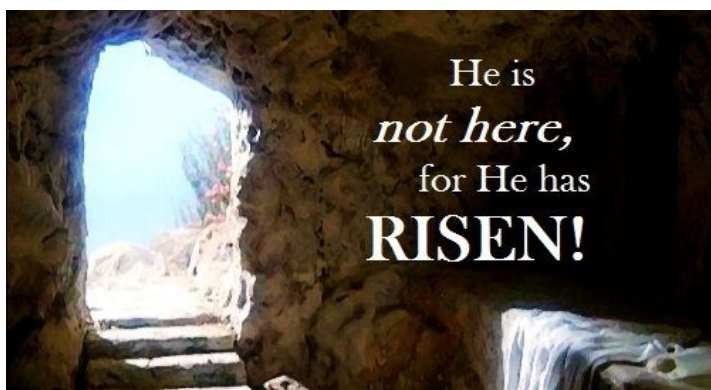


Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their Savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.

The Voice of Faith

A newsletter for the family and friends of Faith Lutheran Church & School

April, 2024



Appointments outside of posted hours are available. Please contact the appropriate office to schedule an appointment.

Weekly Worship Services

- *Saturday Worship Service - 5 pm*
- *Sunday Worship Service - 10 am*

Bible Classes

- *Sunday: 8:45 am*
- *Sunday: 11:30 am*
- *Monday: 10 am*
- *Monday: 7 pm Zoom*
- *Monday 7 pm*
- *Tuesday 6 pm*
- *Thursday: 6 pm*
- *Saturday: 10 am*
- *Saturday 3 pm*

Sunday School

8:45 am (3 years through adult)

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dheilman@flcse.org

Church Office Hours
Monday—Friday
9 am— 12:00pm and
1:00pm—3:00pm

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you will hear in the Easter Day Sermon, “For what are you here?” Hopefully, I gave you a moment to consider what your place is in this ministry and why you are here.

Some are undoubtedly here for the children, I mean, who doesn’t love children in church? Ok, maybe not everyone, but I know the vast and undeniable majority of you did join the church for the kids. Not many Lutheran Churches in the area have kids, so

we’re pretty much it.

Some of you came for the music. We have the best organist in the county, we have nearly every musical instrument possible for a church our size, and we have a wonderful mix of the classic hymnody and new music. The new being written every year by talented musical composers who use that talent to share their love and faith in Jesus.

Others are my hard-core robust liturgy

worshippers who know page 15 from the old Lutheran hymnal will be dusted off at least once a month without leaving our blue hymnal behind, as well. Not to mention, a subtle appreciation for our new Divine Service Setting 4. (I know it’s nearly 17 years old now, but come on, that is just a teenager in hymnal years). I know you appreciate our attention to the particulars of the Liturgy and will be there for worship as long as we faithfully keep that

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Prayers

Those ill, hospitalized, suffering or recovering

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; Jennifer, friend of Cathy Shanahan; Wenda Halter; Ron VanDenBerg, Mike Yurk's grandfather; Hylie Osenkarski; Jim Vogel; Bob, nephew of Conrad and Pam Schmidt; Benson Birdcreek, father of an FLS 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 Shoup; Sharon Bowlin; Louis Zillante; Steven Scharf, son-in-law of

Ellen Garvin; Christopher Constantine, friend of Conrad Schmidt; Tom Sierdsale (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 of Sharon Anger; Jack Maines, Shirley Reneker, Larry Kappel.



Anniversaries & Birthdays

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| 4/03 | Dan Duitsman, Janaye Melsha, Margaret Tomasulo |
| 4/04 | Caroline Moak |
| 4/05 | Sharon Bowlen, Martin Schubert,
Cal Shuster, Jude Walker |
| 4/06 | Ebbets Fritz, Zachary Melsha, Daniella Zebrowski |
| 4/07 | Gene & Linda Corneliussen, Cathy Shanahan |

Others

A prayer of protection for those serving our country: 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) and Gregory Gillinger.

Prayers for protection for those who are deployed.

Prayers for the Wasmund family, missionaries in Korea.

