

Christ is risen!!!

He is risen indeed!!!

These words which we speak on Easter morning, trigger for me deep-seated memories of groggy Easter Sunday mornings, having prepared breakfast in a church basement, and then heading up to the sanctuary to hear this proclamation, Christ is risen!!! He is risen indeed!!! These words may flood our memories with the sights, sounds, smells, and emotions of Easter.

Sights - The stained glass windows of the sanctuary, with the

light of Easter dawn shining on the altar, as if to say, "See the tomb is empty, he is not here". The bright-colored hats of the women in church, little girls in pastel dresses, and Easter Egg colored clip on ties of the little boys all seemed to serve as a revealing sign that God has done something miraculous and new. The white cloth draped over the cross, reminds us that life has replaced the black shroud of death which was the last image of Good Friday.

Sounds - First there is silence...then hope...then proclamation, "Christ is Risen!!! He is Risen Indeed!!!" ...then trumpets. Then voices singing the promise, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!" The sounds of Easter are sounds of joy! A sneak peek at the heavenly chorus we will some day join. The sounds of Easter are sounds of victory!!! The devil has lost, Christ has conquered. The sounds Easter continues to resound as each reading, hymn and prayer proclaim the incredible power of God in the resurrection of Jesus.

Smells - Only on Easter Sunday do the sweet aromas of hyacinth and lily mingle so well with the smells of sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, and coffee from the Easter breakfast. For some the smell of a lily will carry them back to the pew where the whole family, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins sang "Thine Is The Glory!"

Emotions - What a joyful, transformation from the gloom and death of Good Friday to the wonder and surprise of the empty tomb of Easter. Angels ask drowsy disciples, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Do we not feel the heart rate of Peter rising as he sprints to the tomb. I would even try to imagine that I was Peter and the surprise and amazement I would have experienced at the empty tomb.

The gospel writer Luke tells us, that these experiences were much different on that very first Easter day. Those first disciples, the ones to whom the women reported the news of the empty tomb, they regarded it as an idle tale. To them it was too much, too miraculous, too unbelievable to be true. Even the two disciples on the road to Emmaus had difficulty comprehending this news until Jesus came alongside of them to open their eyes and their hearts to this good news. For us however, this good news of Easter is no idle tale! It is truth!!!

Pastor Todd Nelsen





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Regular Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00am-4:00pm

Special Office Hours
Friday, April 19 - 8am-12pm
Monday, April 22 closed all day



Although beautiful, the snowy weather has been quite the problem. The property team is reporting leaks in the roof, the shoveling volunteers have been busy, and worship services have been disrupted. Thank you to our fantastic property team, volunteers, and snow removal contractors for doing such a great job in this tough season.

Through discussion around the Praise and Play Preschool, it was confirmed that this ministry is seen as an exciting and vibrant part of our church. Thank you to the wonderful preschool staff!

Council liaisons to the varying program and ministry teams have been assigned with the goal of supporting church staff and lay leaders in carrying out their roles as well as reporting back to the council items of celebration and concern.

Please consider joining the council in lifting up our fantastic FLC staff in prayer. It is often forgotten that those who care for so many often need our support as well.

{All in} at Faith Update

The Faith Mission Resource Teams wants to thank everyone who participated in the all in at Faith Challenge. We have met our goals for the Simply Giving Challenge with over twenty new people that have signed up to contribute through Simply Giving. We have also met our goal for returned Statement of Intent Cards as we have received over 125 statements of intent for the 2019. God has abundantly blessed our congregation with generous stewards of the Gospel, thank you for sharing your gifts and going **{All in} at Faith!**

Summer Worship at Green Lake

Summer worship in the Stave Chapel at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is just around the corner. Now is the time to begin to think about how you will extend an invitation to friends, neighbors, and newcomers to join you for worship at the Camp. Starting Memorial Day weekend, we will worship in the Stave Chapel at 6pm on Saturday Evenings and 8:30am on Sunday Mornings. This is a great time to introduce someone new to Faith! Let's all commit to an "Each one, reach one" style of inviting others to join us for worship this summer! If you live on Green Lake, there are spaces to dock your boat when you come to worship, so maybe you could participate in an "Each one, beach one" style of inviting!

