

# Lent

**Lent Worship**  
Wednesdays  
March 4 - April 1  
6:00pm



# Holy Week

**Palm Sunday Cantata**  
Sunday - April 5  
8:30am & 10:35am

**Mauudy Thursday**  
April 9  
7:00pm

**Good Friday**  
April 10  
7:00pm

**Easter Sunday**  
April 12  
Sunrise 6:39am  
8:30am & 10:35am



At Baptism, after the newly baptized is washed with the life giving waters in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the sign of the cross is traced upon the baptized forehead and this or a similar promise is spoken, "Child of God, in baptism you have been marked with the cross of Christ and sealed with the promised Holy Spirit." At the end of our earthly journey, the service often begins with these words written by the Apostle Paul, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Romans 6:3-5) The cross traced on our forehead at baptism links us to the promise of life and resurrection after we have died. As Christians we are cross-marked, and called to carry the cross all of our days as we walk in faith.

During this season of Lent, each of us is invited to see the crosses we bear on our journey. We are also to see the cross from a variety of points of view, because at various times in our lives the cross can mean something different. In our worship on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, we are invited to focus our attention on the ways the cross speaks to our lives, so that we might see the cross of Jesus is always present in the midst of our life as the Body of Christ and on our individual journeys.

To enhance our experience of the cross in this season of Lent, we will participate in a congregational art project where we will create our own mosaic crosses that will be hung on our sanctuary windows. Much like the pieces of a mosaic, the cross speaks to our lives in varied ways. In the creation of our own mosaics, we may discover how the cross speaks to our sorrows, griefs, joys, expectations, fears, faith, and so much more. In addition to this project, during our Wednesday evening worship, we will pause to pray around the cross, where we may offer our sorrows, griefs, joys, expectations, fears, faith and so much more to the one who bore the cross for us.

During the season of Lent, I encourage you to extend an invitation to a friend, neighbor, acquaintance, enemy, or stranger to join us in worship as we "See the Cross" of Jesus which stands before us on our journey of faith.

Your partner in sharing the good news of Jesus,  
Pastor Todd



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**Updates in your family?**

Please notify the church office of any recent changes including your preferred contact phone and e-mail to office@faithspicer.org or call Joy White at 796.2522.



- ⇒ We welcomed our two new council members Dean Lindquist and Michelle Goltz, they're great! FLC is blessed.
- ⇒ Bev Kingman from Anfinson Thompson & Co. met with council to orient the entire group on both our financial position and general practices of financial review.
- ⇒ The personnel handbook, worked on by a team of the council, congregation members, and an outside contractor, was shared with the council for discussion and approval.
- ⇒ We elected our new Vice President - Chad Haugen, and Mari Kooiman will remain our secretary.

**News from...**

**Green Lake Lutheran Ministries**



Marlys Larsen has been named the 2019 Dave Eliason Advocate of the Year by Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. This award is given to a person of the highest quality and character that speaks the language of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, representing its mission and work at all times and in all places. Over the years, Marlys has maintained a strong passion for the ministry happening at camp and is always looking for opportunities to help out. Marlys has been a wonderful friend of camp and shares her love of camp with those around her. We're so thankful for her support and this chance to say thanks!

**Worship Attendance**

January 5	174
January 8 & 12	381
January 15 & 19	239
January 22 & 29	354

**Monthly Numbers**

**Mission Plan for 2020: \$702,500**

Year to date, as of January 31:

Offering Received	= \$40,380.08
Actual Expenses	= \$51,684.84
<b>Excess Expenses</b>	<b>= -\$11,304.76</b>





# 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

## Welcome to Wednesdays at Faith!

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a meal, worship and a different education class each month. Don't forget to sign up for your meal in advance by going to our website [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) and click on the SIGN UP tab at the top.

- ⇒ Cost is \$5 a meal or \$20 family maximum.
- ⇒ Pay the night of meal.
- ⇒ Buy 9 meals get 1 free w/prepaid punch card.
- ⇒ \$45 per person or \$180 per family.

