

FAITH NOTES



Faith Lutheran Church



Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, February 25- Wednesday, March 25

Supper- 6:15pm

Worship with Holden Evening Prayer-
7:00pm

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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs.
9a.m.-1p.m.

Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.
Sundays Sept.-April

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

From The Pastor...

Lent is a season of fasting, repentance, and renewing our spiritual lives in preparation for Easter. Many church communities have beloved traditions during this season like Fish Fries or Soup Suppers.

Lutheran Churches often share the tradition of singing Holden Evening Prayer. Some choose to give something up, while others choose to add a spiritual practice to their daily lives.

In the early church, Lent was a season of fasting and learning for those preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Candidates would dedicate the 40 days prior to their baptism to fasting and prayer as to reflect Christ's temptation in the wilderness and suffering on the cross.

Over time, Lenten and baptismal traditions have evolved. Lent is now observed by many, not just those preparing for baptism, and our fasting looks different. I'd love to see what a Christian in the year 400 C.E. would think about logging off social media for Lent. But Lent continues to give us an opportunity to refocus on what it means to be baptized children of God.

During our Lenten Mid-Week Services of Holden Evening Prayer, we will reflect on the promises of baptism:

To live among God's faithful people. To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper. To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed. To serve all people, following the example of Jesus. And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 236).

Our hope is that these reflections will help us recognize the ways we are already living out these promises in our daily lives and encourage us to discover new ways during this season of Lent.

In Peace,
Pastor Katie



Offerings given during mid-week Lent services will be given to Holden Village to help with repairs from recent mudslides. Holden Village is located in the North Cascade Mountains, above Lake Chelan, Washington.

Jamie will be out of the office the week of March 16th and will return March 23rd.

Mission

Statement:

"We are a welcoming people of God, striving to reflect Jesus Christ's love and grace, and open to the work of the Holy Spirit."

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Tricia Perron

Vice President: Andra Eggers

Secretary: Jessica Howard

Treasurer: Jeanette Bennett

Worship: Kelli Parker

Faith Formation/Education:
Dawn Popelka

Property & Management:
Brad Peters & James Wilke

Stewardship & Outreach:
Barb Randolph

Community Life & Care:
Julie Peters

SAVE THE DATE!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 8TH - 12TH

8:45 AM - 11:45 AM

1364 WASHINGTON STREET
ANDOVER, IA 52701

Our most recent noisy bucket and Sunday school offering collection of \$807.23 went to ELCA Good Gifts! The Sunday school kids chose to designate their donation to a family farm and a Sunday school start up kit. Thank you all once again for supporting our kids and the organizations they choose to share their offering!



A small group gathered to bake Valentine Cookies for our members who are homebound and those who are 80 years old and older. 25 plates were packaged and distributed! Thank you FLCW for hosting this activity!

TRIVIA NIGHT

28 MARCH

Teams consist of 4-8 people. Cost is \$10 per person. Free will donation accepted for Baked Potato Bar. Ice cream sundaes available at intermission for \$1.

Baked potato bar 5 p.m.
Trivia at 6 p.m.



Help us get the church ready for Easter! Spring cleaning for inside and outside of the church has been scheduled for Saturdays, March 7th and 14th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.!

It's been far too long since there has been a deep cleaning of the church. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies, rakes, gloves, etc. Can't stay to clean the whole time? No problem! Come when it's convenient for you.



Faith Lutheran Church wants to send our youth to camp!

If your child has ever wanted to give camp a try, now is the time!

1. Choose a Lutheran Church Camp, or special needs camp
2. Fill out the registration form, give it to Jamie in the office.
3. Pay a non-refundable \$50 registration fee, and Faith will pay the rest!

Chuck will be Camp Grandpa at EWALU August 2-7 if your child would be comfortable with a familiar face.



Questions?