Monthly Numbers

Mission Plan for 2019: \$702,110

Year to date, as of February 28:

Offering Received	= \$92,583.62
Actual Expenses	= \$114,230.86
Excess Expenses	= -\$21,647.24





The Feast

Wednesdays at Faith

Meal

5:15pm-5:50pm

Worship

6:00pm-6:30pm

Education/Service Project

6:35pm-7:35pm

Faith After Hours

7:35pm

Choir Rehearsal

Education/Service Project (6:35pm-7:35pm)

April 3

- ⇒ Seeds (pre K - 3rd Gr)
- ⇒ Sprouts (4th Gr - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ Adult Education - "Unglued"

April 10

- ⇒ Seeds (pre K - 3rd Gr)
- ⇒ Sprouts (4th Gr - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ Adult Education - "Unglued"

April 17

No Feast Activities - Holy Week

April 24

- ⇒ No Seeds/Sprouts
- ⇒ Congregational Service Project
- ⇒ Adult Education - "Unglued"

Confirmation Students & Mentors

All confirmation students and their mentors will continue to meet during the Wednesday night meal from 5:15pm-5:50pm through April 10. Our Highway Clean Up Service Project will be on April 24. All kids need to attend.

April Menu

April 3 - Chicken Dinner w/mashed potato & gravy

April 10 - BBQ's w/ homemade Mac n' Cheese

April 17 - No Feast Activities

April 24 - Spaghetti w/tossed salad

April - Adult Education "Unglued"

We continue this small group Bible study by Lysa Terkeurst on Wednesdays April 3, 10 & 24. It is teaching participants how to process emotions and resolve conflicts in ways that lead to a much more peaceful life. What do we often do with our raw emotions? We stuff, we explode, or react somewhere in between. Is it really possible to make emotions work for us instead of against us? Her answer is yes, and in her usual inspiring and practical way, Lysa shows you how.

Filled with gut-honest personal examples and Biblical teaching, Unglued will equip you to know with confidence how to

- ⇒ Resolve conflict in your important relationships
- ⇒ Find peace in your most difficult relationships as you learn to be honest but kind when offended
- ⇒ Identify what type of reactor you are and how to significantly improve your communication
- ⇒ Respond with no regrets by managing your tendencies to stuff, explode or react somewhere in between
- ⇒ And how to gain a deep sense of calm by responding to situations out of your control without acting out of control

Please feel free to join in even if you haven't been to a study yet. **Dates of class: April 3, 10 & 24.**

April Service Project

Wednesday, April 24

6:35pm-7:35pm



All hands on deck! Highway Ditch Clean-Up here we come! This is a **congregational** service project. We will head out right after worship at 6:35pm. Please wear closed toed shoes, long pants and bring a pair of gloves.



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Let's Meet!

Property Team

Wednesday, April 3
6:35pm

Parish Arts Team

Monday, April 8
6:30pm

Mission Resource Team

Tuesday, April 9
6:00pm

Council

Thursday, April 11
6:00pm

Weekly Faith Bible Study

Thursdays @ 9:30am

Weekly Men's Bible Study

Saturdays @ 9:00am

Bi Weekly Men's Bible Study

2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 6:30am

Our Church Family

The following members have been listed in our Prayer Concerns during the month of March:

Jill Rohman
Eleanor Prentice
Rod Paulson
Gene Adams
Caylor Osmond
Bruce Loftness

Baptisms

David Christian Korsmo
March 13

Elliot Kenneth Korsmo
March 13

Rosella Ray Lien
March 17

Deaths

Eleanor Prentice
March 21

Ongoing Opportunities

Hobby Night

Friday, April 12

Join us at 6:30pm. Bring your supplies, a friend, some snacks/beverage and plan to spend some time visiting and crafting! Call Sonya Erickson for more information at 444.1134. Everyone is welcome. See you here at Faith!

Guys on the Go

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

6:30am

Morning Men's Bible Study will be held on every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6:30am-7:30am at Faith. This study will use the Moravian Daily Texts to lead us into studying the scripture. This is a great on the way to work opportunity to enjoy a light breakfast, coffee, and discussion of how God's Word might shape our day. Please let Pastor Todd know if you would like to participate in this study or just show up!

April 9 & 23 in the Fireside Room.

Forecaster Submissions Due

Monday, April 15

Tuesday's Table

Tuesday, April 16

6:00pm - 6:30pm

Join us for this free community meal right here at Faith!

Women's Bible Study Circles

Esther Bible Study Circle

Wednesday, April 17 - 9:30am at Janet Johnson's

Rachel Bible Study Circle

Thursday, April 25 - 1:30pm at Phyllis Jacobson's

We use the "Gather Magazine" from Augsburg Publishing for our studies. Check your weekly worship bulletins for updates or changes of locations. All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to join one of the Bible Study Circles. For more info contact Nona Oie at 796-5554.

