

## HE IS RISEN INDEED! Alleluia

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH GREEN BAY



### Faith Lutheran Church 2335 S. Webster Ave. Green Bau. WI 54301

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am—12:00 pm

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8 am & 10:30 am (Christian Growth Hour at 9:15 am) Mondays at 6:30 pm

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April fools! If your family and friends had mercy on you, that was a phase you will not have to endure as this month begins. Of all the holidays, both great and small, April Fools is one of my least favorite. Even though many around me enjoy it, it has never resonated with me and brought me joy. Basically, I endure it. This year, however, I can't help but think of its position next to Easter. One day, we wake up and proclaim, "Christ is risen!" And the next we wake and say, "April fools!" This juxtaposition reminds me of what St. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians, "Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the foolishness of what we preach to save those who believe...we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles."

In the celebration of Easter, we would hardly consider the death and resurrection of Jesus to be foolishness. Yet, for those who do not believe, that is exactly what it is. It is only through our faith that we can see God at work, fulfilling his promises, to save his people who are dying in their sin. It is only through our faith that we can grab hold of the gifts God is giving through his son thereby receiving the gifts of life and salvation. "Foolishness!" declares the world. "He is risen indeed!" responds the holy people of God.

Do you know what else is foolish? Not reading the rest of the newsletter or paying attention to the yellow sheet in order to know what is happening in the life of our congregation (not the greatest transition I have ever written, but it's a transition)! Beginning the week after Easter, our pews and sanctuary chairs will be re-upholstered and re-furbished. This two-week process will not impact our usage of the sanctuary for the services but will allow for us to keep the furniture in good condition for decades to come. Thank you to all who have given to the Sanctuary Refurbishment Fund that have helped make this project possible.

Vacation Bible School registration also opens on April 1. The dates this year are June 10-13 (it is only four days this year). Be sure to register children early so that we can make the appropriate plans and preparations. If you would like to come to VBS but are too old to attend, you are old enough to volunteer. Please contact Alex to let him know you are interested.

The end of this month also includes the vicarage placement service and call service for the seminaries. You can watch all the services through their website and learn, in real time, who next year's vicar will be and where Jordan DeBoer will be called to serve the Lord.

There is an old saying that it is better to be thought a fool than to open your mouth and prove it. I challenge you to do just the opposite. Open your mouth and declare the foolishness of the cross. Proclaim to the world that "Christ is risen!" And may be foolish to those who do not believe, but to the people of God, it is the wisdom of God.

Alleluia! Pastor Errer

## let your Faith Grow!

Bible Studies offered at Faith Lutheran Church



### Christian Growth Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

Christian Growth Hour has lessons for all age groups. Our Adult Bible Study dives deeper and aligns with the lessons that the children are learning at Sunday School. This encourages conversation within the household to discuss what was learned on Sunday. \*High Schoolers are encouraged to attend this Bible Study



# TUESDAY MORNINGS | 9 AM | SANCTUARY



### Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 6:00 am in the Lounge

Tuesday mornings starting promptly at 6 am and ending at 7 am in the Lounge. Coffee and light breakfast will be provided.

### The Order of Matins Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

The Order of Matins is in the Sanctuary on Tuesday Mornings at 9 am. All are welcome.

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Lounge

Come to the Lounge on Tuesday Mornings for a discussion led Bible Study learning more about God's Word and daily life. Pastor Errer is currently leading the Bible Study on the Ten Commandments.



### The Feast Bible Study 1st Tues. of the Month | 6:30 pm in the Lounge

Join together with other young adult members of the congregation for Bible Study, devotions, fellowship, and food.

This bible study/discussion is lead by Director of Christian Education, Alex Wright and will be held in the Lounge.



### Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 pm \*\*April 10-May 29\*\*

Women's Bible study group will resume Wednesday, April 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church lounge. We will be using the book "Leaning on Jesus: A Study of God's Strength" by Deb Burma. Books are available at CPH.org, Christianbook.com, and various other vendors.