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

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

Special Prayers

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

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

Those battling cancer

Bill Anger (Sharon Anger's brother in law); Nate (friend of Cathy Shanahan); Rhoda (Courtney Campbell's friend); Amy Conrad (Karen Conrad's daughter in law); Tina Vershel (Carol Zillante's mother in law); Mary Ann Bougon (friend of the Van Valkenburgs); Jim Hartzel (friend of Van Valkenburgs); Betsy Farner (friend of Samantha Rimes); Paul French (friend of Carol Boswell); Ed Cavaliere, John Gordon (friend of the Maines'); Tyrone Purvis (nephew of the Bruggers); Carissa Marky (Carol English's cousin); Joseph Shuster (Beth Lowell's dad); Donna Heilman (Deb Heilman's sister in law); Allen Knecht (Brenda Abrehamsen's brother);

David Lowell (Ian Lowell's father); Alexander Farid (Corey & Dawn Beiner's son in law); Dana Brandon (Harolyn Maynard's cousin); Kathy Polzean (Robinson's granddaughter); Paul Voigtman (Jan Voigtman's father); Steve Gale (MaryAnn Strang's son-in-law); Dianne Gonya, Karla Auerback (friends of Dotty Weis); Tim Thompson (friend of Pam Smith); Will Camp (Jerry Barnes' brother in law); Monti Ladd (friend of the Hicks'); Patrick Taylor (Dotty Weis' cousin); Kandee Moser, (Jeanine Ryan's niece); Gary Hildreth (Barb Hildreth's son), Robert Truitt; Kenny Darety (Virginia Leffew's nephew), Kirby Callos., Katherine Pagan, (Patti & Jeff Albright), Debbie Miller (Rusk family), Chizuko Akamine, Darlene (friend of Kim and Michael Neas)



Those with extended illnesses, injuries or issues

Marian Barvinski (Janet Marcil's mother); Carolyn Rust (friend of Shanon Burke); Ken Wilkins; Rick Maines (Jack's brother); Jacky Rougeux; Bob Voss, Calvin Cheever (staff member grandchild); Dagny Robbins (Betty Robbins' mother); Diane Hutchinson (Margaret Frame's daughter); Steel Dowling (friend of Carol English); Steve Heifner (Donna Pitoniak's son); Jaque Graves (friend of the Lannings); Georgiana Clapp (Dawn Beiner's aunt); Tina Fauble (friend of Jeff & Kim Lanning); Pam Breaky (Kim Lanning's sister); Carla Rule (friend of Jeff & Kim Lanning); Roger Thomson (grandson of Ellen Garvin); Pat Giles (Cindy Thomas' mother); Kay Shields (friend of Sally Townsend).

Please let the church office know of any changes in these lists.

Financial Information

Treasurer's Corner

Treasurer's Report
INCOME/EXPENSE
February 2024

Gifts &

Memorials

A gift has been received in memory of Ned Giffey from Jack and Judy Maines.

	February	YTD
Income	\$474,529.30	\$593,882.14
Expense	\$239,967.73	\$540,094.89
Beginning Balance	-\$42,801.87	
Ending Balance	\$191,759.70	