Faith On Tap

Thursday, April 25

6:30pm

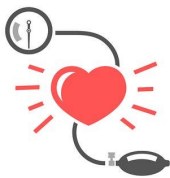
Adult members of Faith are invited to join us for a lively conversation engaging Faith and Life over a nice cold beer. **We will gather Thursday Evening April 25 at 6:30pm at Goat Ridge Brewery in New London.** If you have any questions about Faith on Tap or have a topic you would like to discuss please contact Pastor Todd at toddn@faithspicer.org.



PRAISE + PLAY PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, April 4
5:00pm-6:30pm**

Praise and Play Preschool will be hosting their Open House on Thursday, April 4 from 5:00-6:30pm for any families interested in checking out Praise + Play for the 2019-20 school year. Parents may register at this time or take registration information home with them. Please share with friends and neighbors!



Don't forget!

The first Sunday of each month (Sunday, April 7) our Parish Nurse is here to do free blood pressure checks. Head to office 114 on the east side of the gathering area to have yours checked.



Faith Visitation Ministry Team Meeting

The Faith Visitation Ministry has a simple goal: "To extend the love of Christ through a visitation ministry that seeks to maintain Faith relationships." We will be having a team meeting on Sunday, April 7 at 9:45am in the Fireside Room, and we would encourage anyone interested in learning more about our ministry to join us!



Open House Baby Shower Halee St. Aubin (Doty)

Sunday, April 14
3:00pm-5:00pm

Join Halee at Faith as she celebrates!

Make Faith the church of YOUR choice!

Interested in becoming a member at Faith? Consider attending our Faith 101 class!

Please attend our Faith 101 classes! This three-week course is for people wanting to learn more about our church and the ministries and programs we have to offer, with an opportunity to join membership.

Class #1 will be offered Sunday, April 28 (9:45-10:30am) and Wednesday, May 1 (6:35pm-7:30pm) *choose one to attend*

Class #2 will be offered Sunday, May 5 (9:45-10:30am) and Wednesday, May 8 (6:35pm-7:35pm) *choose one to attend*

Class #3 will be offered Sunday, May 12 (10:00-10:30am)

*All classes will take place in the Fireside Room.

*Anyone can attend these classes, and there is no need to sign up ahead of time.

*Please contact Pastor Seyward with questions: seywarda@faithspicer.org

New Member Welcome

New members will be officially welcomed on Sunday, May 12 during our 10:35am worship.



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Just The Basics

This year, The Link plans to support Hope Care Pantry by coordinating with churches and community organizations to campaign for specific items of need.

In the past, the "Just the Basics" Household & Hygiene Distribution event provided families in need with basic toiletry and household items once a year. This annual event began almost 10 years ago (before Hope Care Pantry was started!) Now, The Link works closely with Hope Care Pantry and regularly refers families to their program as they offer household goods all year long. Hope Care Pantry is serving 30 families every month. **Faith will collect shampoo & conditioner during the month of April.**



SPRING CLEAN

Spring Clean-Up
Saturday, May 4
9am-Noon

Many hands make light work!
Sign up on the April Opportunity to Serve Cards.
Don't forget, treats will be served!

Prairie Arts Chorale in Concert

"Broadway" Changing the World One Song at a Time

Join us **Sunday, May 5 at 4:00pm**. This program will include arrangements and selections from Broadway musicals from the beginning of Broadway, through the Golden Age, and to the modern hits seen on stage, today. Tickets will be on sale soon at the Welcome Center.

Faith Family Camp at Camp House

When: August 8-11

Where: Camp House, Brimson, MN (Near Two Harbors)

Who: Faith Families of any size or age

How much:

- ⇒ Adult: 3 Nights, 8 Meals - \$179.50
- ⇒ Adult: 2 Nights, 5 Meals - \$117
- ⇒ Youth: 3 Nights, 8 Meals - \$126.65
- ⇒ Youth: 2 Nights, 5 Meals - \$81.90
- ⇒ Infants & Preschoolers - FREE!

Intergenerational family camping at Camp House offers families a chance to get away in God's beautiful north woods and reconnect with one another and God. Camp House can serve as a launching point for families to explore the beautiful North Shore and visit places like Split Rock Light House, Grand Marais, Gooseberry Falls, The Superior Hiking Trail and so much more!

While at Camp House there are many things you can do, swim, fish, paddleboard, canoe and kayak on beautiful George Lake. Take a trip to the blueberry patch, hunt for agates, and hike the trails on the Camp House property. And of course, there are also camp-fires, small group bible studies, wood fired pizza baking, and time to relax and read a good book.

If you are interested in finding out more about Camp House or any of the other camps of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center. If you want to sign up to attend Faith Family Camp at Camp House a sign-up sheet is posted on the office bulletin board. An electronic registration is also available on Faith's Website and Facebook page.