Please contact Gina Bents if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions. (<a href="mailto:gbents@new.rr.com">gbents@new.rr.com</a> or 920-327-1979)



### T.A.L.K. Bible Study

Podcast launched on Thursdays

Available on our website, Spotify, and other podcast programs

Each week on Thursdays, a podcast featuring our Director of Parish Music Paul Heiser and the preacher for the upcoming Sunday will give a little more background on the theological and liturgical aspects of the next worship service. They will also discuss one of the hymns for the upcoming service as well.

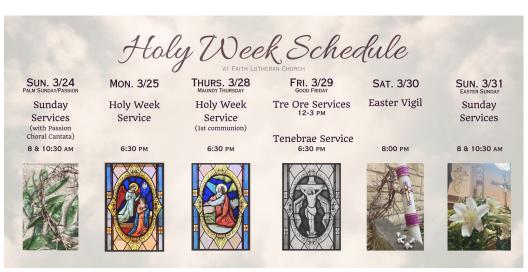
### **Upcoming Opportunities:**



The informational meetings are open to all members of our congregation.

On April 14, in between services, an informational meeting will be provided that will focus on the specific needs of parents and dependent children.

A special Sunday School format will be used, this day, so that any teacher who wants to attend the meeting will be able to do so.





It's not an April Fools' Joke, there will not be service on Monday, April 1. The Church Office will also be closed on the first.



The day after Easter (April 1) we will be undertaking a 2 week pew refurbishment/reupholster project. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Sanctuary Refurbishment fund to help make this happen!

### The Altar Guild needs you



We are in need of more members for the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild prepares for and cleans up after the church services. This is a flexible and behind-the-scenes way to serve our Lord and church.

If you have any questions or would like to be a part of the Altar Guild, please contact Marilyn Toninato at (920)562-3827 or Cheryl Roohr at (920)655-7494.



Rev. Dr. James Baneck will be our guest preacher and Bible Study presenter on Sunday, April 14. Baneck is the executive director of LCMS Pastoral Education and Synod's comprehensive church work recruitment initiative, Set Apart to Serve. During Bible Study, Baneck will present on how we form and recruit church workers (pastors, teachers, DCEs, deaconesses, etc.,) in our congregations and schools. See <a href="https://www.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve">https://www.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve</a>. Adults and youth are invited. Prior to his current position, Baneck was a parish pastor in MN and ND (1987-2009), and ND District President (2008-2017). He currently resides in St. Louis, MO. Baneck is a native of Green Bay and the brother of our member, Jeff Baneck.

# CTSFW CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

#### Vicar Watch

Join us on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 pm in the Church Lounge as we watch the Vicarage Placement Service streaming live from Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort

Wayne, IN to find out if/who will be the next Vicar at Faith Lutheran Church. If you are unable to join us for the Vicar Watch, the link to the live streaming video is <a href="https://www.ctsfw.edu/callday/">https://www.ctsfw.edu/callday/</a>

Then tune in the next night (April 24) to see where our former Vicar—Jordan DeBoer will be placed as a Pastor.



# SPRING RALLY—APRIL 13

All women at Faith are invited to a half day retreat for the LWML spring rally at Pilgrim Lutheran Church on Saturday April 13. Registration 8:30 am, opening devotions 9 am. \$5 cost includes lunch. Please RSVP by April 1 by calling Karen Schuettpelz (from Pilgrim) at 920-469-0751. More details on the LWML bulletin board. At this gathering we will be focusing on "Forgiving When You Are Hurt" and will be collecting items for House of Hope.





Thank you to everyone who dropped off donations for The Family Radio Network's Help for the Homeless drive! With your help, we were able to fill over 5 boxes of hygiene products to the local homeless shelters!

Throughout Lent, monetary donations generated from our Midweek Lenten Dinners have helped others both here at church and in the community.

