

Faith Notes

March 2021



Friends in Christ,

March 5th will mark world day of prayer, a day when the entire church throughout the world is invited to come together and pray. In my ministry I've sometimes had people ask me to explain what prayer is, but doing so is somewhat difficult because our faith doesn't provide a clear and concise definition of prayer. On a basic level, prayer is part of our relationship with God and one another. Through prayer, we offer thanks and praise to God for the many ways that God blesses creation. We can also bring the struggles we face to God, asking for help in prayer. Scripture tells us that God hears the prayers of God's creation (Psalm 66:19). However, it's important to

understand that prayer is very different than making wishes to a magic genie who gives whatever we desire. Scripture teaches that we actually learn how to pray from God. The Lord's Prayer itself is the prime example of this, being something Jesus taught to his disciples, imploring them to "pray in this way" (Matthew 6:7-13). That's why in worship before we pray the Lord's Prayer together the liturgy declares "Lord remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray". The Lord's Prayer is sort of like an instruction manual for prayer. In the *Small Catechism*, Martin Luther goes through each line of the Lord's Prayer, identifying through them the things for which we are called to pray; i.e. for the in-breaking of God's Kingdom, for God's will to be done, for the daily needs of ourselves as well as our neighbors, for forgiveness, and for help throughout the trials and evils that we all face.

Prayer is an important part of our faith lives because of the way it inspires God's creation. I had a professor in seminary who used to describe how prayer was kind of like an athlete or musician honing or practicing their craft. Explaining how much like athletes or musicians will become the same type of player which they practice to be, so too we will become the kind of disciples which we pray to be. Similarly, Mother Teresa once wrote, "I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength."

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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."

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I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things." In other words, through prayer God shapes us into being steadfast believers, inspiring us to care for our neighbors. While there are many things that myself and others certainly don't understand or can't explain about prayer, prayer is also much less about being understood than it is about being practiced. So with that in mind, let us pray.

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric

Church Council

2021 Church Council

President: Tricia Perron

Vice President/Financial Secretary: Tamarra Friedrichsen

Secretary: Kristi Seamer

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Committee Representatives

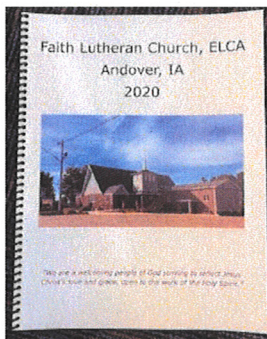
Property & Management: Jay Petersen

Worship: Ronda Tietjens

Community Life & Care: Megan Peters

Faith Formation/Education: Chuck Corr

Stewardship & Outreach: Valerie Spooner and Sandy Hansen



Church Directories are in! Grab yours at worship on Sunday mornings or you may pick them up during office hours Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm. Members are encouraged to deliver to friends and family who may not be able to attend worship at this time.



Set your clocks forward
the weekend of March
13th & 14th!



You can now listen to Pastor's sermon on the phone! If you call the church office and choose option 3, you will be able to hear the weekly sermon.



Plans are being made to hold VBS the week of June 7th, 2021. With circumstances as they are, plans will include CDC guidelines and things can change at any moment. Stay tuned for more details as planning progresses.

Faith Lutheran Church Women FLCW News & Events for March 2021

Tuesday March 2: Sharing/Caring Circle 6:30 pm (at the church)

Hostesses: Virginia Eggers

Bible Study: Tricia Perron

Friday March 5: World Day of Prayer

March 25 & 26: Sewing 10am to 3pm bring a sack lunch

Lasagna

9 lasagna noodles cooked

2 jars of pasta sauce

1 16 oz container ricotta

1 egg

Fresh spinach optional

2 8oz pks mozz/Italian cheese

1 pound cooked hamburger

8 oz fresh parmesan

Mix the ricotta, egg, 1 cup parmesan cheese & cut up spinach. Layer some sauce in the bottom of a 9x13 pan, add 3 noodles, put half the cheese mixture on top of the noodles, add a half bag of the Italian cheese, add half of the hamburger, half a jar of sauce (I like to add some extra Italian seasonings also), repeat all the layers to end up with sauce on top and mozz cheese. Bake covered for an hour at 350 then uncover & bake for 15 minutes, let set for 15 minutes.

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what other people say can't be done.



Our sympathies to the family of
Harlan Miller who passed away.

Our mid-week Lenten services will be streamed on our Facebook page on Wednesdays at 7pm. We will NOT be gathering in person. We look forward to sharing "Stories of Faith" from different members of the congregation.

Thank you for your cards, phone calls, and visits! It means a lot to me! God bless you all.
– Dee Wilson



Online giving is now available!

Go to our website,

flcandoveria.com

and click the donate button!

Scholarship applications are available to any full-time or trade school freshman second semester for the 2020-2021 school year who is a member of Faith Lutheran.

Contact Jamie in the office for an application. Applications are due NO later than March 13th.

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



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



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 Jamie in the office.



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

Copies of the council minutes are available in the overflow room on the white turnaround. Things happening at Faith and our financials can be found in the minutes. If you would like to know the amount of donations you have given so far this year, please let Jamie in the office know.

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Counting Team 3</i>	2 <i>Sharing/Caring Circle 6:30pm</i>	3	4 <i>Bible Study 10am</i>	5 <i>World Day of Prayer Fellowship Reserved 3:30-5:30pm</i>	6
7 <i>SS 8:30am Worship 9am</i>	8 <i>Counting Team 1</i>	9	10	11 <i>Bible Study 10am Lutheran Day on the Hill</i>	12	13
14 <i>SS 8:30am Worship 9am Daylight Savings— spring forward</i>	15 <i>Counting Team 2</i>	16	17 <i>Council meeting 6pm</i>	18 <i>Bible Study 10am</i>	19 <i>Fellowship Reserved 3:30-5:30pm</i>	20
21 <i>SS 8:30am Worship 9am</i>	22 <i>Counting Team 3</i>	23	24	25 <i>Bible Study 10am Sewing 10am-3pm</i>	26 <i>Sewing 10am-3pm</i>	27
28 <i>SS 8:30am Worship 9am</i>	29 <i>Counting Team 1</i>	30	31			