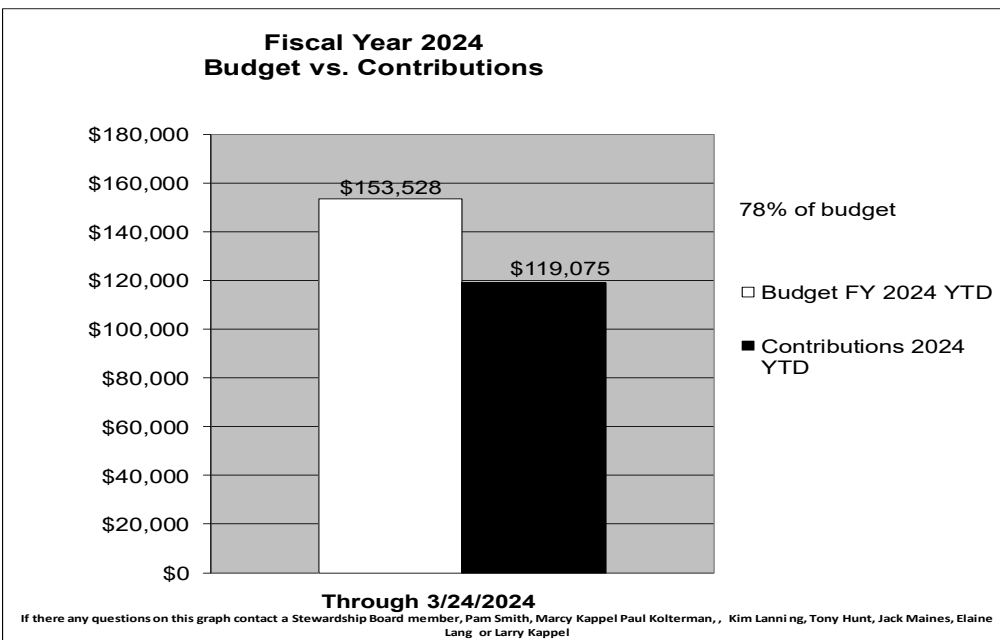
SUMMARY

1. We are 16.66% of the way through the budget year.
2. We have received 17.70% of our anticipated income for the year (the previous five year average received by this date is 21.30%).
3. We have expended 16.09% of our anticipated expenses for the year.
4. We have received \$53,787.25 more than our expenses this year.
5. At the end of February there was no outstanding invoices.
6. Month Budget Income:

2024	2023
\$44,330.95	\$41,539.99

give online

GOD'S TITHES & YOUR OFFERINGS



If there are any questions on this graph, contact a Stewardship Board member: Pam Smith, Marcy Kappel, Paul Kolterman, Kim Lanning, Tony Hunt, Larry Kappel.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Stewardship Theme for 2024.

“GROWING THE FUTURE” IN Faith, AT Faith.

Based on the Bible Verse: Proverbs 3 vs 9

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.

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. 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 or gifts today!

GROWING IN FAITH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

Paul wrote this after receiving a financial gift from the Philippian church. He says: “Because you made a financial sacrifice to the church as an expression of God’s generosity to you, both the ministry it produces and the satisfaction of being used by God will be all the sweeter.” Ministries of Faith Lutheran Church and School may be unprecedented in the history of the congregation. All these outreach ministries are the beneficiaries of generous givers in the congregation, but many more members can benefit themselves through untapped opportunities to contribute to the mission of the church.

There’s something irreplaceable about giving. It does something for us — it makes us uncomfortable in a way that we need, but scarcely want. But we all want to be the kind of people that make us generous.

Opportunities abound to add your contribution to the Church of our Risen Lord. Don’t miss out. HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED, AMEN.

Pastor's Letter (cont'd)

commitment in place.

I know many are here as professional church workers, called workers, who appreciate the opportunity to serve God in any way the church is able to see fit to compensate you. I know you appreciate how hard we have worked over the years to take care of over 40 employees who put their heart and soul into this ministry and participate in church, even if their job description does not require them to do so. Love for our school and school ministry is clearly a priority for so many of us.

In this season of Easter, we will examine our reasons for being here and compare them to why the disciples of Jesus did what they did. (For a primer on what happened to the disciples after scripture finished recording their efforts, I encourage you to look at the pamphlet that explains the meaning of each martyr portrayed in the stain glass portholes in the front of the sanctuary.) We will examine why they were there, what they saw, and what still draws us to be here, above all, in this season of Easter. The old spiritual hymn asks the question, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" and my answer has always been, "No, I wasn't there, but I know what happened there, because Jesus told me in the Old Testament as much as 3,000 years before His death, and through the Gospels ever since His death. I know HE IS RISEN...HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA"

Serving Everyone More in 2024,

Pastor Kyppl



Sundays, 11:30 am. All are welcome!