2/14: \$269.12 for St. John's Ministries 2/21: \$179 for Faith Lutheran Youth

2/28: \$191 for the Music Endowment Fund at Faith

3/6: \$215 for the Big Bash (taking place on 7/14)

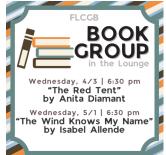
3/13: \$189 for the Altar Flower Fund

3/20: \$211 for the Crisis Center of Family Services for Brown County

### - This month at Faith

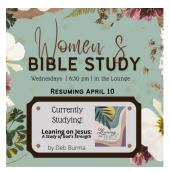












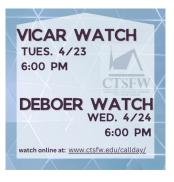














Sun	Mon	Tue
31 Happy Easter!  Dollar \$unday (donations go toward St. John's Ministries)  Service 8:00 am  Easter Breakfast  9-10:30 am  Service 10:30 am	Church Office Closed -FCP, Trinity, & NEWLHS No School -No Service	2 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am Matins 9:00 am Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am The Feast Bible Study 6:30 pm Adult Choir 6:45 pm
7 Service *Livestreamed* 8:00 am Christian Growth Hour 9:15 am Service 10:30 am	8 Service 6:30 pm	9 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am Matins 9:00 am Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am Banner Group 10:45 am All Boards' Mtg 6:30 pm Adult Choir 6:45 pm Council Mtg 7:45 pm
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Following the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, God's people return from exile to Jerusalem. The people are led to rebuild the city that was destroyed while God is also at work in rebuilding their spiritual devotion. Built on the Rock VBS teaches students about the rebuilding of Jerusalem, God's people, and our own worship. All these are built on The Rock – our Savior, Jesus Christ.

# REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1 ON FLCGB.COM OR SCAN THE OR CODE



open to kids ages 3 years (potty trained) - sixth grade



LOOKING TO HELP WITH VBS? WE HAVE A SIGN UP FOR YOU TOO! LOOKING INTO APRIL:

## VHAT IS HAPPENING IN Phristian Growth

3/31: Easter! (Youth & Cherub Choirs sing at 10:30 am Service) [No formal Sunday School classes this day. Meet in choir area by 10:00 am]

4/14: Teen Handbells play at 10:30 am Service

4/21: Youth Choir sings at 10:30 am Service

4/28: Catechism Choir sings at the 8:00 am Service Cherub Choir sings at the 10:30 am Service



### PHOTOS FROM MARCH















Our Sunday School Offerings this year will go toward supporting the Baker Family who are missionaries overseas with the Lutheran Church -



Missouri Synod (LCMS). OUR GOAL IS \$500! EACH GLOBE REPRESENTS \$10 RAISED WE'VE RAISED \$420 SO FAR!!! KEEP THOSE OFFERINGS COMING

### CATECHISM CLASSES

Catechism Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 pm

Third year confirmands and parents: Be on the look out for mailings in regards to Confirmation Sunday

(May 5)



"Nurturing Mind & Spirit" Helping Families nurture children in Christ and the knowledge of His world.

March was a month that seemed to have come and gone so very quickly! The students of FCP enjoyed learning investigations about their growing interests in the outdoors and forest animals. We welcomed the warm Spring sunshine all month as we made daily time to explore and unwind outside in God's beautiful creation. The month closed out with Spring Break followed by our return back to school to learn about Jesus' journey to the cross, His death, and resurrection - all done for our salvation and eternal life with HIM!

We would love for you or your loved ones to join us in our learning adventures, too! If you or someone you know is looking for a nationally accredited, faith filled, inquiry based and play based 3K and 4K morning preschool program, email faithpreshcoolgb@gmail.com or call (920) 965-0795 ext. 216 to schedule a tour. A 10% tuition discount is offered to all Faith Lutheran Church members and financial aid is available to those who qualify. Head to the FCP website (www.faithpreschoolgb.com) and visit the registration and tuition tab for more information! Additionally, if you are looking for a 5K-8th grade faith based and nationally accredited Lutheran School, please consider Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School for your child's educational journey. Please visit https://www.greenbaytrinity.org/ for more information.

### **UPCOMING DATES FOR FCP:**

4/1: No School, Easter Monday Break 4/15: Spring Parent Teacher Conferences 4/16: NO SCHOOL (Spring Parent Teacher

Conferences, cont.)

