



<sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." (Matthew 28:5-10)

When I was growing up, an Easter tradition in my household was searching for Easter baskets. I don't know if this has been a tradition for other families, or if my parents did this in lieu of an egg hunt, but each year, after we came home from a big church morning, took our obligatory family photo, and changed into more comfortable clothes, my siblings and I would search the house for our Easter baskets.

As it turns out, I was not very good at finding my Easter basket. Each year my parents would hide mine in the easiest, most obvious of places, and even after being given hints, I would still be the last of my siblings to find my basket. My brothers and sister (all younger than me) would be stuffing their faces with marshmallow eggs and jelly beans, and I would still be searching fruitlessly. By the time I was in high school, it had become a long-running joke (one I didn't find all that funny at the time, although now I can laugh about it).

Thank goodness we don't have to search for Jesus, because I would be doomed. Although Jesus wasn't in the tomb where the women expected him to be, he quickly appeared to them, and soon after that to the rest of his disciples. It is always God's actions and not our own that bring us closer to God. As Lent draws to a close and we enter into the season of Easter, may we all be comforted by the promise that God is never hiding from us, but is the one seeking us out, constantly rebuilding and restoring our relationship, and that no matter where we are going, God is already there.

Pastor Seyward

April is a transitional time for the committee developing Faith's Ministry Site Profile. As you all return completed surveys, the committee will be active gathering and summarizing your insights. Thank you for remembering the April 8 deadline for completing the surveys.

The committee members look forward to leading Forums following worship on Sunday April 24 and Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> following The Feast. Our goal will be to summarize what you have shared with us. One topic that will be interesting to follow is your responses regarding staffing models. In a normal transition process congregations are encouraged to use the development of the Ministry Site Profile to manage shifts in generational leadership, reclaim the congregation's sense of identity and commit to a new path forward. Faith is one of many congregations reclaiming their mission while the dynamics associated with Covid are slowly loosening their grip on communities and schools.

Our steps forward may be tentative, but we do move forward with the help of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps a bit of the Spirit's joy and laughter will be evident in a ministry site profile that asserts:

"Those folks at Faith...they're the real deal!" Imagine that!

Interim Gary

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# Faith Newsletter



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Holy Week Worship

Mundy Thursday, April 14  
6 p.m.  
Good Friday, April 15  
6 p.m.  
Easter Sunday, April 17  
9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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## Worship Schedule

*Please pray for...*

Sundays:

9 a.m. Worship  
10 a.m. Fellowship  
10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesdays "The Feast":

5:15 p.m. Meal  
6 p.m. Worship  
6:35 p.m. Educational Opportunities  
7:35 p.m. Faith Chancel Choir  
7:39 p.m. LYF High School Youth Group

~ Lila Burmeister  
~ Darleen Manthey,  
sister of Arlys Gronli  
~ Phil Quam  
~ Dave Eliason  
~ Marlys Larsen

Find our worship services on our  
YouTube channel or [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org)



# Children & Youth

**Sunday Sweets with Quentin**  
after Worship in the Youth Room from 10am-11am

**Grades 6-8 Mar. 20th & Apr. 3rd**



**JOIN QUENTIN FOR A SWEET TREAT, SHORT DEVOTIONAL, AND SOME FUN AND GAMES!**  
\*Confirmation Points awarded for attendance\*

**Sunday Sweets with Quentin:**  
In April, our Sunday Sweets will be on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no Sunday Sweets on April 17<sup>th</sup>, due to Easter. All students in grades 6-8 are invited to join Quentin in the Youth Room after worship for a sweet treat, short devotion, and games. Confirmation Points will be awarded for attendance!



**SENIOR HIGH BUNCO NIGHT**  
WED. APRIL 20TH @ FAITH LUTHERAN  
@ 7:39pm

LYF (OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP) WILL MEET AT FAITH FOR A FUN NIGHT OF BUNCO WITH FABULOUS PRIZES! ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 ARE INVITED. FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!