April Topics:

April 7	Who is the Holy Spirit?
April 14	Prayer
April 21	Baptism
April 28	Confession & Absolution



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
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Neal – 352.406.2497
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Milestones In April



Birthdays

- 4/03 Dan Duitsman, Janaye Melsha, Margaret Tomasulo
- 4/04 Caroline Moak
- 4/05 Sharon Bowlen, Martin Schubert, Cal Shuster, Jude Walker
- 4/06 Ebbets Fritz, Zachary Melsha, Daniella Zebrowski
- 4/07 Cathy Shanahan
- 4/09 Addyson Ballard
- 4/10 Nancy DeWitz, Phoenix Fessenden
- 4/12 Andy Boxx, Ron Richards
- 4/13 Sharon Maxwell
- 4/15 Deanna Rawlins
- 4/16 Allen Hamlin, Steve Hourigan, Jonathan Sandersfeld, Rick Worsham
- 4/17 Marcy Kappel
- 4/18 Sharon Biddle
- 4/19 Henry Prince
- 4/21 Tracy Gerken
- 4/22 Embrie Rimes, Pam Smith
- 4/23 June Olson, Rev. Marc Spaeth
- 4/24 Kim Neas
- 4/25 Tom Hickman Jr., Lydia Walker
- 4/26 Betty Poole
- 4/27 August Fretwell, Janet Leikip
- 4/28 Stephanie Schmidt, Michael Yurk
- 4/29 Katie Brockmeyer, Bennett Fretwell
- 4/30 Wrisley Muir, Donna Pitoniak

Anniversaries

- 4/07 Gene & Linda Corneliussen
- 4/23 Chuck & Joanne Williams (64 years)
- 4/24 Jerry & Karen Barnes
- 4/26 Ben & Kristen Pauluhn (10 years)



*We wish God's blessings
on all of our members
who are celebrating
anniversaries and
birthdays in the month of
April.*

Announcements for Youth Group

Lent is gone! 40 days of no “Alleluias” or “Hallelujahs” are gone, and our joy has come! As we celebrate seven weeks of Easter joy, join with us in celebration of our Risen Savior! Confirmation is soon to pass as are the yearly graduating grades. How will we as a community rise up and celebrate our new members, our new citizens, our new classmates? Join us in celebration with our events below!

Dates to Remember:

April:

- 3- Board of Youth- 5:30pm
- 10- Confirmation- 6-8pm
- 12- Lower King's Kids- 3-5pm
- 13- High School Youth- 6-8pm
- 17- Middle School Youth- 6-8pm
- 19- Upper King's Kids- 3-5pm
- 24- Confirmation- 6-8pm
- 27- High School Youth- 6-8pm

May:

- 1- Board of Youth
- 4-5- Confirmation Weekend



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!

**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>

Council Corner

Growing the Future with Faith at Faith



Gleanings from 3/12/24

The finance department is searching for ways to keep our spending down without compromising our mission! This task is not easy because everyone is excited about the increased enthusiasm toward various mission projects.

The Elders initiated Announcements and Fellowship in the Courtyard. What a fun way to learn about new and ongoing projects while visiting with friends, new and old!

Be watching for VBS information!

The Stewardship board is working on financial reporting that is accurate and understandable to everyone. And make sure you read the informational *weekly* Stewardship articles in the announcements: Growing our future with Faith.

Trustees are holding the facilities together despite cutting their budget.

Evangelism keeps up with visitor and new member information. They are working with the social committee and others to organize the Announcements and Fellowship in the Courtyard.

Social Ministry members have done a fantastic job organizing all the Lenten meals and a few other events.

LOOK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE APRIL 21st congregation voter's meeting. It will be coming at the beginning of April.

Faith Lutheran Church & School Staff

Rev. Marc A. Kappel
Senior Pastor
Timothy Leech
Principal
Michael Neas
Director of Music
Michael Yurk
Director of Christian Education
Timm Leikip
Christian Outreach Associate
Janet Marcil
Business Manager
Marcy Kappel
Business Manager
Deborah Heilman
Church Secretary
Diane Hunt
School Office Manager

Church Board of Directors

Education	Karen Conrad
Elders	Neal Van Valkenburg
Evangelism	Cindy Thomas
Stewardship	Paul Kolterman
Social Ministries	Wanda Clary
Trustees	Louise Repass