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

### March 4

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ Adult Education - Rhythms of Renewal
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture
- ⇒ Confirmation students meet w/mentors

### March 11

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ Adult Education - Rhythms of Renewal
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture
- ⇒ Confirmation students meet w/mentors

### March 18

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ Adult Education Rhythms of Renewal
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture
- ⇒ Confirmation students meet w/mentors

### March 26

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ Adult Education - Rhythms of Renewal
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture
- ⇒ Confirmation students meet w/mentors

## March Menu

Please sign up online or at the Welcome Center

March 4 - Sausage Marinara w/penne, Caesar salad

March 11 - Chicken, Au Gratin potatoes, veggie & roll

March 18 - Hamburger wild rice hot dish, Orange salad

March 25 - Taco Bar w/fixings, Spanish rice

## March Adult Education

### Rhythms of Renewal by Rebekah Lyons

This is a 5 week series that will start on March 4, and go through April 1. Below is a description of the study. If you'd like to purchase a study guide you will find it on Amazon.com. Feel free to join the sessions that work with your schedule, we know life is busy!



Find freedom from stress and anxiety. Daily struggles with anxiety and stress make it difficult to receive God's peace. In Rhythms of Renewal, beloved author Rebekah Lyons draws from her own battle with depression and anxiety and shares a pathway to establish four life-giving rhythms modeled by Jesus that quiet inner chaos and make room for a flourishing life.

With heartening stories, research and practical steps to take action, Rebekah charts a path through four profound rhythms to cultivate the vibrant life you were meant to live. By taking time to rest, restore, connect, and create, you will discover how to:

- Take charge of your emotional health and inspire your loved ones to do the same.
- Overcome anxiety by establishing daily habits that keep you mentally and physically strong.
- Find joy through restored relationships in your family and community.
- Walk in confidence with the unique gifts you have to offer the world.

The Rhythms of Renewal Study Guide includes video notes, discussion questions, and between-sessions exercises to help you practice each of the rhythms and see how Jesus modeled these rhythms himself.

**We hope to see you here at Faith!**



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# New Times

## Let's Meet!

### **Property Team**

Postponed until April 1  
6:35pm

### **Council**

Thursday, March 19  
6:00pm

*Council will now meet every 3rd Thursday of each month.*

### **Mission Resource Team**

Monday, March 30  
6:00pm

### **Weekly Faith Bible Study**

Thursdays @ 9:30am

### **Weekly Men's Bible Study**

Saturdays @ 9:00am

## Our Church Family

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

Marcia Quale  
Jody Kamholz  
Kathy Quam  
Lily Debner  
Katie Bonde  
Julie Knutson and family

## Deaths

Gene Adams - January 26

# Ongoing Opportunities

## **Guys on the Go ANNOUNCEMENT**

Guys on the Go Bible study will be taking a Lenten Break. We will resume again on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30am and continue on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

## **Hobby Night**

Friday, March 13

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 Faith!

## **Forecaster Submissions Due**

Sunday, March 15

## **Tuesday's Table**

Tuesday, March 17

Join us for this free community meal right here at Faith from 6pm-6:30pm! Beat the winter blues and enjoy a warm tasty meal along with some friends. Everyone is welcome.

Seniors, families, singles - anyone who doesn't feel like cooking!

## **Women's Bible Study Circles**

Esther Bible Study Circle

Wednesday, March 18 @ 9:30am at JoAnn Skaalrud's.

Rachel Bible Study Circle

Thursday, March 26 @ 1:30pm at Nona Oie'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.

## Office Hours

**Friday, March 6**  
Closed all day  
**Friday, March 20**  
8:00am-2:00pm

## Blood Pressure Checks

Get yours checked for free!  
Sunday, March 1  
Between services.  
Room #112.

## Weather Alerts

Faith Lutheran Church follows the NL-S school district closing for our activities. Check for cancellations on Q102.5 FM radio's Operation Snow Desk, look on [www.yourq102.com](http://www.yourq102.com), [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) or check our Facebook page.



# WELCOME New Members

## Please welcome our newest members:

Chris & Jill Fellows  
Son - Brooks

Greg & Geri Brandt



## IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES

### Faith On Tap

Thursday, March 12

6:30pm

Faith on Tap is moving to the 2nd Thursday of each month. Same time, same place just different week.

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, March 12 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](mailto:toddn@faithspicer.org).



### Women Wine & the Word

Thursday, March 26

7:00pm

Once a month we gather in someone's home to enjoy appetizers, wine (or a beverage of your choosing), fellowship, and a discussion-based bible study. Our March WW&W will take place at Hannah Hanson's home (2201-199th Ave. NE New London). Wine and apps will be provided, and Pastor Seyward will facilitate the bible study. Please RSVP to Pastor Seyward or respond on our Faith's Facebook event.