**LYF- High School Youth Group:**  
Our combined High School Youth Group has recently rebranded itself. We are now calling it LYF (pronounced "life"), which stands for Live Your Faith. We currently meet in the Youth Room of Peace Lutheran at 7:39pm on Wednesdays. Contact Quentin at [youth@faithspicer.org](mailto:youth@faithspicer.org) with questions.

**Spring Basket Silent Auction**  
A fundraiser for Youth summer Serve Boldly trips



One of our favorite fundraisers is back! Sign up at The Welcome Center to donate a themed basket. Please drop them off at Faith by Wed. April 27th!

Baskets will be on display and available to bid on starting Sunday, May 1st. The Auctions will end Sunday, May 8th at 11am



**Silent Basket Auction:** One of our favorite fundraisers is BACK! We are having a Silent Basket Auction to fundraise for students going on the summer Serve Boldly trips. If you'd like to donate a themed basket, there is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. Please have your basket here by Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Baskets will be on display and open for bidding starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Fundraiser will end at 11:00am on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. ALL proceeds will go directly to our youth attending these trips!

# Opportunities



**"Who Is Jesus?"**  
A Lenten Cantata by Joel Raney

The Faith Chancel Choir invites you to a Lenten Cantata Worship on 4/6 at 6 p.m. or 4/10 at 9 a.m.



**GOD ON TAP**

Rescheduled to April 21st at 6:30 p.m.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 10:00-11:00  
OUTSIDE @ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH (INSIDE IF IT RAINS)

- HUNT FOR EGGS
- ADOPT A PET (STUFFED ANIMAL)
- FRESH FLOWERS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!  
BRING YOUR OWN BASKET

**Mission of the Month APRIL:**  
*Family Promise*

**Prairie Arts Chorale,** Singers of Southwestern Minnesota, invites you to join them for an afternoon of music "Words of Wisdom." The chorale will be featuring selections exploring music over the years that offers advice on career, family, life and love. This light hearted and diverse collection will be performed in Spicer at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, April 24th at 4 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance (free to 18 and under) and can be purchased at Faith Lutheran or Whitney Music. We hope you can join us! Please visit [www.prairieartschorale.org](http://www.prairieartschorale.org) for more information including other performance dates and locations.

# Looking Ahead...

Stick me on your fridge so you don't miss anything!

4/3	10 a.m.	Sunday Sweets with Quentin in Youth Rm
4/6	6 p.m.	Lenten Cantata Worship
4/10	9 a.m.	Lenten Cantata Worship
4/12 & 4/13	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Quilting
4/14	6 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship
4/15	6 p.m.	Good Friday Worship
4/16	10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
4/17	9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship
4/21	6 p.m.	Council Mtg.
4/21	6:30 p.m.	God on Tap at Goat Ridge Brewery
4/22	6:30 p.m.	Hobby Night in the Fireside Rm
4/24	4 p.m.	Prairie Arts Chorale Concert
4/24 & 4/27	after worship	Ministry Site Profile Forums
4/26 & 4/27	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Quilting
4/28	1:30 p.m.	Rachel Circle Bible Study
TBD	6:30 p.m.	Women, Wine, and the Word
Sundays	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	Worship Sunday School Fellowship
Wednesdays	5:15 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:35 p.m. 7:35 p.m. 7:39 p.m.	Meal Worship Educational Opportunities Faith Chancel Choir Practice LYF High School Youth Group
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study in the Fireside Rm
Saturdays	9 a.m.	Men's Bible Study

## Council NEWS

January 1 -February 28

	YTD Budget	2022	2021	Difference
Income	107,295.80	85,176.16	89,461.96	(4,285.80)
Expense	107,295.10	97,326.81	96,781.83	544.98
Net Income	0.70	(12,150.65)	(7,319.87)	(4,830.78)
Mortgage Principal TTL	9,076.70	8,828.40	8,438.01	390.39
Other Income	3,750.20		15,138.27	(15,138.27)
Net Profit (Loss)	12,827.60	(3,322.25)	16,256.41	(19,578.66)