Church Officers



President	Ben Pauluhn
Vice-President	Bill Leech
Treasurer	Cindy Thomas
Secretary	Lois Ford

Those Serving

Elders

Neal Van Valkenburg
Patrick Barnes
Jeremy Fritz
Tim Leech
Chris Olsen
Mike Repass
Kip Sandersfeld
Cal Shuster
John Singlesther



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 UNDIE SUNDAY DUE 8:45 am S.S. / Bible Study 10 am Communion 11:30 am GodConnects (Who is the Holy Spirit?) 5:00 pm Community Outreach Team</p>	<p><small>Easter Ministry</small>  Church Office and School Closed 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study</p>	2	3 8:30 am Chapel 2:15 pm Faith Singers 5:30 pm Board of Youth	4 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study	5 3:00 pm King's Kids Lower	6 9:00 am Trustees 10:00 am Saturday Study 5:00 pm Worship/Communion
<p>14 LWML BAKE SALE 8:45 am SS / Bible Study 10 am Communion 11:30 am GodConnects (Prayer)</p>	<p>8 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study</p> <p>15 10:00 am Bible Study 12:30 pm WISH 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study</p> <p>TAX DAY!</p>	9 Noon Women's Guild 3:15 pm Student Strings 6:00 pm Council	10 8:30 am Chapel 2:15 pm Faith Singers 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Bells 7:00 pm Choir	11 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study	12 3:00 pm King's Kids Upper	13 10:00 am Re-Vitality 3:00 pm Re-Vitality 5:00 pm Worship 6:00 pm High School Youth
<p>21 8:45 am SS / Bible Study 10 am Communion 11:30 am Congregation Meeting 11:30 am GodConnects (Baptism) 2:00 pm Tea Party 5:00 pm Community Outreach Team</p>	<p>22 10:00 am Bible Study NOON May Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study</p> <p> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	16 3:15 pm Student Strings 6:00 pm Re-Vitality	17 8:30 am Chapel 2:15 pm Faith Singers 6:00 pm Middle School Youth	18 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study	19 3:00 pm King's Kids Upper	20 9:00 am Stewardship 10:00 am Re-Vitality 3:00 pm Re-Vitality 5:00 pm Worship/Communion
<p>28 8:45 am SS / Bible Study 10 am Communion 11:30 am God Connects (Confession & Absolution) 4:00 pm Board of Ed 6:00</p>	<p>29 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study</p>	30 3:15 pm Student Strings 8:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm Re-Vitality	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Re-Vitality sessions—Tuesday is “Shepherding Our Strays” Saturday is “Connect to Disciple”</p> </div>			

Visiting the Seminaries

Going on two weeks ago now, I began my visits to our Seminaries in St. Louis, Missouri, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. I was only in St. Louis for one full day, so my time there was spent drinking through the proverbial fire hose and trying to soak up all the information they threw at me. It was an incredible experience, nonetheless. Mrs. Kappel had told me beforehand that I would feel like I was at Hogwarts, the castle from Harry Potter, and I am happy to report that she was not exaggerating. Concordia Seminary is, essentially, a castle, and has the most beautiful campus I have ever been on. But that's not the best part about it. The people there, both students and faculty, were very welcoming and made me feel like a member of the community. Despite the busy schedule, I also found time to meet up with Josh Wareham at Prof'n Stein, an event where the whole Seminary comes together to drink beer and listen to one of the Professors speak.



While I thoroughly enjoyed my time in St. Louis, I found my time in Fort Wayne to be more relaxing. This is probably because I spent two whole days there, instead of one, but I'm sure all of the open fields they had on campus didn't hurt. I'll admit that I was a bit nervous on the trip up, though, as I had gotten the impression that the people at Concordia Theological Seminary were a bit standoffish. I was pleasantly surprised to find that this was not at all the case. Rather, the people there were just as friendly and welcoming as those in St. Louis, if not more so. Given the extra day, I was also able to sit in on more classes, interact with more Professors, and really get a feel for what life at Seminary will be like. Also, in case you were wondering, Ft. Wayne has an event similar to Prof'n Stein, only they call it Gemütlichkeit and there's no professor speaking.