High School Seniors



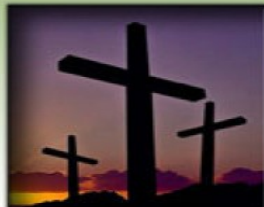
College scholarship applications are now available at the Welcome Center. The applications are due back to church by Sunday, May 5. The funds for our scholarships come from the Faith Lutheran Endowment Fund. Payments will be sent directly to your college after Faith has received proof of enrollment for the spring semester of 2020 (second semester of Freshman year).



Lent Worship
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Regular Worship
Sundays
8:30am & 10:35am

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday - April 14 - 8:30am & 10:35am

Maundy Thursday - April 18 - 7:00pm

Good Friday - April 19 - 7:00pm

Easter Sunday - April 21 - 6:25am, 8:30am & 10:35am

Music Notes

Our 2nd Annual Palm Sunday Cantata will be presented on Sunday, April 14 during the 8:30am & 10:35am services. The Faith Choir and additional singers have been practicing since Ash Wednesday for this presentation. It will include narration, multi-media as well as wonderful music to tell the story of Jesus passion. This music is based on a collection of spirituals that are familiar and will add to your listening enjoyment. You won't want to miss it! In addition to the Cantata, the choir will also be singing on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday. Come and join our church family during this special time.

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays

7:35pm

Join us for rehearsals if you're interested in singing!

Special Note: Wednesday, April 17 rehearsal is at 7:00pm - **No Worship April 17**

Choir Performance Dates

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday Cantata - 8:30am & 10:35am

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday 7:00pm

Sunday, April 21 - 6:25am, 8:30am & 10:35am

April Scriptures

April 7 - Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4-14, John 12:1-8

April 14 - Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

April 21 - Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12

April 28 - Acts 5:27-32, Revelations 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

Worship Assistants

Each Sunday we are need of greeters, ushers, communion assistants, readers and Audio Visual assistants. We've tried to make it as easy as possible for you to sign up online. Just go to faithspicer.org - click on the sign up tab on the top. Go to Worship Assistants. It's really that easy AND we need you to do it. If you would prefer to call the office to sign up that's great - just give us a call! 796.2522. Thank you!



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Praise & Play Preschool April 2019

Praise and Play Preschool will be hosting their Open House on Thursday, April 4 from 5:00-6:30pm for any families interested in checking out Praise + Play for the 2019-20 school year. Parents may register at this time or take registration information home with them.

On Tuesday, April 16, from 8:30-9:30am Praise + Play will be having their second annual Donuts with Dads and Grandpas. Children will serve their special guests and will sing a couple of songs.

Following the NLS school calendar, we just finished our Spring Break and before that celebrated the official arrival of Spring with a pajama day featuring a movie with popcorn and juice boxes. Hopefully, the actual arrival of Spring will coincide with the official one.

Following Spring Break, Miss Katina is on maternity leave for the remainder of the school year. One of our current moms, Tricia Lilleberg, has stepped in to take her place for most of her hours and Miss Jean and Miss Patsy will cover the rest. The children made a special gift for Miss Katina's nursery.

We ended March with a theme about weather and rainbows. We take turns being the weather forecaster on the local news station, telling the weather each day, showing on the map where the best and worst weather will be.

We had an exciting field trip in March, a Christian Children's concert by artist, Jennie Williamsen from Nashville. It was hosted and sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church and Preschool in Willmar. They sponsored a bus to pick us up and a few other preschools from Willmar. After the concert, they served a complimentary lunch to 200 plus children. For all but two of our children, it was their first live concert to attend. Jennie performed for an hour; most of her songs had the children interacting with her.

From some of our Parent Aware regional grant, we have purchased a complete set of wooden blocks and a block cabinet to keep them in. Check out our future engineers and architects they are quite the builders!

Our first week in April, we will be studying the Oceans and the beach. We are going to build a yellow submarine we can ride in and will be on the lookout for the whale that swallowed Jonah! One of the days we will get to wear shorts and tank tops with our beach towels and sunglasses. The remainder of April we will spend on the Easter Story!

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page weekly: Praise and Play Preschool
Contact our Director - Patsy Cordes for information on 2019-2020 school year at pandp@faithspicer.org or 796.2522.





Children, Youth & Family

Sunday School Classes

9:30am - 10:30am

April 7 - "Mary Anoints Jesus"

April 14 - "Holy Week"

April 21 - No Sunday School

April 28 - "Doubting Thomas"

All Children welcome!

Haven't been to Sunday School yet this year?

No problem! Start anytime!

Contact James Lucas at

education@faithspicer.org to get started!