4/24-26: NLSA Accreditation Team Visit

In Christ,

Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Willis





#### **UPCOMING DATES FOR TRINITY:**

- 3/29 & 4/1: NO SCHOOL
- 4/24: MUFFINS WITH MOMS



#### **UPCOMING DATES FOR NEWLHS:**

- 3/29 & 4/1: NO SCHOOL
- 4/26-4/28: Spring Drama



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### **NOW ENROLLING** FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR



CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

3K & 4K

www.faithpreschoolgb.com (920) 965-0795 ext. 216 faithpreschoolgb@gmail.com



Green Bay Trinity LUTHERAN SCHOOL

K-8TH

www.greenbaytrinity.org (920) 655-4673 meersteink@greenbaytrinity.org



N.E.W. Lutheran HIGH SCHOOL

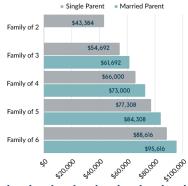
9TH-12TH

www.newlhs.com (920) 469-9810 info@newlhs.com

For more information about the enrollment process, tuition aid and free tuition vouchers through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program please contact Mr. Chris Nelson at 920-471-5754 or via email at nelsonc@newlhs.com.



### 2024-2025 Adjusted Gross Income Eligibility Chart (AGI)



N.E.W.L.S.A. Schools:



YOUR LEADING RESOURCE Faith **NEW Lutheran FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE** 

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You have a choice in your child's schooling.

Sign up for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program and you may be able to send your child to the participating private or religious school of your choice tuition free.

Visit schoolchoicewi.org to learn about this statewide private school voucher program and to see if you qualify. Plus, read FAQs and find step-by-step instructions to help you:

- \* find a school
- \* submit an application
- \* enroll in the program

**New Listen devices** are now located in back of the narthex near the door to the wiggle room. Thanks to the Ron and Lois Buttke memorial funds and Scrip proceeds for funding these uprades.



The new receivers work much the same as the original ones – with the using having the option of

wearing either an ear piece or a neck loop which acts as a personal transmitter to hearing aids which have the T-coil feature. The controls on the receiver are somewhat different and there are small instruction cards located with the receivers to help you become more familiar with the new controls. Many have asked why we haven't installed a built-in T-coil system for the whole building to make it more convenient for those with T-coil hearing aids. The two reasons are we have tested the building for that application and have been told that there is too much electrical interference in to achieve a clear signal with that method, and it would be difficult to install with the type of flooring we have in the sanctuary.



Where have the handbells gone? Not to worry – we still have them. We simply had a stretch of time in which we had a shortage of ringers for a variety of personal reasons and the handbell choir had to take an unplanned sabbatical. Most handbell music is written for a group of between 6 and 12 ringers, and we have fallen below that number since the Christmas season. The hope is to restart the handbell choir again during the long Easter season. If you have ever thought about giving handbells a try now would be a great opportunity. Extensive music experience is not a prerequisite – only the ability to count to three and four and a fairly steady sense of rhythm. The more players we have, the more options we have for music, and it becomes easier to let the more experienced players do the more difficult parts. We practice weekly on Tuesday evenings for only an hour. If you have an interest and would like to know more please contact Paul Heiser during the week at the church.



### "Transfer the Blessings"

What are the blessings God has entrusted to you in this life? How will you transfer those blessings to your family and the ministries you care about when you go to heaven?

"But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

Gary Vought is serving as our Planned Giving Counselor at Faith Lutheran this year. He is available to assist you in creating a plan to leave assets (such as home, business, real estate, investments, etc.) with your family and direct portions as gifts you will leave to your favorite ministries. His work is made possible through a partnership between Faith and the LCMS Foundation called *Transfer the Blessings*. *The LCMS Foundation has been providing Christian estate planning to members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod since* 1958.

What is a Gift Plan? A Christ-centered gift plan is your plan to transfer the blessings God has provided to you in this life to your family when you are in heaven. It's also your plan to give back to the Lord by leaving gifts to ministries like Faith Lutheran and others that may have blessed your life.