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

We are excited to offer our spring Communion for Beginners class 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 4th 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 start receiving communion. If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Pastor Seyward.





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## Coming This Spring-Faith Lutheran Cottage Meetings

### WHAT IS A COTTAGE MEETING?

A Cottage Meeting is a gathering of 12-16 members of the congregation, preferably in someone's home, that will allow time to thank members for their engagement in the life of our congregation, to ask questions about our shared ministry, and to invite their deeper participation in the life of the body of Christ at Faith Lutheran Church. Cottage Meetings are usually 60 to 75 minutes long.

### WHY SHOULD WE INVEST OUR TIME IN COTTAGE MEETINGS?

People in a congregation want to be heard and when they feel listened to, they are more likely to invest in and deepen their participation in the life of the congregation. Cottage Meetings help assess the spirit of the congregation and provide valuable insight into what is working, what is in need of, change, and what we should grow, hold, or fold.

### GOALS

- ⇒ Celebrate the good things surrounding our life together as a congregation
- ⇒ Listen to and record concerns about the effectiveness of our ministry
- ⇒ Engage participants in conversations of discernment about our current ministry and what might best serve Faith in the future
- ⇒ Encourage members to discover their duties and delights in how we accomplish our ministry

### HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

- ⇒ Host a Cottage Meeting in your home
- ⇒ Attend the Cottage Meeting to which you are invited
- ⇒ Volunteer to be part of the Cottage Meeting team

### WHEN WILL THESE COTTAGE MEETINGS TAKE PLACE

Meetings will occur April 27th -May 17<sup>th</sup>. In the middle of April, you will receive an invitation to a Cottage Meeting. We ask that you plan to attend that meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting on that date, please inform the church office and we will try to schedule you for a different Cottage Meeting.



## Seeing The Cross

### Seeing The Cross Worship Schedule

#### Wednesdays

**Mar 4**

*Seeing the Cross As Healing*

**Mar 11**

*Seeing the Cross As Level Ground*

**Mar 18**

*Seeing the Cross As Foolishness and Wisdom*

**Mar 25**

*Seeing the Cross As Discipleship*

**Apr 1**

*Seeing the Cross As Humiliation*

#### Sundays

**Mar 1**

*Seeing the Cross as Curse*

**Mar 8**

*Seeing the Cross As Love*

**Mar 15**

*Seeing the Cross As Refuge*

**Mar 22**

*Seeing the Cross As Comfort*

**Mar 29**

*Seeing the Cross As Life*

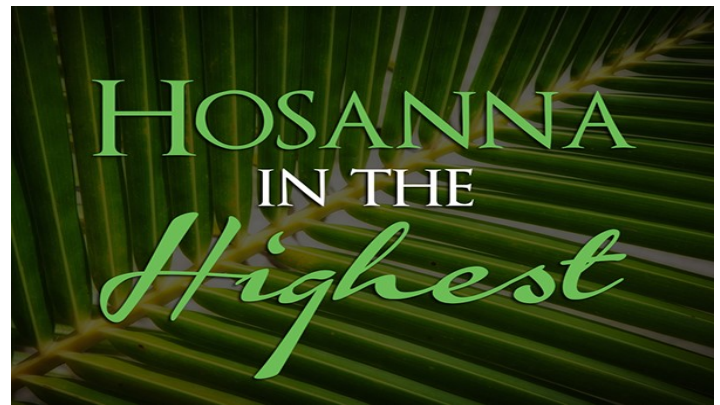
**Apr 5 Palm Sunday**

*Seeing the Cross As Burden Bearing*





**Lent Worship**  
March 4 - April 1  
Wednesdays at 6:00pm



### **Palm Sunday Cantata**

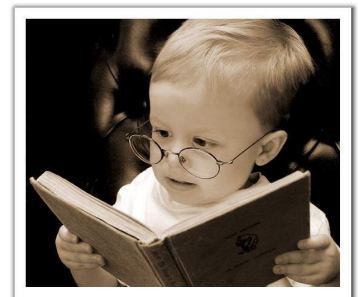
**Rehearsals for a Palm Sunday Cantata are in full swing.** They happen Wednesdays right after The Feast Worship around 6:35pm. Performances will be on Palm Sunday, April 5 at the 8:30am & 10:35am services. This is open to everyone in the congregation who likes to sing – no previous experience necessary. If you don't have time to sing with the choir regularly, here's a chance for a shorter commitment. There is still time to come and join us!