Choosing between the two Seminaries is going to be hard, as both are incredible schools, but there is really no wrong decision to be made. I am currently going through the application process at both and the goal is to start this June, so I'll have to make a decision within the next month or so. Until then, I'll continue to pray about it and see where God leads. On a final note, I appreciate the support I've received and continue to receive. Thank you for all of your prayers and encouragement. It truly means a lot to me.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen Peeler

APRIL MUSIC NOTES 2024

WE ANTICIPATE WITH GREAT JOY A FESTIVE EASTER MORNING!! FES-
TIVE MUSIC WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE EASTER SEASON, WITH
CHOIRS, HANDBELLS, AND INSTRUMENTALISTS.

WE HOPE THAT ALL THE MUSIC, THROUGHOUT LENT, HAS BEEN OF
MEANING TO ALL WHO HAVE HEARD IT.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IIN APRIL, OUR CHILDREN’S CHOIR -THE FAITH
SINGERS - WILL OFFER MUSIC FOR THAT DAY’S WORSHIP. THEN OUR
ADULT CHOIR; FAITH RINGERS; AND INSTRUMENTALISTS WILL PROVIDE A
VAERIETY OF MUSIC FOR THE SEASON.

I MUST OFFER GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MUSIC
PROGRAM!! MERE THANKS SEEMS
NOT ENOUGH---



.A SPRING PROGRAM—COME ONE AND ALL!!

THURSDAY, MAY 9, AT 6:30PM

THIS PROGRAM WILL FEATURE---

---OUR STUDENT VIOLIN AND CELLO STUDENTS

---AND THE FAITH SINGERS’ PRODUCTION OF “BONES”,

THEIR SPRING MUSICAL(the story of Ezekiel)

DON’T FRET---IT’S NOT GOING TO BE THAT LONG OF A PROGRAM!!

MORE DETAILS COMING!!

MICHAEL NEAS, FOR OUR MUSIC MINISTRIES

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 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.

**Meet the third Monday of each month at
12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

For additional information, contact:

Marie Nowak

HELP NEEDED AT BIKEFEST

We have had a tent at the Leesburg Bike Fest for the last 15 years raising money for our Mission program. I know that this event is not for everyone. This year I need some new people to help if anyone is interested. Please call me, Mike Repass 352-223-7604. Over those years we have raised just under \$50,000. Without your help we will have to give up our tent this year. the event is April 26-28th.

THANK YOU

A Huge Appreciation to all that assisted in our Lenten Wednesday Meals: the Women's Guild, Board of Trustees, Board of Christian Education & those who brought food for the Church Pot Luck

It was very delicious and enjoyed by all!

We are Blessed by all that Came, Broke Bread & Shared Fellowship.

Social Ministry



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!



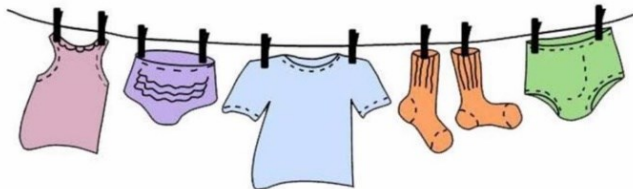
The Women's Guild will be raising money to offset the cost of the LWML Convention in September 2024. We will have a bake sale on Sunday April 14, the day before tax day! Come get a special treat for Sunday Dinner, while supporting our Women's Guild! Thank You



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.



Undie Sunday!

Undies for Undie Sunday are due 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!

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

NOISY OFFERING



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

April 14 during service

RE:VITALITY

CONNECT TO DISCIPLE

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.



RE:VITALITY

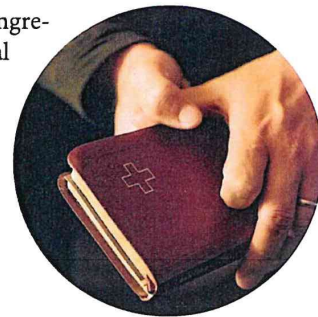
SHEPHERDING OUR STRAYS

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.



