

*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.*



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# The Voice of Faith

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

May, 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*
- *Thursday: 6 pm*
- *Saturday: 10 am*
- *Saturday 3 pm*

## Sunday School

*8:45 am (3 years through adult)*

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### Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9 am— 12:00pm and  
1:00pm—3:00pm

## Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, this season of Easter has been a fascinating one as I preach through the Acts of the Apostles. Many of my peers have suggested I am insane for trying to preach from Luke's account of the Apostles and the further along I get, I have to agree! What was I thinking?

But then I realized that the Acts of the Apostles has been very germane to the struggles we are having at Faith right now. In Chapter 6 the Apostles encountered difficult racial tensions,

competition for resources, and organizational change challenges.

I don't think I have to tell any of you that have lived in Eustis for the last 50 years or so the racial challenges we have had in Lake County, and that certainly affects the church and school as well. There are cultural divides that make ministry difficult and racial assumptions are rampant. I have found that over the last 15 years that relationships and love for one another conquer the fears

and misunderstandings we have in our church, school, and community. Reaching out to talk to one another, going to each other's homes, and sitting down to eat and fellowship together helps us to see that we are all a part of one race, the human race. In my incredibly limited foreign language skills, I have found that a simple greeting in my limited Spanish and long forgotten High School French makes friends quickly with those who

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## Prayers

### Those ill, hospitalized, suffering or recovering

Robert Truitt; Jean, friend of Harolyn Maynard; Charlene Kolterman; Don Smith; Bobby Ward, Rich and Angie Teschendorf's son-in-law; Jeannine Gay; Rod Hinson, son of Paul and Sharon Bowlen; Jennifer, friend of Cathy Shanahan; Wenda Halter; Ron VanDenBerg, Mike Yurk's grandfather; Jim Vogel; Bob, nephew of Conrad and Pam Schmidt; Benson Birdcreek, father of an FLS student, Jerry Barnes; Philip Schmidt, Conrad Schmidt's brother; Leo Spadero, friend of Kevin and Marietta Hinton; Wes Kihlmie, friend of Kevin and Marietta Hinton; Dustin Curtis, friend of Holly Urie; Lisa Truitt; 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; Milan Weerts; David Hoenig, friend of Timm and Janet Leikip; Maureen Hanson, friend of Brenda Adams; Carol, Karen Conrad's cousin; Sharon Eslick; Deb Stoner; Shirley Reneker; Pastor Patrick and Peggy Luke;



### Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 4/29 Katie Brockmeyer, Bennett Fretwell
- 4/30 Wrisley Muir, Donna Pitoniak
- 5/01 Jerry & Bonnie Arnold (40 years)
- 5/02 Ken & Nancy Greinke, Samuel Knittel
- 5/04 Tim Dietrich, David Ziebart
- 5/05 Scott & Karen Menard

## 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 of comfort and strength for the Voigtman family on the death of James, cousin of Jan Voigtman.

## 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 our Church and School Staff and School students and families.

### 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  
March 2024

### Gifts & Memorials

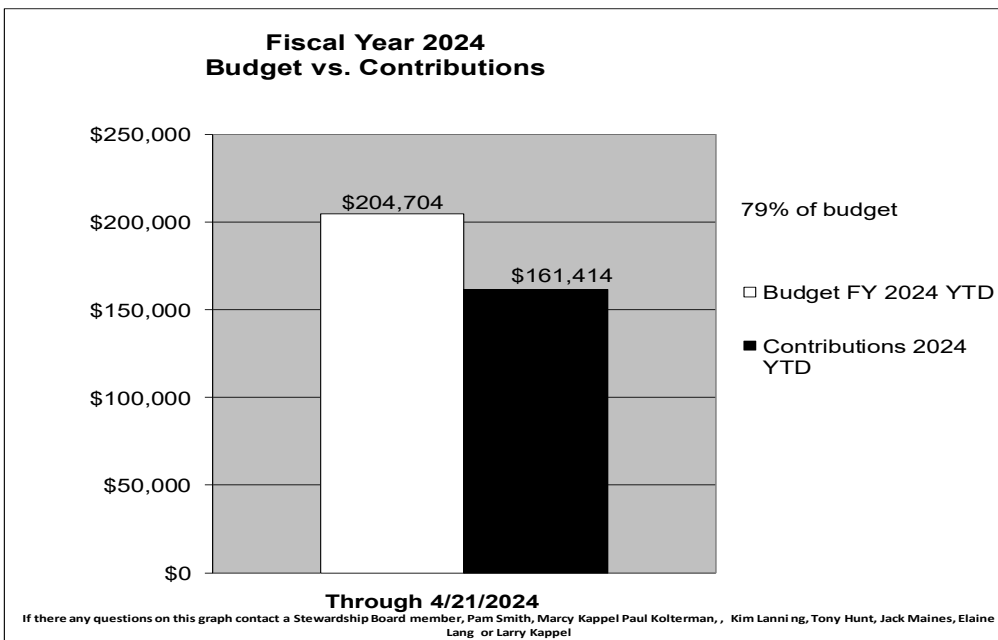
*We appreciate these gifts and memorials. If we have neglected to acknowledge a gift or memorial that you have given, please contact the church office.*