Children's Ministry Team Meeting

(Pre-school - 6th Grade)

Sunday, April 14 at 10:30am after Sunday School.

Have ideas?

Want to help our Children's ministry grow?

Come to our CMT meeting!

Wednesdays at Faith Faith Seeds & Sprouts!

Seeds and Sprouts is a Wednesday night ministry for preschool through 6th grade led by James Lucas. We invite these children so parents have an opportunity to attend the adult education opportunity that night. We will study the bible together, talk through our week, and discuss how we see God in the world around us. There are also games and crafts, and we end our time together by praying, usually led by the kids! **Wednesdays in April 3 & 10. No Feast Activities April 17 (Holy Week) and April 24th is a congregational service project "Highway Clean Up". Bring the whole family to help at 6:35pm-remember to wear long pants, closed toed shoes and bring some gloves.**



Seeds and Sprouts will begin at **6:35pm**, right after our **6:00pm worship**.

****Parents - we ask that if you plan on sending your kiddos to one of these groups that you please stay in the building. Thank you!** And don't forget to join us for our 5:15pm dinner as well! But make sure to sign up by Monday the week of.

VBS/Day Camp July 29-August 1 Shores of St. Andrew



If you would like to volunteer to help with our VBS please contact James.

Registration: online through GLLM's website: gllm.org.

Cost: \$30 per camper when you use the Faith Lutheran Member discount code "ONSITE2019" (members of Faith only) non member cost is \$90.

If you need help registering, contact James to get your child signed up!
Children, Youth & Family Ministries Director - James Lucas:
education@faithspicer.org or 320.796.2522.



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NEW! Communion for Beginners (ages Pre-K through 4th grade)

We are excited to offer a new event for kids ages 3 (Pre-K) through 4th grade, along with their parents, who are interested in receiving communion. Please join us at Faith on **Saturday, April 13 from 9:00-10:30am** to learn all about and prepare for this very special part of worship and our Christian faith. This is not mandatory, and it will be left up to the discretion of parents to determine at what age their child is ready to take communion. All participants will celebrate their first communion during the Maundy Thursday evening worship on April 18. If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Pastor Seyward at seywarda@faithspicer.org or 796.2522 - Monday through Thursday.



Youth Group!

Sundays - 4:00pm-6:00pm

9th-12th Grade come and join us for Christian centered discussions about topics you choose.

Meals are provided and are typically free unless specified.

9th-12th Grade students may bring a friend.

April 7 - Faith Talk

April 14 - Movie Night

April 21 - No Youth Group

April 28 - Bowling Night - **8th Grade Invited** - Bring \$20

May 5 - Bonfire - **8th Grade Invited**

May 12 - Faith Talk - Fish Bowl - **8th Grade Invited**

May 19 - Movie Night - **8th Grade Invited**

Youth Ministry Team Meeting

7th Grade - 12th Grade

Wednesday, April 24 during the Feast meal.

Have some new ideas? Want to make our Youth ministry grow? Come to our YMT meetings!



Senior High Youth Gathering

April 5-6

Lake Geneva Christian Center, Alexandria



Highway Clean Up

Wednesday, April 24 - 6:35pm

Please wear long pants, closed toed shoes and bring gloves.

Looking at Summer Camp?

Experience camp's new theme "Transformed Community" this summer at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries! Camping is an important milestone in faith formation, and you are encouraged to attend this summer! Go to GLLM.org and check out the different camps. There are pamphlets at our Welcome Center as well you can take.

Just a few options are:

Shores of St. Andrew - (Grades 1-7) Half Blast, Andy's Gang, NEW Trailblazers, Fishing Camp, MAD Camp (Music, Arts, Drama)

GLBC - Stargazers, Homestead, M.O.B. (Members of the Body), S.I.T. (Staff In Training), Serve Boldly

Camp House - Confirmation Camp, Servant Adventure (Middle School), Servant Adventure (High School), Fishing Camp.



Community Garden

We will be having an informational meeting at Faith on April 6 & 27 at 9:00am. Plots are just \$25. Please come to one of these meetings if you are interested in reserving a plot.



The Faith Community Garden will also be at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center for Earth Day! April 13 from 8:00am-1:00pm. If one of the other days does not work out for you please attend this date and sign up.

If you have questions about our community garden please call Lynda at 320-796-6502.

32nd SYNODICAL SWMN WELCA CONVENTION

May 3 & 4

The 32nd Synodical Convention will be held Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the First Lutheran Church, 100 Church Street, Marshall, MN. This years theme is "Embraced by the Winds of Grace".
Theme verse: Ecclesiastes 1:6

This year Friday will be the plenary Sessions (and displays) and on Saturday will be our main Worship, Speakers, Workshops, and Displays.