For Sale by Owner

2013 Park Model Cottage by Cedar Creek



3 large slide outs, 455 sq ft, one level, 8ft interior height

New Samsung Smart Microwave / convection oven

Custom 3-cushion, upholstered BEST sofa

Leather dual recliner

New thermal / window treatments

Dishwasher

Endless storage

Both holding tanks professionally cleaned 3/24

Roof coated 3/22

Prep for washer and dryer

Umatilla Area, YOU TOW

Contact owner : 203 300 0304
\$30,000



Fish Fry Tickets Available –

18th Annual Leesburg All You Can Eat Fish Fry

Mike Repass has two tickets to the Leesburg Fish Fry on April 4 for anyone who is interested. Cost is a free will donation. Money goes to Agape House Ministry. See Mike on Sunday if you have questions or are interested.

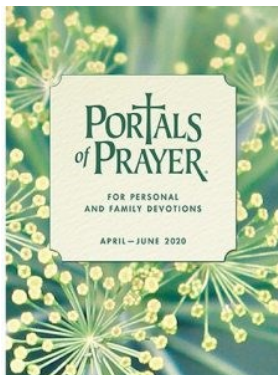
FREE HOSPITAL BED

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.



AGAPE HOUSE NEEDS

Agape House is asking for donations of canned tuna fish and canned chicken for the month of April.



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.

Weekly Volunteer Schedule for April 2024

Date	Time	Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assistants
04/06	5 PM	Bennett Fretwell	Adrienne Davis	Neal Van Valkenburg
04/07	10 AM	Dominic Herrick	Corinne Hoffert	Kip Sandersfeld
04/13	5 PM	Henry Prince	Hazel Prince	-
04/14	10 AM	Jacob Olsen	Craig Biddle	Chris Olsen
04/20	5 PM	Ethan Lowell	Beth Lowell	Cal Shuster
04/21	10 AM	Camden Fritz	Jeff Lanning	Jeremy Fritz
04/27	5 PM	Christian Menard	Deb Heilman	-
04/28	10 AM	Maddie Barnes	Braeden Barnes	Patrick Barnes
<u>Ushers</u>	Team #3 (Craig Biddle— Captain)			

Bulletin Board

This Week at Faith

04/1— 4/7

Mon. **EASTER MONDAY**
CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study

Wed. 8:30 am Chapel
 2:15 pm Faith Singers
 5:30 pm Board of Youth

Thurs. 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study

Sat. 9:00 am Board of Trustees
 10:00 am Saturday Study
 5:00 pm Worship/ Communion

Sun. **UNDIE SUNDAY ITEMS DUE**
 8:45 am S.S/Bible Study
 10:-00 am Worship/ Communion
 11:30 am GodConnects (Who is the Holy Spirit?)
 5:00 pm Community Outreach Team

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.

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
 Adult – *Revelation*– Social Hall

Sunday 11:30 am *God Connects*—Adult –Social Hall

Monday Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM
 Adult – *Hosea, Joel, Amos*– Social Hall

Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study – 7:00 PM
 Adult – *Longer Look at the Lessons*

Monday Evening Bible Study –7:00 PM—Young Adult

Thursday Evening Bible Study—6:00 pm—Young Adult

Saturday Morning Saturday Study—10:00 am—Adult—Fellowship hall

Helpful Links

Stay connected and nurtured in your faith! Keep in touch with these resources:

Church Facebook

www.facebook.com/FaithEustis

YouTube Channel [https://](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAMFrWEHjWWGjzKqZg_Z1Jw)

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Pastor Kappel's Sermons

<https://anchor.fm/marc86>

On-line Giving

bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving

DAILY READINGS

April 1; Ex.15:1-18, Heb.9:1-28; **April 2:** Ex. 15:9–16:12, Heb.10:1-18; ; **April 3:** Ex. 16: 13-35, Heb.10:19-39; **April 4:** Ex.17:1-16, Heb.11:1-29; **April 5:** Ex.18:5-27, Heb.12:1-24; **April 6:** Ex.19:1-25, Heb.13:1-21; **April 7:** Ex.20:1-24, Luke 4:1-15