



# Faith Notes

May 2024

*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."*

## Accessibility

Did you notice the changes in the sanctuary recently? A missing pew? A few things shuffled around? You're not alone, and these things didn't happen through magic. Instead, these changes, with the approval of Council, are the work of the Worship Accessibility Committee.

When I was in college at UW- Eau Claire, our campus ministry did worship fairly differently than most, all in the name of accessibility. One thing Pr. Lori Ruge-Jones would say that sticks with me today is, we do these things "so that nothing about being human gets in the way of encountering God." Faith isn't so different. Much work has already been done to make sure that all people are invited and able to worship God and join in fellowship.

All our restrooms are spacious and have baby changing tables, we have an elevette to get downstairs, and automatic doors to enter the building. Our Worship Accessibility Committee is continuing this important work!

So far, we've removed one pew to make a larger space for those with walkers, wheelchairs, and strollers. We swapped the already shortened pew that was in the back corner with a regular length one, creating another accessible space, and we moved the lectern/pulpit forward, so people have something to grab onto as they walk up to read. We have a couple more things in store for the future, like brighter lights, work on the audio system, and more wheelchair accessible seating.

I know that change, especially change in a beloved space like the sanctuary, can be hard, but this is important work. We are striving to make it so that anyone who wants to come to worship can and is empowered to participate fully. Put another way, we are living into Christ's Golden Rule to 'do unto others as we would have done to us.'

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, I am more than happy to hear from you. Please reach out to me or a member of council.

Peace,  
Anthony, Interim Minister

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Chuck Corr

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Financial Secretary:**  
Andra Eggers

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Tait Wilson

**Treasurer:**  
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## 2024 Church Council

**Faith Formation/  
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Craig Fredrich

**Property &  
Management:**  
Tim Hess

**Stewardship & Outreach:**  
Barb Randolph  
James Wilke

**Community Life & Care:**  
Beth Petersen



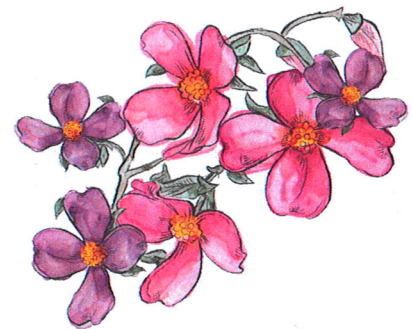
We change to our summer worship time of 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>!

### Anniversary Committee

We want YOU! Do you have any stories of Faith's history you want to share? Any pictures we might want to include in the book? Then we want YOU to send or bring these stories and pictures to Anthony. The sooner the better as I hope to get the text of the history book done before I leave to first call. Don't forget, my email is: [anthony.g.windau@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.g.windau@gmail.com)  
Next committee meeting is Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. All are welcome!



The ladies have been busy making quilts this year! Quilt Dedication is Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> during 10 a.m. worship. Graduating high school seniors, newly married couples and first-born babies in a family are able to choose a quilt of their choice. All other quilts are donated to area agencies in need.



Join us on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> as we bless our graduating seniors during worship! A cake reception honoring our graduates will follow during fellowship.

Our 2024 graduates are:  
Kaitlyn Hansen  
Aden Howard  
Kimi Johnson  
Mason Luckritz  
& Kylie Petersen

### "Pop-up Saturday Service, May 4<sup>th</sup>"

On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m., we will have a "Pop-up" worship service. Why, you may ask? To baptize baby Josie Hoffman! As Lutherans, we don't practice private baptisms. One of the beauties of baptism is that it takes place within the assembly because we too make promises to support and raise the baptized child. So, when the Hoffman's told me it's difficult to make Sunday mornings work, we found a solution. I invite you to join us for worship on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. as well as our normally scheduled worship time, Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.



