

NEWS AND NOTES

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

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 TODAY 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 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 for this Wednesday, March 20 will be 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.

VOTERS' MEETING – TODAY There will be a regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting TODAY 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 TODAY 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 this week.

THIS WEEK – FAITHFUL SERVANTS next regular monthly meeting will be Wednesday, March 20th 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. 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS Pastor Dave is teaching an 8-week section of his "What Lutherans Believe" class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. 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 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 – TOMORROW 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 tomorrow 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 12:15 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

CROSSLINES FOOD PANTRY – THIS WEEK 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.

MISSOURI LUTHERANS FOR LIFE CONFERENCE COMING SOON The Missouri Lutherans for Life Conference will be held here at Faith Lutheran on Saturday, April 6th from 9 AM to 1 PM. We would love to have a large turnout for this event so please make plans to join us! Entry to the conference is \$10 and includes breakfast and a boxed lunch. Please RSVP by 3/29 to Kim DeLuce. See the blue bulletin insert for additional information about the conference.

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 or (417) 883-5717.

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>

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!

SHINE! IN OZARK Faith Lutheran will again be participating in the Missouri District SHINE event by having a workday at Open Arms Childcare Center in Ozark on Saturday, April 13th from 8 AM to 2 PM. If you can participate, please RSVP with Pastor Dave by Saturday, April 6th.

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report 1/1/24 - 12/31/24

March 10, 2024

<u>Discipleship</u>		18.9% of the 52 Sundays in 2024	<u>Returning God's Gifts</u>	
Communicant:	148		Plate offerings and tithes:	\$3,846.56
Baptized:	166	(E-Tithe) Direct Deposit	\$785.00	
		Total Gifts Last Week:	\$4,631.56	
		<i>Weekly financial needs 2024</i>	\$4,923	
		SHORTAGE Last Week	(\$291)	
		ABUNDANCE for Year	\$15,321	
<u>Attendance</u>				
Sun. 8:30 AM Svc.	55			
Sun. 11:00 AM Svc.	36			
Online	10			
Total in Person:	91			

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

Thank you for your servant heart ♥	<u>This Sunday</u> <u>(3/17)</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <u>(3/24)</u>
Elder: (8:30 AM)	Jim Garton	Cliff Vest
Elder/Deacon: (11:00 AM)	Joye McElwee	Daryl Bahn
Proclaim Service:	Tyson Bourbina	Nathan & Grace Meyer
Altar Guild: (8:30 AM)	Ann Dobbs	Kathy Hodges
Altar Guild: (11:00 AM)	Stacey Bourbina	Darla Berg
Lector: (8:30 AM)	Ryan Hadank	Sonya Cox
Acolyte: (8:30 AM)		Kinley Cox
Greeter: (8:30 AM)	Brenda Owen	Vicki Kukal
Greeter: (11:00 AM)	Carol Bourbina	Grace & Leah Meyer
Children's Message	Pastor Marler	Pastor Peckman

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:

Hal Buchert, friend of Faith (recovering from surgery on 3/13)

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

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

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

Mary Ellen Wolf, hospice care

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:

Melinda Wessler – 3/17

Anniversaries:

Jason & Leann Eden – 3/21 (15 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 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)

Sunday, March 31st – 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 on the “Lenten Worship Schedule” page under the “Worship” tab.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK?

TODAY – Sunday, March 17th

- 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

Monday, March 18th

- 6:30 PM – Women of Faith Bible Study (Gathering Room)

Tuesday, March 19th

- 9 AM to 2 PM – Volunteer Opportunity (Crosslines Food Pantry)

Wednesday, March 20th

- 10:00 AM – Faithful Servants (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM – Soups Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM – Midweek Lenten Service (South Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 21st

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

Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday

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