Friday evenings entertainment will be Jett Skrien, Illusionist and our Saturday speakers are Lydia Davila, (Church Wide Rep.), Cindy McKittrick, Hope Harbor Church, and Hallujah Hooligans of Baltic, SD.

The workshop opportunities are "The Spirituality of Dreams", "Journaling and Creative Writing", and "Identity Theft and Other Scams"

Definitely a convention to join our Lutheran sisters in Christ for inspiring worship and fellowship. Registration is on your own, slips are found on the office bulletin board, or contact Nona Oie 796-5554 for more information. Or you can get more info by emailing: swmnwelca@gmail.com.

SPRING GATHERING

"LAUGHTER & JOY"

Saturday, April 6

Kerkhoven Lutheran Church

402 - 12th St. N., Kerkhoven

- Registration 9:00am
- Gathering 9:30am
- Coffee and refreshments begin at 9:00am
- Cost is \$10 and includes lunch
- Please make checks payable to: Lakeland Conference

The theme is "Laughter and Joy" given by Marie Henriksen of Arco, MN. She explains that physical and mental health are gotten through these two subjects. Joy is one of the gifts of the spirit, and besides being a part of our relationship to God, joy is important for our own health and well-being. We learn about humor, laughter and joy and how they are different and yet the same. Hope to see you there!

Got Shoes?

Faith now has a shoe collection box. The Spicer Sunrise Lions are collecting shoes for distribution to needy people around the world. The Lions will accept any footwear you'd care to donate: New shoes, old shoes, adult shoes, children's shoes, boots (and yes, even old ski boots and high heels!). Shoes that cannot be used for footwear are ground up and used as roadbed material in third world countries. We'll take 'em all!





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With Many Thanks



A big thank you to our team of snow shovelers! This has been an unusual winter as of late. Thank you so much! L to R Nate Grotelueschen, Tim Kamholz, Don Carlson, Tony Rime. Not pictured - Wayne Kooiman, Landon Fries, Dave and Karen Spears.

Thank you to Bev Tharaldson who continues to sew our baptismal towels.

Thank you so much for generously sharing your noisy offering with our students at the Campus Ministry Center at Ridgewater! We appreciate your partnership in Ministry. Blessings, Pastor Amy

Thank you for your generous gift of \$464 to the ELCA in support of missionaries. Your commitment enables 230 missionaries serving in more than 49 countries to proclaim the gospel and care for those in need.

With gratitude, Andrew Steele - Director

Thank you for your monthly generous support of this organization of \$846.15.

Sincerely, Heidi Kohls - Family Promise Case Manager

Thank you for your donation of \$244.33. The Link's programs are fueled by the generous support of the community. The Link is working to meet critical needs for families and seniors facing increased heating costs, vehicle repairs and other unforeseen circumstances. Your support makes it possible.

With gratitude, Rhonda Otteson - Executive Director

Thank you to all the members of Faith! We are grateful for your donation of \$27,878.14 during 2018!

Jon Anderson - Synod Bishop

Elizabeth Eaton - Presiding Bishop

Silent Basket Auction



Faith is having a silent basket auction to help raise money for the kids going on summer trips like the Boundary Waters, St. Louis, and Bible Camp! Please sign up at the Welcome Center or talk with James Lucas if you are willing to donate a themed basket! This auction will take place from May 12 to May 19. The bidding will close at 10:30am on May 19.

Faith Visitation Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, April 7
9:45am



The Faith Visitation Ministry has a simple goal: "To extend the love of Christ through a visitation ministry that seeks to maintain Faith relationships." We are primarily ministering to members of our congregation who are unable for various reasons to attend worship and other Faith events on a regular basis, but we also want to serve those in our church community who are dealing with grief, temporarily hospitalized, or have other needs.

We will be having a team meeting on **Sunday, April 7 at 9:45am** in the Fireside Room, and we would encourage anyone interested in learning more about our ministry to join us! Visiting our homebound members is one of the most meaningful ways we can express God's love to our neighbor. It is simple to do, and training can be provided so you can feel comfortable participating in this ministry.



Family Promise week begins Sunday, April 28. Please be courteous of our guests and of their privacy. If you would like to volunteer please go to the sign up page through our website: faithspicer.org then to the sign up tab at the top. Thank you!



Stock The Link Food Pantry during March FoodShare Month!