-Anthony

# Faith Lutheran Church Women FLCW

## News & Events May 2024

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*** - Sharing & Caring Circle meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Meeting at the Church

Hostess: Marcy Wilcke

Bible Study: Virginia Eggers

We will be putting the finished Quilts over the pews for Dedication on Sunday

**Quilt Dedication at Worship 10 a.m. - Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Fold and Pack Quilts 9 a.m. – Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**“Happy Mother’s Day” – Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

*THANK YOU to everyone who stayed for our Spring Fling event during Fellowship on April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank You for the Spring Trivia questions – Kim Hess, Thank You for the door prizes – Bette Petersen,  
Thank You for the Pinecone Bird Seed Craft – Denise Schroeder.*

### Opportunity to Participate with Other Women of Faith in June

Any Faith Lutheran Church Women can register to attend the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual SEIA SWO Convention and Gathering on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This event will never be closer as Zion Lutheran Church in Clinton is the host site. Check with Virginia Eggers if interested - she has the information on registration and costs and the schedule of events. Before May 18<sup>th</sup> the fee is \$70 for both days but does go up to \$75 after the 18<sup>th</sup>. (Friday schedule starts with registration from 2 to 3 PM and ends after vespers at 8:45 p.m. Saturday schedule starts with registration from 7:30 to 8:30 AM and concludes at 2:15 p.m. after worship. There are Hymn Sings, Four Speakers, Clinton City Tour, Evening Banquet, Business Meeting for Delegates, Offering, Vespers, Bible Study, Lunch, Worship with Communion, and Installation of SWO Officers.

Check your baking pans! We are missing a silver baking sheet from the kitchen. It has FLC marked on it. Please return to the kitchen if it snuck home with you.

The congregation is invited to graduation parties for:

Beginning in May, we will be using bread for communion on the first Sunday of the month. Please sign up in the entryway or contact the office if you would like to be part of the rotation schedule to provide bread. Bread can be store bought, made at home or Anthony has provided a recipe used for First Communion bread.



Mason Luckritz  
Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
from 5-8 p.m.  
at The Church in Lyons

Aden Howard  
Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
from 1-4 p.m.  
here at Faith

Kimi Johnson  
Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
from 12-3 p.m.  
at Lyons Train Depot

All are welcome!

Dear Faith,

Thank you so much for the opportunity and the generosity of awarding me a scholarship. Faith Lutheran has been a large positive influence on my childhood and life, and I cherish the memories and guidance it has given me. I will continue to practice my faith throughout my time at the University of Dubuque and whatever the future brings after! - Ava Friedrichsen

It's been a busy month at Faith! A few photos of our fun are shared in the newsletter. Be sure to check out our website or Facebook and Instagram pages for more!



Anthony and the kids and Sharing the Peace on Silly Sunday in their silly outfits.



There were many dishes to sample at our Appetizer Cook-Off.

### New Communion Practice coming in May

Dear Members of Faith, have you ever noticed how small the side aisles in the sanctuary are? And that they can be difficult to traverse, especially if you have mobility issues? We have too. That's why this May we are going to trial run a new way to distribute communion. Instead of having both sides of the church come down together, we will have one side at a time. This way, if you have mobility issues, you may come down for communion and then turn around and return via the main aisle instead of trying to squeeze through the sides. This might be hard to understand in writing, but we'll practice it and have it in no time. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. -Anthony

### Bulletin Cover Art

Are you creative? Do you enjoy drawing, coloring, painting, taking pictures, or anything else? Well, we want YOU to help create our bulletin covers. We figure we have so many creative people in our



congregation, why not use their art for worship? Submit your art to the office (originals will be scanned and returned to the owner) Pick up a sheet for suggestions in the entryway or see Jamie in the office for more information.



Join us for Vacation Bible School June 10-14<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.!

Counselors from Camp EWALU return again this year and will lead us in our VBS stories and activities! Therefore, we are asking for families to register early (by May 24<sup>th</sup> if possible) to help EWALU counselors prepare for their visit.

All kids between ages 4 yrs. old and 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us as we make new friends, grow in faith, and have an awesome adventure!

Congratulations to our winners of the  
 Appetizer Cook-Off! First place winner:  
 Barb Randolph with her Brie Bites  
 Second place winner: Todd Randolph with  
 Bacon-Wrapped Tots  
 Third place winner: Denise Schroeder with  
 Carrot Cake Dip.  
 Proceeds will go towards local food  
 pantries and the garden water project.