	February	YTD
Income	\$218,793.61	\$812,675.75
Expense	\$235,448.16	\$775,543.05
Beginning Balance	\$191,759.70	
Ending Balance	\$175,105.15	

**SUMMARY**

1. We are 24.99% of the way through the budget year.
2. We have received 24.22% of our anticipated income for the year (the previous five year average received by this date is 27.71%).
3. We have expended 23.11% of our anticipated expenses for the year.
4. We have received \$37,132.72 more than our expenses this year.
5. At the end of March there was no outstanding invoices.
6. Month Budget Income:
 

<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
\$46,271.82	\$37,008.79



**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](https://bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving) to provide your offerings or gifts today!

## GROWING IN FAITH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

Matthew 6:25 – *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”*

In chapter 6 of Matthew, Jesus is teaching His Disciples lessons on charity, giving to the Lord to support the work of His church and how a person should have faith that the Lord will take care of one’s needs as they make their contributions. In the same series of lessons, He introduces His followers to the Lord’s prayer.

In addition to telling us to not be anxious in the verse above, Jesus warns, do not lay up your treasures on earth where they are subject to loss, but lay them up in heaven where they last for ever (eternal life) and tells us “where your treasure is there will your heart be also”.

These words of wisdom to us at Faith, from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, point out that faith-based giving has rewards beyond anything we can imagine.

**Pastor's Letter (cont'd)**

appreciate the attempt to bring a little bit of home to English Speakers of Other Languages. Just like there are struggles between the Hellenists and the Hebrews in Acts, so we struggle between Hispanics, Haitians, Anglos and African Americans. But when prayers are offered in times of crises, when help with kids on tight schedules are achieved, and people come together to worship, we realize there is so much more in Christ that unites us than could ever racially divide us.

There is also real competition for resources at Faith right now. The belt is going to be tight for the next couple of years until our income catches up with our expenses. This is not a problem unique to Faith. And I am sure that all our long-time members in the ministry know better than most, that it has always been the problem in churches going all the way back to the Acts of the Apostles. I can say faithfully our giving is better than it has been in years, and considering our recent challenges, many have really stepped up to the plate to do more. Families are adding extra offering envelopes to get more family members to give. Staff members are taking pay cuts to help in these difficult times, and one lady blew me away by committing to give an extra \$200 a week to help as long as she is able! What a blessing for all of you to recognize the challenges and respond with your time, treasure, and talents. With every little cut, every expense avoided, and every extra penny offered, we get closer to financial peace that God wants for all of us.

Finally, we have the challenge of leadership, organizational, and employee changes. This was always the problem in churches all the way back to Acts, as well. God calls people away and God provides new people in our midst to fill in. Terms run out and board positions are refilled. Committees are discontinued and responsibilities are shifted. Amid all these changes necessary, tasks can be left out. And while we find ways to be flexible with change, it's not without pain. People are missed, ministry is adjusted and readjusted when the solution causes more problems than the problem did. Then we act in confession and absolution, repentance and forgiveness, and change the way we think and act. Then we can see what Christ thinks and receive His blessings acted upon us.

Does it always work well? Does it always make everyone happy? Does it all matter in the long run? Only God knows, and we know He will guide us through it all.

Blessings Galore in 2024




In John 15:12, Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor’s job—it’s something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who most need it. If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, contact one of our Stephen Leaders Barbara (352.406.2580) or Neal Van Valkenburg (352.406.2497) about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ’s love.