February 25th – April 7th

Every March, thousands of Minnesotans raise food and funds for their local food shelves. Join individuals, businesses and corporations, schools, community organizations, and churches in helping The Link Food Pantry support children, families and seniors in need. Participating in Minnesota FoodShare allows The Link Food Pantry to count pounds of food and monetary funds donated from February 25th - April 7th toward an opportunity for matching funds. All food items are appreciated. Thank you for your support!



New Collaboration Supporting People in Recovery

A gift from the Dan Baker Foundation has made it possible to provide flexible funds to support adults in recovery. The Link is the fiscal sponsor of the flexible fund designed to support people in recovery through the Kandi/Meeker Drug Court.

The Kandi/Meeker Drug Court is a diversionary court for first-time offenders. Through this court, participants work with their probation officer to reach their goals for sobriety and recovery. This fund mirrors the funds provided to people through The Link's Client Services & Outreach Program in terms of its flexibility and goal to "fill the gap" in resources. We are grateful to be a partner in this important work.

Donor Spotlight: Emma Reuss, Age 14

On Emma's 12th birthday, she made her first gift to The Link. Realizing that she had just about everything she needed, she decided to make a difference for other people that aren't as fortunate. The following year, Emma continued to save the money she earned while babysitting, from her allowance, from Christmas gifts and her birthday money. Over the past three birthdays, Emma's gifts total \$1,250. In addition to her philanthropy, Emma has given countless hours of her time to support the Wildcat Backpack Program and has made a cameo with her sister in one of The Link's videos. Emma serves others with kindness and humility. Thank you, Emma! You are truly an inspiration for people of all ages.



Tuesday's Table

April Schedule

Serving from 6:00-6:30pm

April 2: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic

April 9: Evangelical Covenant Church

April 16: Faith Lutheran Church

April 23: Peace Lutheran Church

April 30: Faith Lutheran Church

Household Exchange & Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday: 9am-3pm

Thursday: 9am-3pm

Wednesday: 2pm - 5pm

Revive + Redeem

Boutique | Thrift Hours

Tuesday: 10am-3pm

Thursday: 10am-3pm

Saturday: 9am-1pm



Stock the Pantry

Key food items: Milk, eggs, bread, cereal, canned fruits & vegetables, noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly and tuna. Please contact Chasity at 354.5555 to make a donation of food.

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April 2019 Bible Study

Gospel of John - Chapter 20

Seeing the risen Christ, coming to faith

Theme verse: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe - John 20:29b

Lakeland Spring Gathering

April 6 @ 9:00am - Kerkhoven Lutheran Church
(Call for ride share-796-5554)

Quilting

April 8 & 9
April 29 & 30

All registrations to SWMN WELCA Convention due

April 13

Holy Week

April 14-19

Easter

April 21

Esther Bible Study Circle

April 17 @ 9:30am @ Janet Johnson's

Rachel Bible Study

April 25 @ 1:30pm @ Phyllis Jacobson's

Everyone is invited to join us in our Bible Studies and mission projects. For more information contact Nona Oie 796-5554.

- 1) Abe Carlson, James George
- 2) Marcia Quale, Tim Renner, Brendan Ruter, Loren Teig
- 3) Ryan Johnson, Becky Manselle, Ryan Noonan
- 4) Jason Klabo, Jeff Lorensen, Terry Manselle, Norma Monson, Kelly Rauk
- 5) Jamison Doty, Marvin Hey, Tracy Robnik
- 6) Kylie Grotelueschen, Meghan McKenzie, Mason Toutges
- 7) Rayya Nieland
- 8) Wendell Erickson, Josselyn Finstrom, Emma Madison, Martha Nash, Jack Quale, Jilonnie Scheevel, Ed Sluka, Dorothy Swart, Avery Ward
- 9) Brett Klabo, Terry Lewison, Noah Martens,
- 10) Megan Fladeboe, Jason Freidrichs, Griffin Haats, Ron Strom, Autumn Williams
- 11) Jim Munsell
- 12) Lynn Dwyer, Keith Espelien, Blake Hedrick, Mike Mickelson, Dan Sampson
- 13) Naomi Noeldner, Sandra Rohner, Anna Sukalski, Anne Tipka, Florence Wangen, Carl Zeidler
- 14) Trudie Guptill, Adeline Hayden, Erin Hoffman
- 15) Evelyn Barber, Tony Gaasterland
- 16) Rachel Gaasterland
- 17) Evan Freidrichs, Patrick Larsen, Ashtyn Solberg
- 18) Jan Christianson, Stacy Vanderwerf
- 19) Travis Senkyr
- 20) Steven Nordby, Shana Shuck
- 21) Rondi Adams, Pat Holden, Christine Hunt, Sharon Johnson, Gloria Schultz, Jeanne Whitney
- 22) Kayla Barnes, Sophie Grotelueschen, Jim Hayden, Courtney Leitner, Max Mickelson, Steig Sogge, Madalynn Welsch
- 23) Hannah Doty, Anna Haats, Olivia Johnson, Wayne Kooiman, Andrew Masee, Caleb Ruter
- 24) Joe Wangen
- 25) Addilyn Baker, Liz Eliason, Carol Shuck
- 26) Julia Anderson, Dolyn DeSchepper, Megan Hjelle, Michael Pickard, Aaron Renner
- 27) Laurel Cook, Hunter Eisenbacher, Lisa Klabo, Randy Peterson, Aaron Ruter, Margaret Thompson, Sherelle Zimmerle
- 28) Khloe Doty, Reid Finstrom, Brianna Kastner, Kelsey Stahl, Barbara Thompson
- 29) Travis Engelke, Janet Hillstrom, Shayna Nelson, Jason Peterson, Audrey Renner, Asianna Roley
- 30) Stephen Gerberding, Steve Marquardt, Jordyn Oie

