

# NEWS AND NOTES

← **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Darla Berg in memory of her parents. →

**PASTORAL CALL RETURNED** We want to update everyone that Pastor Brian McQuiggin has decided to return the call extended by Faith to remain at River of Life in Saint Peter, Minnesota. He passed along encouraging words about our ministry and direction at Faith, but ultimately feels that his work in Saint Peter is not yet complete. Please join us on March 17 at 12:30 pm at the regular scheduled voters meeting, where we will be voting to extend a call to one of the two remaining candidates from the previously approved preferred list. Information regarding these 2 candidates can be found on your bulletin insert.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** will continue this week through March 20th. Midweek Lenten services are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the South Sanctuary.

**MIDWEEK MEALS** are served each week on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. The menu is as follows: March 13 – lasagna, March 20 – soups. There are food donation sign-up sheets at the welcome center and on the counter on the north end of the building. Money raised will go to support Katie Pohlmann who is serving as a Youth With A Mission (YWAM) missionary in Brazil.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)** will meet on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

**VOTERS' MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY** There will be a regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. We will also be voting to extend a call for our next pastor at this meeting.

**EASTER LILY ORDER FORMS – DUE NEXT SUNDAY** See your bulletin insert for this year's Easter Lily order form. Please turn order forms and checks into the offering plate or church office by Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**FAITHFUL SERVANTS** next regular monthly meeting will be Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Richard Crabtree will be giving a presentation on railroad history. Jim and Betty Garton and Marie Isbell will be the hosts. Please plan to join us!

**PASSOVER SEDER MEAL FOR CHRISTIANS** We will be celebrating the Passover here at Faith this year with a Seder designed for Christians. **The meal and ceremony will begin at 5:30 PM on Thursday, March 28th** followed by our **Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion at 7:30 PM**. So we can plan for the right amount of food, please RSVP your attendance on the sign-up sheets found at the "Welcome Center" on the south-end (8:30 AM service) and the refreshment counter (11 AM service) on the north end of our facility. You may also make your reservation by emailing the church office at [faithlutheransec@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheransec@gmail.com). There is no charge for the meal, however, a freewill offering will be received.

**ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS** The youth are once again gearing up for the annual Easter breakfast, and they would love donations of auction items. In the past, we've had everything from quilts to crafts to gift baskets and food! Be creative and start thinking ahead, please. We appreciate your help!

**EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS** Our annual Easter egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday at 9:00 AM. More information will be given as time gets closer. Any candy donations for the eggs would be greatly appreciated. When buying candy, please keep in mind that candy needs to fit inside a plastic egg. Containers for donated candy will be placed near the north and south church doors. Any questions? Contact Diane Meyer.

**SAVE THE DATE** The Missouri Lutherans for Life Conference will be held here at Faith Lutheran on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to noon. We would love to have a large turnout for this event so mark your calendars! More information will be coming soon.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**MEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY – THIS WEEK** Our next monthly Men of Faith Bible Study will meet on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 10:30 AM. In February, we began a 4-session study called “How to Spot the Spirit’s Work in Your Life.” This will be session #2. We will be meeting in “The Gathering Room” at the north end of our facility. Please enter through the doors on the northeast side of the Peters Family Life Center (north building).

**ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS – BEGINS TODAY** Pastor Dave will be teaching an 8-week section of his “What Lutherans Believe” class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall beginning today. This class is designed for adults and older youth who have not been confirmed in the Lutheran Church but are interested in joining Faith as official members. (NOT INTENDED FOR OUR ESTABLISHED MEMBERS.) The class covers the “Six Chief Parts” of Lutheran teaching from Luther’s Small Catechism. If you are interested in being a member of this class, and have not done so already, please contact Pastor Dave.

**LAMB OF GOD, PURE & HOLY LENTEN DEVOTION REFLECTIONS** This Sunday morning study will be participant driven as we discuss the Bible readings and topics from the “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” Lenten devotional book. Classes will be held in the Gathering Room during the education hour throughout the month of March.

**WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY** This group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Room. They are currently studying “Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph” by Donna Snow. They will next meet on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and will be covering Chapter 5.

**SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH STUDY** Harold Tscherny leads this study for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students on Sunday mornings during the education hour. It is held in classroom FC-4 (the game room).

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets each week at 9:45 AM in the Peters Family Life Center, rooms 1 & 2.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION** is on Sundays at 12:15 PM. There will be no confirmation class today, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**INKLINGS IS AN ONLINE BOOK CLUB – WILL NOT MEET IN MARCH** This book club is held by Zoom on Tuesdays, starting at 8:30 pm. Anyone interested and available to participate can contact either Pastor Dave Benson or Cody Jeffries for more information.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** Pastor Jerry Markel leads a Bible class on Thursday mornings at 9 AM. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall. For the most up-to-date schedule, please check the church calendar at [www.flc-s.org](http://www.flc-s.org). The calendar can be found under the “Activities” tab in the “Calendar” section.

# COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

**LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE SURVEY** Are you interested in helping a community recover after a natural disaster and showing the love of Christ to people in need? Have you ever volunteered for a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)? Your opinion can help LCMS Disaster Response improve its organization and training of LERT volunteers so that they are ready to deploy when a natural disaster strikes. Please take a brief survey at [lcms.org/lert-survey-congregation](https://lcms.org/lert-survey-congregation) and let us know how you think we can improve LERT training and provide relief more effectively to natural disasters. All surveys must be completed by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS SEEKING A 1ST GRADE TEACHER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.** Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree, preferably in education, hold Missouri teaching certification, and be certified by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (or be willing to work toward that through the Colloquy program). They are seeking candidates who are dedicated to being a spiritual, educational, and professional leader of the school and church community. They are looking for motivated, organized individuals who are committed to providing our students with an engaging, loving, and supportive Christian classroom community. Interested individuals should reach out to the school office at [sls@rlcmail.org](mailto:sls@rlcmail.org) or (417) 883-5717.

**LEONARD WALLENMEYER LIFE AWARD SCHOLARSHIP – DUE THIS WEEK** The Leonard Wallenmeyer Life Award is a scholarship available to high school seniors (one homeschool student, one public school student, and one student from each Missouri Lutheran high school) who are dedicated to the mission of Lutherans for Life. The application deadline is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. The application and more information can be found at <https://www.lfiofmo.org/leonard-wallenmeyer-award.html>.

**LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER SPRING MEAL SIGN UP – LOTS OF SLOTS STILL AVAILABLE** The 2024 Spring Semester is in progress and the LSC could really use your help with providing a meal for their Tuesday Night Prayer & Praise. They usually have around 20-25 students per week. Meals will need to be dropped off between 5:00 & 5:45 PM. To sign up to provide a meal, visit the link at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4EA4AD2CA1F94-46449725-spring>

**CROSSLINES FOOD PANTRY** Faith Lutheran is signed up to volunteer at Crosslines every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Shifts can be split: 8:30 – 11:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please contact Kim DeLuce with questions, or to schedule the time you can help out with this incredible organization. The next volunteer opportunity will be on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SEW ON AND SEW FORTH** If you would like to help with completing quilts, we work on projects on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. If you can thread a needle and tie a knot, we can use your beautiful hands. These quilts can be taken home and tacked while you watch TV or listen to an audio book.

**LUTHERAN FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES** is still in need of diapers (size 3 and up), wipes, diaper cream, tearless baby shampoo, and baby lotion. Can you help? We have a basket for baby supplies in the narthex. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR SHINE!** Faith Lutheran will again be participating in the Missouri District SHINE event by having a work day at Open Arms Childcare Center in Ozark on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24			March 3, 2024	
<b>Discipleship</b>			<b>Returning God's Gifts</b>	
Communicant:	148		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$5,786.00
Baptized:	166	<b>17.0%</b>	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$335.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	<b>\$6,121.00</b>
<b>Attendance</b>		in 2024		
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	57		<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	\$4,923
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	40			
Online	7			
			<b>ABUNDANCE Last Week</b>	<b>\$1,198</b>
<b>Total in Person:</b>	<b>97</b>		<b>ABUNDANCE for Year</b>	<b>\$15,612</b>

## Stewardship in Time and Talents Serving in the House of the Lord

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(3/10)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(3/17)</u>
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Cliff Vest	Jim Garton
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Daryl Bahn	Joye McElwee
Proclaim Service:	Nathan & Grace Meyer	Tyson Bourbina
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Carole Jones	Ann Dobbs
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Darla Berg	Stacey Bourbina
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Marie Johnson	Ryan Hadank
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)	Marie Johnson	
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Carole Jones	Brenda Owen
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Grace & Leah Meyer	Carol Bourbina
Children's Message	Pastor Dave	Pastor Marler

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones:

*The Family of Dean Novak* (widow Ruth is a friend of Brenda Owen)

*The Family of Frank Jones*

*The Family of Jennifer Bryant* (science teacher at Hillcrest High School)

*The Family of Shannon Hodges* (daughter-in-law of Kathy & John Hodges)

## Homebound:

*Nancy Engelking*

*Gene & Isabell Ervin*

*Wanda McCann*

*Teresa Murphy*

*Betty Wessler* (Spring Ridge Assisted Living)

*Mary Ellen Wolf* (Castlewood Senior Living)

## Those Afflicted With Cancer

*Angela Hardison*, niece of Marie Isbell (stage 4 cancer)

*Sarah Tessaro*, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Springfield Lutheran School (colon cancer)

*Pastor Gary Griffin*, retired pastor from Immanuel in Lockwood (stage 4 neuroendocrine cancer)