Sundays, 11:30 am. All are welcome!

May Topics:

May 12	Baptism
May 19	Confession & Absolution

# Milestones In May



## Anniversaries

- 5/01 Jerry & Bonnie Arnold (40 years)
- 5/02 Ken & Nancy Greinke
- 5/05 Scott & Karen Menard
- 5/13 Ian & Beth Lowell
- 5/29 Patrick & Theresa Barnes (20 years)
- 5/31 Robert Miller and Karen Knapp

## Birthdays

- 5/02 Samuel Knittel
- 5/04 Tim Dietrich, David Ziebart
- 5/08 Stephen Peeler, Lynn Rogers
- 5/09 Carol Allen, Robert McGinty, Nida Stroup
- 5/11 Patrick Fitzgerald
- 5/12 Ric Hoffert
- 5/18 Nathan Peeler
- 5/19 Deborah Heilman, Bethany Olsen
- 5/20 Jean Moore, Jacob Neas, Elaine Laing
- 5/21 Janet Marcil, Betty Sorensen
- 5/22 Alexander Kolterman
- 5/24 Dawn Beiner, Fox Fessenden, Gunnar Rimes
- 5/25 Richard Ellingson, Beth Leech
- 5/26 Scott Gerken
- 5/27 Everett Fretwell, Jeremy Fritz, Caroline Tormey, Charlie Brown
- 5/29 Timothy Schmidt
- 5/30 Dineen Sandersfeld, Quinn Walker
- 5/31 Shirley Reneker

*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

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:

May:

- 1- Board of Youth
- 4-5- Confirmation Weekend
- 8- 4th-6th Grade Middle School Youth
- 11- High School Youth
- 15 - 7th-8th Grade Middle School Youth
- 17 –King’s Kids—Upper and Lower
- 25 –High School Youth



### Confirmation Weekend May 4 and 5

Next weekend we will be celebrating with six confirmands as they complete the Rite of Confirmation. During the Saturday Worship on May 4th, these young people will share their profession of faith. On Sunday, May 5th they will be confirmed and participate in Holy Communion. This year's Confirmands are:

*Daniel Barnes, Kenzie Byrnes, Rhease Fickett, Everett Fretwell, Jaxton Thompson, Daniella Zebrowski*

## 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



Council had a roundly positive meeting in April, focusing on the health of our ministry, and the opportunities ahead. Council has been working diligently on planning for FY '24-25 as we break out our budget into more manageable date ranges (July 1 – June 30 of each year). This coincides with budgetary adjustments being made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2024, which is right-sizing both revenue and expenditure to target a surplus.

We are seeing wonderful programming on campus, ranging from mother daughter tea parties with over 100 attendees to an incredible Holy Week celebration across campus.

Looking to our future, we are grateful for our called workers, grateful for the community we serve and look forward to following where Christ leads.

### Faith Lutheran Church & School Staff

#### 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

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



# MAY 2024



Confirmation Weekend

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Confirmation Weekend</b>						
5 <b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am Worship/ Communion 5:30 pm Community Outreach	6 10:00 am Bible Study 3:15 pm 'Bones' Practice 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study	7 3:15 pm Student Strings 6:00 pm Middle School Spring Concert	8 2:15 pm 'Bones' Dress Rehearsal 6:00 pm 4th-6th Middle School Youth 7:00 pm Choir	9 8:30 am Ascension Worship/ Communion 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 6:30 pm "Some Strings and Bones"	10 5:30 pm FLS Art Fair	11 9:00 am Re:Vitality 10:00 am Re:Vitality 3:00 pm Re:Vitality 5:00 pm Re:Vitality Communion 6:00 pm Confirmation Dinner
12 8:45 am SS/Bible Study 10:00 am Communion 11:30 am GodConnects (Baptism)	13 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study	14 Noon Women's Guild 6:00 pm Council 6:00 pm FLS Elementary Music Concert	15 8:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm 7th-8th Middle School Youth	16 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study	17 3:00 pm Kings Kids- Lower and Upper	18 9:00 am Stewardship 10:00 am Re:Vitality 3:00 pm Re:Vitality 5:00 pm Worship/ Communion
19 <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 8:45 am SS/Bible Study 10:00 am Communion 11:30 am GodConnects (Confession/Absolution) 5:30 pm Community Outreach	20 10:00 am Bible Study 12:30 pm WISH at Ferran Park 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study	21 6:30 pm FLS Kindergarten Celebration	22 8:30 am Chapel	23 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study	24 8:30 am Closing Chapel 6:30 pm FLS 8th Grade Graduation Service	25 5:00 pm Worship/ Communion 6:00 pm High School Youth
26 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 8:45 am SS/Bible Class 10:00 am Communion	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED</b>	28 6:00 pm Elders	29	30 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study	31	



