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FAITH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Growing and Engaging in **RELATIONSHIPS** with Christ, his Church, and our Community.”

Welcome to Faith Ev. Lutheran Church. We pray that your faith in the living Lord Jesus may be nourished and strengthened through God’s Holy Word.

This worship service is being live-streamed and recorded.

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• Easter Sunday, April 9th Sunrise Worship 7am
• Easter Breakfast 8am
• Easter Worship 9am, “His FIRST Steps Led C



March 12th, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent
Ephesians 5:8-14
The Contrast of
Darkness & Light

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent makes our Christian faith so clear: the reason the Son of God came was to destroy the work of the devil! Wednesday evenings, we will follow his final steps that led to the cross. Sunday mornings, we will behold the stark contrast between all that sin destroyed and all that Christ redeemed. May God bless us this season of Lent!

Special thanks to Jo Carmichael, our organist this morning!

Opening Hymn: 569 vs. 1,2,4,5 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Order of Service: p. 15 Common Service without Communion

Staff Minister: Ric Gibson **Church Administrators:** Haley Scott & Tom Westman

Head Ushers: Jared Verke & Bob Gross **LAF:** Paula Riddle **Altar Guild:** Paula Riddle

Fellowship Committee: Frank Roberts, Becky Ott, Evie Pforr; **Congregation:** Ruth Westman

& Howard Busse; Sunday School: Laura Gross & Kari Nelson **SC**

Stream: Brian James & Lyn Verke

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-5
The Lord summoned Moses up Mount Sinai to receive the commandments. Moses viewed the glory of the Lord. Jesus at his glorious transfiguration!

Usher Teams:

Team #1 Jared Verke – Kevin Cole, Dennis Pforr, Ron Martinson, Scott, Tom Wirtz

Team #2 Bob Gross – Rollin Fahning, Mike Kinsley, Greg Ott, Heidi Schultz, Bruce Zutter

Upcoming Live Stream Schedule:

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| 3/12 Rachel H. | 3/22 Tom W. (Wednesday) |
| 3/15 Brian J. (Wednesday) | 3/26 Lyn D. |
| 3/19 Tom W. | 3/29 Rachel H. (Wednesday) |
| 3/22 Tom W. (Wednesday) | 4/2 Rachel H. |

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Season of Lent

Midweek Lenten Dinners 5:30pm, Worship 6:30pm

Midweek Worship Theme: **“His Final Steps”**

Sunday Worship Theme: **“Contrast”**

- Weds, March 15th Pastor Olson, “His Final Steps Led to the Cross” John 12
- Sunday, March 19th “Contrast: Old and New Self” Romans 7
- Weds, March 22nd Pastor Stelljes, “His Final Steps Led to the Cross” John 12
- Sunday, March 26th “Contrast: Death and Life” Romans 8
- Weds, March 29th Pastor Wiedmann, “His Final Steps Led to the Cross” Luke 20

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday, April 2nd “Contrast: Exultation and Humiliation” Mark 11
- Maundy Thursday, April 6th, 6:30pm, “His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room” Mark 14

¹⁴“For a long time I have kept silent, I have been like a woman in childbirth, I have kept my back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up the rivers. I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. I will walk in ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths. I will turn the darkness into light before them and the smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not turn back. You who trust in idols, who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’ will go back in utter shame.

¹⁸“Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and your ears and eyes are opened. Will I be a servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Will I be a covenant with me, blind like the servant of the LORD? Many things, but you pay no attention; your ears do not listen.” ²¹It pleased the LORD for the sake of his law great and glorious.

Psalm of the Day: 143 p. 118

VERSE OF THE DAY: 1 Peter 2:9

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Peter was an eyewitness of Jesus' transfiguration. While the glory of Jesus was radiant and dazzling, his Holy Word shines even brighter for all to believe in him.

The Ladies At Faith will be having a free puzzle exc Monday of each month. The next event is Monday, 11:00am to 3:00pm.

