

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

PASTORAL CALL EXTENDED As a follow up to the Voters' meeting on February 4, 2024, I am excited to announce that Faith Lutheran Church has extended a call to Pastor Brian McQuiggin to be our next pastor. Please pray for Pastor McQuiggin and his wife Jessica as he seeks God's will regarding this call to serve our congregation. Please also pray for his current congregation at River of Life, St. Peter, Minnesota, during this important time. And, finally, pray for your brothers and sisters at Faith Lutheran Church as we prepare for his response to this call. To God be the Glory!
Cindy MacGregor, Congregational President

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 6 – soups, 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.

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. There is no charge for the meal, however, a freewill offering will be received.

CHURCH COUNCIL – TODAY Church Council will meet on Sunday, March 3rd at 12:30 PM.

VOTERS' MEETING There will be a regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting on Sunday, March 17th at 12:30 PM.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) will meet on Monday, March 11th at 6 PM.

FAITHFUL SERVANTS next regular monthly meeting will be Wednesday, March 20th at 10:00 AM.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORMS 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 17th

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 6th 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.

SPRINGFIELD AREA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING There is a group of local parents and pastors that have been meeting to discuss the possibility of starting a Lutheran high school in our area. We will be hosting their next meeting here at Faith on Tuesday, March 19th at 4:30 PM. Anyone interested in joining these discussions is invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THIS WEEK! WE ARE EXCITED TO BE HOSTING THE SOUTHWEST REGION E2 CONFERENCE HERE AT FAITH ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH. Presented by the Missouri District staff and leaders from our area, sessions provide support and training for congregations and ministries. All (lay people and church workers) are invited and encouraged to attend, and there's no cost to attend. The event runs from 9 AM to 12:15 PM. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided. Please go online to the district website to register: <https://mo.lcms.org/e2-conference-equip-encourage/>.

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.

MEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY Our next monthly Men of Faith Bible Study will meet on Saturday, March 16th, 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).

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 3rd 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 18th and will be covering Chapter 5.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH STUDY Harold Tscherny leads this study for 6th -12th 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 12:30 PM.

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. The calendar can be found under the “Activities” tab in the “Calendar” section.

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

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 is 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 or (417) 883-5717.

LEONARD WALLENMEYER LIFE AWARD SCHOLARSHIP 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 15th. The application and more information can be found at <https://www.lfolfmo.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 3rd 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 19th.

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!

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: Are you ready to *SHINE!*, Missouri District? Registration is now open for our annual servant event, this April 12-21, 2024. Groups of all sizes and skillsets are encouraged to live out Matthew 5:16 by showing the love of Christ to their neighbors through service during this timeframe. As is our tradition, participants will be outfitted in matching t-shirts...and in 2024 these shirts will be red. Head to mo.lcms.org/shine to learn more about *SHINE!* and place your shirt order. Please note: the deadline for ordering is Tuesday, March 12 (or for as long as supplies last).

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 13th from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24			February 25, 2024	
Discipleship			Returning God's Gifts	
Communicant:	148		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$20,978.10
Baptized:	166	15.1%	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$0.00
		of the		
		52 Sundays	Total Gifts Last Week:	\$20,978.10
		in 2024		
Attendance			<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	66			\$4,846
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	43			
Online	14			
			ABUNDANCE Last Week	\$16,132
Total in Person:	109		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$15,030

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(3/3)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(3/10)</u>
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Jim Garton	Cliff Vest
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Joye McElwee	Daryl Bahn
Proclaim Service:	Leann Eden	Nathan & Grace Meyer
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Mary Beckers	Carole Jones
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Sheri Clines	Darla Berg
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Cindy MacGregor	Marie Johnson
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)		Marie Johnson
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Jim Garton	Carole Jones
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Helen Clair	Grace & Leah Meyer
Children's Message	Pastor Dave	

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, 3rd 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:

Patty Arnold, hospitalized with an infection

Melissa Gammel, niece of Kerrie Salvador & Sharon Crunkleton (open heart surgery on April 5th)

Mary Ellen Wolf, hospice care

Hal Buchert, friend of Faith (recovering from surgery)

James Wantlend, family of the Markels (brain aneurysm)

David Tunnell, husband of Redeemer's Music Director (physical rehab in Nebraska)

David Moliga, hip pain

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

Cliff Vest, recovering from shoulder surgery on 1/30

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:

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

Pastor Brian McQuiggin, his wife Jessica, and River of Life Lutheran Church in St. Peter, MN as Pastor McQuiggin considers the call to serve as Pastor of Faith Lutheran.

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:

Tyler McLallen – 3/7

Piper Lentz – 3/8

Ron Nelson – 3/9

Anniversaries:

Eric & Tina Christensen – 3/5 (24 years)

PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to receive prayer chain emails, please send your name and email address to mcelweej@gmail.com.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

Please call the church office (417-833-3749) or email 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 3rd – Third Sunday in Lent

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

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

Wednesday, March 6th – Fourth Wednesday in Lent –

“My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

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

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

Sunday, March 10th – 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 13th – Fifth Wednesday in Lent – “I Thirst”

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

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

Sunday, March 17th – 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 20th – Sixth Wednesday in Lent – “It is Finished!”

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

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

Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday

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

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

Thursday, March 28th – Maundy Thursday

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

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

Friday, March 29th – Good Friday

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

*The full Lenten season schedule can be viewed at our website www.flc-s.org on the “Lenten Worship Schedule” page under the “Worship” tab.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?

TODAY – Sunday, March 3rd

- 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)
- 12:30 PM – Church Council Meeting
- 12:30 PM – Youth Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 6th

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

Thursday, March 7th

- 9:00 AM – Bible Study

Saturday, March 9th

- 9:00 AM – Missouri District E2 Conference (Peters Family Life Center)
- 1:30 PM – Springfield Circuit Convocation Planning Meeting (Gathering Room)

Sunday, March 10th

- 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)
- 12:30 PM – Youth Confirmation Class