Faith Lutheran Church Presents

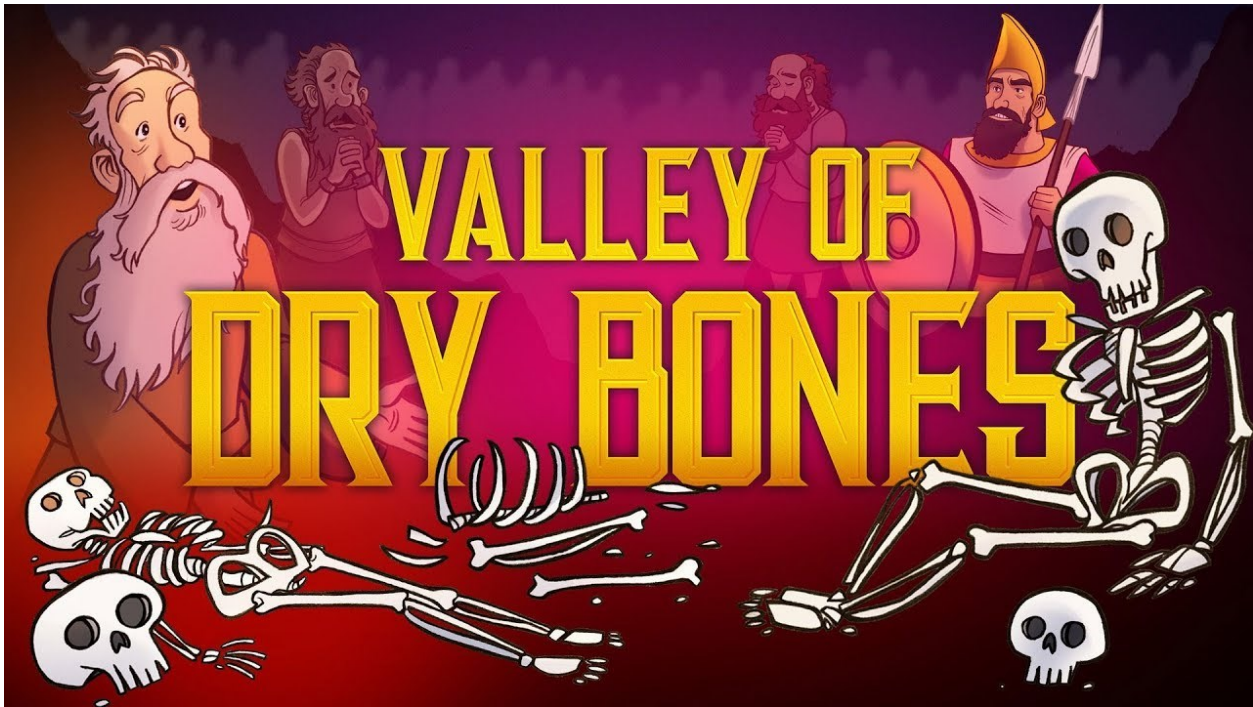
*“Some Strings and Bones”*

*featuring student violin and cello musicians*

*and the Faith Singers’ Production of*

*“BONES”*

*A musical story of Ezekiel*



*May 9, 2024*

*6:30 pm*



## MUSIC NOTES FOR MAY, 2024

THE FAITH FAMILY IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND “SOME STRINGS AND BONES”, THURSDAY, MAY 9, AT 630 PM IN OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY.

THIS PROGRAM FEATURES MUSIC BY ALL OUR STRING STUDENTS – INCLUDING THE BEGINNING VIOLINS. AND IT INCLUDES EVERYTHING FROM CELTIC DANCES TO THE WILLIAM TELL OVERTURE (which you will recognize), AND PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN.