**Brie Bites**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Made by Barb Randolph

- 1 tube puff pastry
- 1- 8 oz. Brie cheese
- 1/2 cup Apricot, cranberry or strawberry preserves
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 375°. Grease small muffin tins. Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface. Cut into small circles or squares to fit your tins. (approx. 24). Place into muffin tins. Cut Brie into small pieces and place on dough. Top with a spoonful of preserve of your choosing. Sprinkle chopped pecans on top. Bake about 15 minutes or until pastry is golden.

(This recipe was shared by a friend from South Africa.)



Our younger Sunday School kids took advantage of the nice weather and read their story outside.



Denise and our older Sunday School kids planted pumpkin seeds during Sunday School for Rogation Sunday.



A daffodil centerpiece with an open Easter egg symbolizing the empty tomb at the Easter Breakfast.



The men of the church making Easter breakfast.



Anna looking through binoculars at God's creation.

1. Ben Luckritz, Scott Banker
2. Marilyn Peters, Jay Slater
3. Harold Smith
4. Louis Cram
5. Brad Peters
7. Nancy Cram
8. Brent Wilson, Kelly Gluesing
9. Dennis Eggers, Makyla Cram
13. Marcus Jacobs, Joshua Krogman
16. Jamie Luckritz
20. Willis Greve, Brad Petersen
23. Gage Harris
24. Bryan Feddersen, Shelby Eickert
26. Sharon Jepsen
27. Marlene Bott
29. Layla Zingre
31. Marcia Naeve



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Please notify the office for any new contact information, including college students. Information can be emailed to [flcandover@gmail.com](mailto: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.

7. Harold & Judy Smith
16. Louis & Emily Vogt
17. Kevin & Hollie Johnson
19. David & Jeanette Bennett
22. Larry & Sharon Jepsen
25. Denis & Judy Friedrichsen, Adam & Tamarra Friedrichsen
29. Steve & Stephanie Eickert, Dan & Laurel Randolph



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 Facebook: Faith Lutheran Church—Andover † Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. on Sunday (September-April) † Worship 10 a.m.



# SERVING FAITH

May 2024

	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26 Begin 9am worship	6/2
LECTOR	Loren Peters	Marcy Wilcke	Kathy Harmssen	Allegra Luckritz	Kim Hess
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Tom Tietjens, Jeanette Bennett	Ronda Tietjens, Tim Hess	Jack Smith, Don Schroeder	Kristi Seamer	Kim Hess, Ardith Hamilton
ALTAR GUILD	Megan Peters	Julie Peters	Katie Wilke	Virginia Eggers	Sherril Johnson
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE	High School Graduate Reception	Julie Peters, Virginia Eggers	Sam & Jordan Sexton	<b>Need Volunteer</b>	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
USHERS	Tim & Kim Hess	Denis Friedrichsen, Don Schroeder	Scott & Lori Fuller	Loren & Marilyn Peters	Hollie Johnson, Lou Schroeder
COUNTING TEAM	Team #1 (5/6)	Team #2 (5/13)	Team #3 (5/20)	Team #1 (5/27)	Team #2 (6/3)

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Sharing/Caring Circle 9am
5 Worship 10am Quilt Dedication HS Senior Recognition Fredrich Baptism	6 Pack & Fold Quilts 9am Counting Team #1	7 Fellowship Reserved 5pm	8 75th Anniversary Committee mtg 1pm	9 Bible Study 10am	10	11 "Pop Up" Worship 5pm Hoffman Baptism
12 Worship 10am Happy Mother's Day!	13 Counting Team #2	14	15	16 Bible Study 10am Council meeting 7pm	17 Synod Assembly	18 Synod Assembly Fellowship Reserved
19 Worship 10am Sexton Baptism	20 Newsletter info due Counting Team #3	21	22	23 Bible Study 10am	24	25
26 Worship 9am	27 Counting Team #1 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30 Bible Study 10am	31	