Bible Study Text
Happy Birthday!
 today!
 Bring your bulletin to
 Bible Study on the
 16th: Paula Riddle 19th: Roger Toomey 25th: Eve
 27th: Annette Dedering 31st: Jaylene Strehler

Wish a Happy Birthday to members here at Faith Birthdays in **MARCH 13th**: Rebecca Ott & Craig **16th**: Paula Riddle **19th**: Roger Toomey **25th**: Eve **27th**: Annette Dedering **31st**: Jaylene Strehler

Don't see your birthday on here, but it is supposed to be. Please contact Scott or Ruth Westman to have it updated.

Stewardship Update: "Whatever you do, work as if you were working for the Lord, not for people." Col 3:23

Weekly Offering Goal: \$3,500.00 Last Week: \$3,500.00
Monthly Offering Goal: \$15,200 February: \$20,000

SERVANTS AT FAITH:
ELDERS: Brian James & Mike Nelson
USHERS: Team #2 for March, Team #1 for April
ALTAR GUILD: Ruth Westman and Jaylene Strehler
COUNTERS: Ruth Westman & Jaylene Strehler

Church Council
Church President & Interim Treasurer: Rick Barringer
Elders: Mike Nelson & Brian James
Trustees: Craig Stodola

¹As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

¹⁷Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

³⁴To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"



New Creations has allowed us to use their trash and recycling bins to collaborate resources. If you are not aware, the bins are located in the shed on the Northwest side of their building. Please bring any church trash/recycling to these bins. If there are abnormally large volumes of refuse for any reason, we are contacting New Creations prior to throwing in their dumpster charges. Please be aware that recycling cannot be put in a garbage bag and be dumped without any bag.

Winter/Spring Bible Study



Midweek Bible Study at Faith! Six-week study: "The Bible on Government and Politics" Pastor Schmiel and Staff Minister. Thursdays at 10am February 23rd through March 30th. Join us in person at church or live on Zoom! See you there!

Sanctuary Remodel

We are on pace to provide a plan to the congregation in May. Our next meeting will be "virtual" and take place on March 16th at 7pm. Anyone is encouraged to join in, please contact Brian James at jame0167@gmail.com or 612-505-6958 with any questions.

Church Directory & Family Photos

Reminder that you can view the online church directory through our Facebook account! Here you can update your contact information, change your phone number, and also access online giving. If you need assistance setting up a Facebook account, please let Haley Scott know at hwolf2193@gmail.com. **Going forward, there will not be a mass printing of the directory. If you want a printed copy at any time, please contact Ruth Westman.** For the

an updated family photo taken, once a year we will announce a family photo day from the congregation will take pictures. Stay tuned for more information on when that will take place. If you have any questions, please reach out to Haley Scott or Frank Roberts.

him."

³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; I am speaking with you."

³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe,"

³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

Children's Devotion (Pastor Schmiel):

Hymn of the Day: CWS 752 vs. 1-3 In Church

SERMON TEXT & NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 5:8-14

Before he goes to Jerusalem to offer his life for the sins of his people, he gives us a glimpse of his glory for Peter, James, and John.



⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what the Lord desires. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless works of darkness, but expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention the things done in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes light itself. ¹⁴ "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Ephesians 5:8-14

Sermon: The Contrast of Darkness & Light



ANNOUNCEMENTS:
March 12th, 2023

Upcoming Events, Meetings & Classes

Study & Sunday School: Following wor

Midweek Lenten Dinner & Service: Wednes

6:30pm Worship - Pastor Olson, "His Final S

Celebration" John 12

- **Thursday Bible Study:** Thursdays at 10am, n
- person or Zoom!

Offering Hymn Verse: 114 vs. 1 Christ the Life of All the Living

Closing Hymn: CWS 771 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



What's in The Sign-Up C

- After Service Refreshm
- New Creations Volunte
- Care for Shut-ins
- **Congregational Potluck**
- **Mexican Night on Marc**
- **Easter Breakfast on Ap**

LAF Reminder

The Ladies at Faith will meet Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm. We have decisions to make for the LWMS Rally!

Lenten Dinners

Lenten Dinners will be taking place at 5:30pm before church starts at 6:30pm. Here is the schedule of dinners:

Wednesday, March 15: Congregational Potluck

Wednesday, March 22: LAF Mexican Dinner

Wednesday, March 29: Council Grill Out