CHRISTIAN MENARD SOLOS WITH BACH, AND LERA AMBRAY HAS A VIRTUOSO SOLO ENTITLED “CELTICA”. THERE IS MUSIC FOR EVERYONE!!

FOLLOWING A QUICK INTERMISSION, THE FAITH SINGERS WILL PRESENT THE MUSICAL “BONES”, THE STORY OF EZEKIEL. THERE IS SOME GREAT MUSIC AND DANCING!!!!!!!

PLEASE COME AND JOIN WITH THE STUDENTS FOR THE PROGRAM. IT PROMISES TO BE QUITE ENJOYABLE!!



MICHAEL NEAS,  
DIRECTOR OF CHURH MUSIC

## 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**

**NEXT MEETING – Monday, May 20**

**ROAD TRIP!!**

**Faith Folks and Community are Welcome!**

**12:30 - 2:30 pm**

**Ferran Park**

**For more details contact**

**Marie Nowak**

email [mnowak961@yahoo.com](mailto:mnowak961@yahoo.com)

cell/text [630-400-7066](tel:630-400-7066)



## 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!**

## Forward Paths

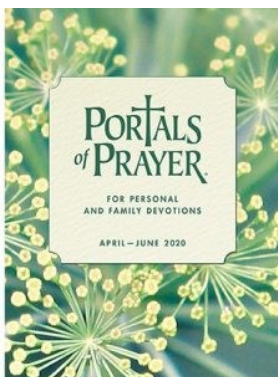
Faith Lutheran was very well represented at the recent Forward Paths luncheon held at the First Methodist Church on Grove St. in Eustis on April 17th. The director, Denise Burry, provided an overview of the project and what volunteers and mentors would be doing with and for the youths housed there.

We were excited to be able to tour one of the cottages. The architect used the 600 sq ft wisely; with 2 bedrooms, a tiny full bath, kitchen and living room. There's also a small storage area in the back of each home. There is a generous amount of land for the community garden with which our Outreach Team hopes to assist. The 20 youths who will be allowed to reside there will no doubt feel very blessed to have such a great place to call home, even if only temporarily. They will be going to school and/or working in order to become independent and move on.

Due to a slight delay in electrical equipment, they may have to move their grand opening (May 17) back a bit, but that won't delay all those who might be interested in helping out once the youths move in. There are a myriad of opportunities: donating paper goods/toiletries/laundry items/cases of water, being a mentor for one of the youths, helping with office/clerical, housekeeping, food/pantry day, and occasionally providing transportation for various reasons.

When we get closer to the grand opening, we'll deliver all the "shower" items that were collected by Women's Guild. Thank you so much again for your very generous donations. Let's show a warm welcome for these kids who have struggled hard to get to where they are today.

If questions or you would like to provide assistance, please call either Forward Paths at 352 801-8631 and ask for Arlene Golden or call Susan Ashcraft at 352 459-4419.



## 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.



FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL

2024

# ART

FAIR

FRIDAY  
MAY 3RD, 2024

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5:30-6:30 PM

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CLC GYM AT FAITH



# DO YOU OWN A GREAT BUSINESS THAT YOU WANT TO ADVERTISE?

Be a part of our Crusader Sponsor  
Pages in our school yearbook!

ADVERTISE TO OVER 200 FAMILIES  
WHILE HELPING OFFSET THE  
COST OF A STUDENT YEARBOOK.

DESIGN AND SUBMIT  
A 1/4 PAGE AD  
COST: \$40

**SUBMITTAL AND PAYMENT DEADLINE MAY 31**

All digital ADs or questions please email  
Megan Hunt - [mhunt@flcse.org](mailto:mhunt@flcse.org)  
Hard Copies and payments please bring  
to Ms. Diane in the school office.

# **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

RE: Vitality Connect to Disciple -- Focus on Nonchurched in the Community

Outcomes:

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;

The ability to identify and plan congregational activities for effective outreach.

## **WELCOME**

**Sunday, April 28 is New Member Sunday. Please welcome the following new members and their families to Faith:**

**Sam Moak, Allison Boemer, Nate Neibauer, Katie Hill,**

**Cindy Wolke, Nancy Keane, Mike McCullough, Sherri McCullough**

### **Christmas in July to Benefit Open Door**

The Community Outreach Team is reaching out to support clients of The Open Door with a "Christmas in July" project.