SWMN Synodical

Women's Organization of ELCA Convention

"Embraced by the Winds of Grace"

Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4
First Lutheran Church
100 Church St. Marshall, MN

Schedule:

Friday - Business sessions.
Saturday - Worship, Speakers, Workshops, and Displays.

Registration is on your own, due by Saturday, April 13.
Cost is \$50.

For more information contact Nona Oie 796-5554.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 10:30am Staff 5:30pm-6:30pm JFK	2 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ OLOL Catholic	3 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:35pm Education 6:35pm Property Team Meeting 7:35pm - Choir	4 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 5pm-6:30pm Pre- school Open House	5 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 3:30pm-9:30pm JFK Senior High Youth Gathering in Alexan- dria	6 9am Bible Study 9am Community Garden Meeting 9am Spring Gather- ing in Kerkhoven
7 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee/ Sunday School/ Blood Pressure Checks 9:45am Faith Visitation Ministry Meeting 10:35am Worship 4pm-6pm Youth Group Special Offering	8 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting 10:30am Staff 5:30pm-6:30pm JFK 6:30pm Parish Arts Team Meeting	9 6:30am Guys on the Go Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 9am-3pm Quilting 6pm Mission Resource Team Meeting 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Evangelical Covenant Church	10 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm Worship 6:35pm Education 7:35pm - Choir	11 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 3:30pm-9:30pm JFK 6pm Council	12 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 6:30pm Hobby Night	13 9am Bible Study 9am-10:30am Com- munion for Begin- ners Class
14 8:30am Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am Coffee/ Sunday School 10:30am CMT Meeting 10:35am Palm Sunday Worship 3pm-5pm Halee St. Aubin Baby Shower 4pm-6pm Youth Group	15 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 4:30pm-6:30pm Link Board Meeting	16 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 8:30am Donuts w/Dads Preschool 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Faith	17 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 9:30am Esther Circle @ Janet Johnson's 10:30am Staff No Feast Activities 7pm - Choir	18 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 7pm Maundy Thurs- day Worship	19 Office Closes at noon 7pm Good Friday Worship	20 9am Bible Study
21 6:25am Easter Sunrise Worship 8:30am Easter Worship No Sunday School or Coffee Hour 10:35am Easter Worship No Youth Group	22 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool Office Closed	23 6:30am Guys on the Go Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 10:30am Staff 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Peace Lutheran	24 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 5:15pm YMT Meeting 6pm-6:30pm Wor- ship 6:35pm Congregational Highway Clean Up 7:35pm - Choir	25 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 1:30pm Rachel Circle @ Phyllis Jacobson's 3:30pm-9:30pm JFK 6:30pm Faith On Tap @ Goat Ridge Brew- ery in New London	26 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool Wedding Rehearsal	27 9am Bible Study 9am Community Garden Meeting 3pm Wedding
28 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee/ Sunday School 9:45am Faith 101 Class #1 10:35am Worship 4pm-6pm Youth Group Family Promise Week Begins	29 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 10:30am Staff 9am-3pm Quilting	30 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 9am-3pm Quilting 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Faith hosted by Lions				

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Worship Times

Labor Day — Memorial Day

At Faith Lutheran Church

Wednesdays 6:00pm-6:30pm

Sunday at 8:30am & 10:35am

Education Hour at 9:30am

Memorial Day — Labor Day

At Green Lake Bible Camp Chapel

Saturday at 6:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am

At Faith — Sunday at 10:00am



Easter Lily Orders

Purchase an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of a loved one for our Easter Sunday Services.

Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

Cost is \$12.00 per plant.