*Randy Austin*, friend of the Bensons

*Marlys St. George*, sister of Frank Jones

*Pastor Tim Jones*, nephew of Frank & Carole Jones

*Jorene Brooks*, daughter of Joye and Karen McElwee

## Health Petitions:

*Carolyn Zell*, friend of the Bensons (COVID and other medical issues)

*Patty Arnold*, recovering from an infection

*David Tunnell*, husband of Redeemer's Music Director (recovering at home)

*Melissa Gammel*, niece of Kerrie Salvador & Sharon Crunkleton (open heart surgery on April 5<sup>th</sup>)

*Mary Ellen Wolf*, hospice care

*Hal Buchert*, friend of Faith (scheduled for surgery on 3/13)

*James Wantlend*, family of the Markels (brain aneurysm)

*David Moliga*, hip pain

*Steve Warner*, friend of Cliff Vest (Burn Unit at Mercy Hospital)

*Arlo Buerck*, grandson of Pastor Dave and Jan Benson (ITP)

*Helenea Porter*, preparing for back surgery

*Kathy Johnson*, mother of Stacey Bourbina (strokes)

*Lukas Shook*, grandson of Loeta Shook

*Thomas Jeffries* (special needs)

## **Praise & Thanks Petitions:**

*God's provision for our congregation through generous offerings.*

*Healing for Janet Burchett, mother of Jessica Powell, Assistant Director at Open Arms*

## **Mission Petitions:**

*Rev. Jim & Kim Bartok, My Church – Ozark  
Open Arms Early Childhood Development Center – Ozark  
Crosslines, Rare Breed & York Elementary – Springfield  
Katie Pohlmann – YWAM missionary in Brazil  
Joe Lee – Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Area Coordinator  
Hillcrest High School student body, parents, faculty & staff*

## **Preparing for Ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis**

*Nathan & Chrissy Tritch  
Steven, Lori, David & Timmy Steingraber (sister of Leann Eden)*

## **Birthdays:**

Noah Martin – 3/13  
Cindy MacGregor – 3/14  
Brad Hadank – 3/15  
Melinda Wessler – 3/17

## **Anniversaries:**

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you would like to receive prayer chain emails, please send your name and email address to [mcelweej@gmail.com](mailto:mcelweej@gmail.com).

### **PLEASE LET US KNOW**

Please call the church office (417-833-3749) or email [faithlutheransec@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheransec@gmail.com) if you:

- Have a new address, phone number, or email
- Are sick, facing a surgery, or hospitalization
- Are unable to attend worship
- Would like to add to our praise & thanks petitions
- **Are in need of prayer**

# **LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE\***

## **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

8:30 AM – Traditional Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary)

11:00 AM – Contemporary Worship with Communion (North Sanctuary) +Livestreamed

## **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Wednesday in Lent – “I Thirst”**

5:30 PM – Meal (Fellowship Hall) - Lasagna

7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service (South Sanctuary)

## **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

8:30 AM – Traditional Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary)

11:00 AM – Contemporary Worship with Communion (North Sanctuary) +Livestreamed

## **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Sixth Wednesday in Lent – “It is Finished!”**

5:30 PM – Meal (Fellowship Hall) - Soups

7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service (South Sanctuary)

## **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

8:30 AM – Traditional Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary)

11:00 AM – Contemporary Worship with Communion (North Sanctuary) +Livestreamed

## **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday**

5:30 PM – Passover Seder Meal for Christians (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 PM – Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary)

## **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday**

7:00 PM – Good Friday Tenebrae Service (South Sanctuary)

## **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday**

7:00 AM – Easter Sunrise Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary)

10:00 AM – Easter Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary) +Livestreamed

\*The full Lenten season schedule can be viewed at our website [www.flc-s.org](http://www.flc-s.org) on the “Lenten Worship Schedule” page under the “Worship” tab.

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?**

## **TODAY – Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 AM – Traditional Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary)
- 9:45 AM – Lamb of God, Pure and Holy Lenten Bible Study (Gathering Room)
  - What Lutherans Believe Class (Fellowship Hall)
  - Youth Bible Study (FC-5)
  - Children’s Sunday School (Peters Family Life Center, Rooms 1 &2)
- 11:00 AM – Contemporary Worship with Communion (North Sanctuary)

## **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Women in Mission/LWML

## **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30 PM – Lasagna Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM – Midweek Lenten Service (South Sanctuary)

## **Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

## **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM – Men of Faith Bible Study (Gathering Room)

## **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 AM – Traditional Worship with Communion (South Sanctuary)
- 9:45 AM – Lamb of God, Pure and Holy Lenten Bible Study (Gathering Room)
  - What Lutherans Believe Class (Fellowship Hall)
  - Youth Bible Study (FC-5)
  - Children’s Sunday School (Peters Family Life Center, Rooms 1 &2)
- 11:00 AM – Contemporary Worship with Communion (North Sanctuary)
- 12:15 PM – Youth Confirmation Class
- 12:30 PM – Voters’ Meeting