See the flyer (on page 20) for a list of items needed to complete the backpacks that will be distributed. A collection bin will be available in the narthex beginning the weekend of April 27th and 28th.

Watch for an announcement for a "Packing the Packs" event prior to the July distribution.

Questions? Contact Roz Scherf @ 352-720-5190.

# 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.





## Christmas In July for Open Door

The Outreach Committee is planning a Christmas In July Event for Open Door. 40 backpacks will be filled with many needed supplies. Some things have already been donated. If you would like to help us collect gifts for their presents, we need the following items:



= Well made Backpacks - 5 men,  
10 women, or donate \$4.75 for one  
backpack that the committee will buy.



= 30 mens pairs are needed



= 40 very small bags of candy



= 10 women deodorants & 30 men  
deodorants



= 100 insect repellent pens for \$125.00

All of the above are needed by June 16th. Call Roz for  
any questions - 352-720-5190

8TH ANNUAL FAITH LUTHERAN

# BASKETBALL CAMP

Boys & Girls  
Kdg to 8th grade

10-14 JUNE

Faith Lutheran School

\$105  
BEFORE  
MAY 10  
\$125  
AFTER



THE FAITH LUTHERAN FUNDAMENTALS BASKETBALL CAMP PROVIDES BOYS AND GIRLS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS IN THE GAME OF BASKETBALL. WHILE LEARNING THE SKILLS, CAMPERS WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO COMPETE IN TEAM GAMES AND INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS. CAMPERS LEAVE CAMP WITH A NEW-FOUND PASSION FOR THE GAME AND RECEIVE A T-SHIRT AND BASKETBALL.

**K-4TH GRADE**

9.00 AM-12.00 PM

**5TH-8TH GRADE**

1.00 PM-4.00 PM

Registration link



[Faith Lutheran Basketball Camp](#)

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# CHANGING PATHS

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Post-Easter greetings to you, our dear friends and family. Today, and always, we can exclaim, 'He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!' In light of this good news, we are blessed to serve here as your partners in ministry.

Spring has brought the beautiful cherry blossoms (#1) and azalea blooms that brighten the otherwise grayish landscape that is common to large capital cities. But more importantly, spring means Easter. At International Lutheran Church, two special baptisms and two adult confirmations took place. Myeongsu was one of the first to greet our young family at ILC when we arrived in 2010. As an avid studier of Scripture, his knowledge of God's Word was impressive. Yet, he resisted receiving God's gift through water and Word. After many weeks of individual instruction with Pastor Carl, Myeongsu gratefully approached the baptismal font and the congregation celebrated this most special day (#2, #3).

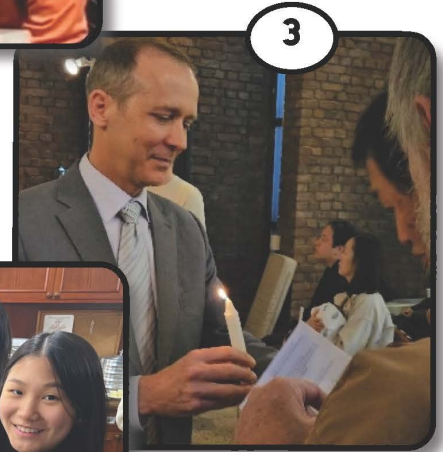
Lily and Olivia continue to play helpful roles at church, from assisting with the younger children to serving at fellowship events (#4) and any task as needed. As part of the larger church community, we are thankful to serve alongside others, including new friends and long-time friends such as James and Tika Rush (#5). We met James in 2005 when he came to Taiwan with the LCMS to teach at our partner school system, Concordia, and he has continued to selflessly serve in multiple contexts across the Asia region.