A gift plan also includes important documents such as:

- ·Will or Living Trust
- ·Power of Attorney for your health care
- ·Power of Attorney for finances
- · Health Care Directive
- ·Trustee or Personal Representative
- · Minor's Trust (if applicable)
- ·Guardians (if applicable)
- · Beneficiary Designations



You will be able to learn more about the Gift Planning process through a presentation offered at Faith Lutheran Church (April 14). This meeting, accompanied by a meal, will introduce you to the process of developing a will or estate plan, raise questions for you to consider as you approach the process, and give you the opportunity to schedule a meeting with Gary Vought, a gift planning specialist, who will walk will you every step of the way. Attending the informational meetings does not obligate you to go further through the process but will give you the opportunity to learn more about what it involves. At the conclusion of each presentation, you will be given the opportunity to set up a meeting with Gary to assist you in developing your gift plan. There is no cost for his services. If you have any questions, you can reach him at email: gary.vought@lfnd.org or 715-891-1447.

### WAY TO GO FIREBALLS!

This year, we had two volleyball teams representing Faith! Both teams played well and improved throughout the season. In the playoffs, Faith 1 was placed in the D1 bracket and Faith 2 was placed in the D2 bracket. Both teams worked together and played hard. Way to go Fireballs!

Next up is softball.... Keep an eye out for when our softball season will begin!







Song of Songs 8:6





### Happy Birthday

- 1 Shepard Hussin Aria Seitzer
- 2 Perry Welnetz
- 3 Emelia Gretzinger Jeff Wettstein
- 4 Dan Briski Tiffany Hoffman
- 5 Anna Baeb Jack Ristow
- 6 Jameson Boersma
  - Evelyn Bonk Cheryl Mitchell
  - Chase Nguyen Elizabeth Shipley
- 7 Aubrey Bushkie
- Dennis Dewsnap 8 Ethan Barton
- Miles Koldeway James VanDeHey 9 Adler Cravillion
  - Angeline Dobratz David Helpap
    - Jessica Nimmer Aidan Seitzer
- 10Robin Petasek
  - Alex Wright
- 11Paul Barkow

- Barbara Erickson
- Steve Gatewood
- Roland LaPlante
- Brayden Mongin Connor Nissen
- 13Shirley Mitchell
- 14 Eleanor Mohr
- Daniel Potts
- 16 Patti Drabes
  - Marian Kovach
  - Nancy Krueger
    - Ben McKeag
    - Hailey Vohwinkel-Boivin
  - Jordan Wanderlich
- 17Amanda Fabry
  - Pam O'Brien Brooke Voss
  - Jodi Watzka
  - Zachary Wendt Hayden Wilke
- 18 Kathy Cornell
  - Lawrence Hoffman Mark Zehren
- 19 Erica Larsen 20 Aleah Butterbrodt
- Andrea Butterbrodt

- Eric Watson
- 22 Samantha Blackman
- Dave O'Brien
- 23Joe Brozek Scott Bushkie
  - Nicole Gretzinger Linda Just
  - Michael Uffenbeck
- 24 Kayla Baneck 25Leroy Barber
- Andreau Enderby Carter Enderby Maxwell Hanna
- Ryan Wettstein 26 David Cornell
- Dennis VanGruensven 27Garrett Boeck
  - Nancy Hauswirth
- Gregg Marweg 29 Hailey Huguet
- Trinity Jordan Ethan Marach 30 Elaine Hendricks
  - J. Robert Koch Cindy Volz

- 17 Nancy & Scott Behnke
- 21 Jason & Ann Koldeway 22 Gary & Sandi Engebose
- 23 Michael & Michele Gaestel
- 26 Tim & Carolyn Boeck

- 27 Jeff & Cathy Leitner
- 27 James & Paulette VandeHey 28 Terry & Carol Krieser
- 29 David & Sandy Stirdivant

### **GIVE ONLINE**



Online giving is a very simple and effective way to support Faith Lutheran Church. It is

available through our website (flcgb.com) and click this button on the home page. If you have any questions, please email flcgb.donate@gmail.com

### 2024 Unified Offerings

YTD-\$126.798.40 (as of March 16, 2024)

### SCRIP REBATES:

\$1.139.18 (as of March 15, 2024)