Call the church office at 563-682-7629

Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events

March 2026

March 3: Bible Study- 6:30pm

Hostess: Kelli Parker
Bible Study: Tricia Perron

March 8: Fellowship

- Coloring Contest Winners to be announced at Fellowship

March 11: Lenten Supper by FLCW members

Meal

6:15 pm meal
7:00 pm Lenten Service

March 19: Sewing

Quilt Tying & Sewing
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Drop in anytime
Bring scissors & pliers
Bring your lunch & friend

March 20: Sewing

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2026 FLCW Board Our 76th Year as a Women's Group

Executive Director- Denise Schroeder
563-212-6539
Director Assistant – Julie Peters
563-219-1957
Secretary- Virginia Eggers
563-212-0497
Treasurer – Sherril Johnson
563-357-9675

Areas of Ministry:

- Sewing- Kelli Parker (563-249-0990)
- Education / Bible Study – Tricia Perron (563-357-8221)
- Outreach- Barb Corr,(563-242-8919) Sharon Jepsen (563-242-3865), Betty Petersen (563-212-7758), and Marcy Wilke (563-593-1241)
- Fellowship and Fun - All FLCW members
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*Remember to grab your Coloring Page available in entryway.
Sponsored by the FLCW*

Our coloring contest winners will be announced at March 29th Fellowship following worship.

Ages include:
Preschool – Kindergarten
1st - 3rd Grades
4th- 6th Grades
7-8th Grades
9th-12th Grades
Adults

Make sure to put your name, grade, or age on the back of your entry!



2026 FLCW Special Events information fliers are on the back table in the entry way.

Holy Week Schedule



Stations of the Cross

The Clinton Ministerial Association & The Catholic Historical Center at St. Boniface are hosting *The Way of the Cross*, an Ecumenical event on Good Friday, April, 3rd. There are two options for the event.

Option 1: Walk With the Cross: Gather at Christ Episcopal Church, 2100 N 2nd St, Clinton at 11:30 a.m.

The group will walk with the wooden cross to St. Boniface for the Stations of the Cross at noon.

Option 2: Stations of the Cross: gather at St. Boniface Church, 2520 Pershing Blvd, Clinton at 11:40 a.m. Music begins at 11:45 a.m., stations of the cross will be at noon.

More information can be found in the entryway or contact the office.

Sunday, March 29th- Palm Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 2nd- Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 3rd- Good Friday Worship 6:15 p.m. at St. John's in Preston
Sunday, April 5th- Easter Sunday Worship 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
(Breakfast held between services)



The Property Committee is looking to expand! Brad Peters and James Wilke, council representatives, will host a meeting on Monday, March 23rd at 6 p.m. This meeting is to create a list of people who are willing to help keep our building and grounds in tip top shape. If you have knowledge, experience or interest in this area, please come to the meeting!

Happy 1 Year Ordination Anniversary and Faith Lutheran Anniversary to Pastor Katie!

Pastor Katie began her pastoral ministry with us a year ago in March and she was ordained just a few weeks after she began at Faith.

We have been blessed getting to know her and showing her all of the things our small rural church can do!

Easter Lily Order Form

Easter Lilies are \$10.00 each. Please return this form and payment (make checks out to Faith Lutheran Church) to the church by March 18th!

Number of Lilies _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Donated by _____

(optional) in memory or honor of: (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Lilies can be taken home after church services on Easter.



3. Pennie Peters
4. Stan Harmsen
6. Gary Schroeder
8. Virginia Eggers, Brenda Ehlers, Dick Petersen
9. Emily Petersen
12. Sam Howard
13. Katie Wilke, Rebecca Kroeger
14. Kathy Harmsen
15. Carver Hansen
16. Kim Gay
17. Lydia Smith
19. Chelsea Petersen, Dee Petersen, Cathy Caven
21. Maleah Cram, Allan Naeve
22. Jake Peters
25. Erin Petersen
27. Tom Tietjens, Joe Hasken
28. Nadene Kelly
30. Kevin Diercks

Please notify the office for any new contact information. Information can be emailed to flcandover@gmail.com

Faith Lutheran Church has a prayer chain that sends prayer requests to a list of people for those who invite prayers upon themselves or others. In respect of people's privacy, we ask that you get permission from them before adding their name to the prayer chain. If you would like to be added to the list to pray, please contact the office.

Don't forget to spring
your clocks forward
on March 7th!

Scan the QR Code
to give online



3. Ray & Marcia Naeve
5. Craig & Sandy Hansen
10. Raymond & Ronda Naeve
18. Nolan & Amber Eggers
21. Willie & Laura Aldis
Brian & Margaret Peters
23. Brad & Elise Bowen
27. Loren & Marilyn Peters

Have you accumulated a bunch of plastic bags doing your Christmas shopping? Jack will take them off your hands! He is in need of plastic bags to make mats for the homeless. They go through them quickly this time of year.

Do you have a special event or announcement? Please contact the church office if you would like the announcement in the weekly announcements or newsletter. Due to policies set in place, you **must** contact the office.