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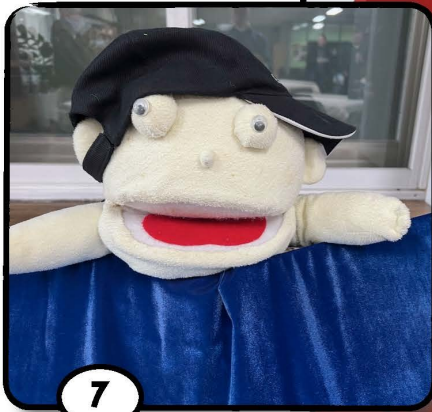
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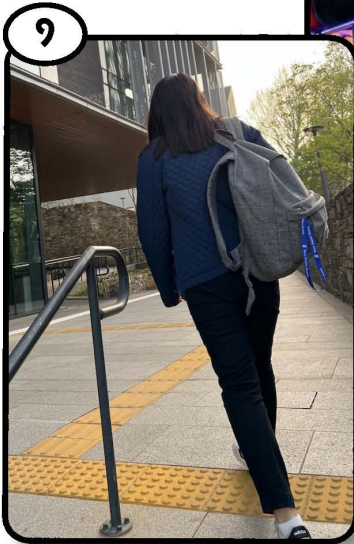
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The children's education program at ILC has continued to grow and now is comprised of more than 20 children. This spring, we are focusing on a Books of the Bible series we created in order to reinforce Bible literacy and motivate the children to memorize key verses and events in each book, starting with the Old Testament (#6). To open each class, a Sunday School favorite - Gordy (#7, voiced by Chenhsi Hanson) - helps introduce the lesson for the day through an interactive skit with Matt. Everyone loves Gordy!

At the girls' school, they were given the opportunity at a school-wide assembly to share how their faith motivates them in service to others (#8). And, speaking of school, this is the last semester of high school for Lily, pictured here on her last day of regular classes (#9). A rather grueling two weeks of finals await her to close out her secondary education career. Then....university in the U.S.! We know God will bless and keep her in His care.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our ministry here. We value your partnership more than you know!

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Weekly Volunteer Schedule for MAY 2024

Date	Time	Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assistants
05/04	5 PM	Ethan Lowell	Beth Lowell	Michael Repass
05/05	9 AM	Bennett Fretwell	Pastor Spaeth	John Singelsether
05/09	8:30 AM	Everett Fretwell		Jeremy Fritz
05/11	5 PM	Christian Menard	Adrienne Davis	
05/12	10 AM	Dominic Herrick	Bob Krall	Michael Repass
05/18	5 PM	Acolyte: Maddie Barnes crucifer: Daniel Barnes	Theresa Barnes	Neal Van Valkenburg
05/19	10 AM	Acolyte: Landon Leech Crucifer: Lorelei Leech	Kim Neas	Tim Leech
05/25	5 PM	Acolyte: Henry Prince	Hazel Prince	Michael Repass
05/26	10 AM	Acolyte: Shea Fritz Crucifer: Camden Fritz	Jeremy Fritz	Neal Van Valkenburg
<u>Ushers</u>	Team #1 (Jack Maines — Captain)			



# Bulletin Board

## This Week at Faith

**04/29— 5/5**

Mon.	10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study
Tues.	8:30 am Chapel 3:15 pm Student Strings 4:00 pm Board of Education 6:00 pm Board of Elders
Wed.	2:15 pm Faith Singers 5:30 pm Board of Youth
Thurs.	6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study
Fri.	5:30 pm FLS Art Fair
Sat.	9:00 am Board of Trustees 10:00 am Re:Vitality 3:00 pm Re:Vitality 5:00 pm Worship/ Communion 6:00 pm Confirmation Dinner
Sun.	Confirmation Sunday 9:-00 am Communion 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

PreK—4th Grade—CLC 7th Grade Classroom  
5th Grade—High School – CLC 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom  
Adult—*The Story of Scripture*-CLC 8th Grade Classroom  
Adult – *Justification*- 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 Re:Vitality—10:00 am and 3:00 pm—Adult—Fellowship hall**

## Helpful Links

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

### Church Facebook

[www.facebook.com/FaithEustis](http://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](http://bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving)

## DAILY READINGS

**April 29:** Lev.21:1-24, Luke 12:1-12; **April 30:** Lev.23:1-22, Luke 12:13-34; **May 1:** Lev. 23:23-44, Luke 12:35-53; **May 2:** Lev. 24:1-23, Luke 12:54-13:17; **May 3:** Lev.26:1-20, Luke 13:18-35; **May 4:** Lev.26:21-33,39-44, Luke 14:1-24; **May 5:** Num. 3:1-16, 39-48, Luke 14:25-15:10