### **Chancel Choir Sings**

The Faith Chancel Choir will sing on Sunday, March 15 & 22 at both the 8:30am & 10:35am worship services.

### **Story Time in the Nursery!**

Do you have a child who is too young to attend Sunday school? Join us for **Story Time in the Nursery!** Every Sunday morning at 9:45am kids and parents are invited to come to the Faith Nursery to enjoy a song and a story together. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet one another and spend time with their little ones. Please check out this new ministry!



**Palm Sunday Cantata Worship**  
April 5 - 8:30am & 10:35am

**Maundy Thursday**  
April 9 - 7:00pm  
*Seeing the Cross As Sacrifice*

**Good Friday**  
April 10 - 7:00pm  
*Seeing the Cross As Salvation*

**Easter Sunday Worship**  
April 12  
Sunrise Service 6:39am  
8:30am & 10:35am



**SUNDAY  
MARCH 8**  
**TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!**  
**IT'S ALMOST SPRING!**

### **March Scriptures**

March 1 - Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11  
March 8 - Genesis 12:1-4, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17  
March 15 - Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42  
March 22 - 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41  
March 29 - Ezekiel 37:1-4, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45



### **Purchase an Easter Lily**

In honor or in memory of a loved one. Forms are in your newsletter or at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$10.



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## Praise + Play Preschool - March 2020



Praise + Play had a busy February with Valentine’s Day and learning all about kindness and sharing God’s love with others. We spent the last half of our month learning about where we live, our city, our town, our state, our country and our world! We made a map of the towns where we live and drew our houses and hung it in our classroom.

We took a field trip to the New London Bakery Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and got to play with some dough that they make their buns out of. Then we got to decorate our own valentine cookie, all without any cost to us. The children love it and they think the Green Bus and bus driver, John Scheevel, are wonderful!



We spent a morning with the quilters recently learning how the quilts are made and finished. Then two weeks later we made valentines for the quilters and delivered them with a song!

Part of our Bible emphasis this month has been Jesus teaching the disciples the Lord’s Prayer. We are now working on learning that.

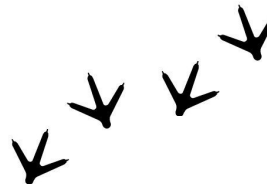


We made pinecones filled with peanut butter and bird seed to hang from the trees outside of our windows for the birds as an extra treat besides our two feeders. This month we saw a real red fox in our woods during the afternoon and also had three deer visit us during the day. Our nature window, as we call it, gives us so much of nature to see. Grey and red squirrels visit our feeders as well as chipmunks and they often look at us when we are watching them. Several varieties of birds keep us busy, looking in our Minnesota bird book to see if we can identify them. We have children’s binoculars to use as well to check out the footprints.

In March we are spending time on three of our favorite authors: Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle and Mercer Mayer. We have our library set up to check out books and if weather turns warm one of those weeks we will walk to the Spicer library. It is so important to get children this age interested in looking at books and thinking about what the story would be about. We do have one reader with us this year so she often will read a book to the class once a week!



No Preschool  
March 6  
March 23-27



If you are interested in signing your child up please fill out the registration form found on our website: [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) - go to the education tab - scroll to preschool.

Please include a **non-refundable check for \$35**, payable to: Praise + Play Preschool.  
And return to: Praise + Play Preschool, Faith Lutheran Church, 310 Medayto Dr., Spicer, MN 56288





# Children, Youth & Family



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Children welcome! Haven't been to Sunday School yet this year? No problem! Start anytime!

### Wednesdays at Faith - 6:35pm Faith Seeds & Sprouts!

Seeds and Sprouts is a Wednesday night ministry for preschool through 5th grade. 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!

We also would like to welcome and thank Collin Magner for leading Sprouts, and we thank Emily Hunt, Dolyn DeSchepper, Jack Noeldner, Grace Lange, and Kyle Doty for volunteering throughout the year with the kids. They absolutely love it when you're helping out!

**\*\*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 Tuesday the week of at [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) - click on the tab that says Sign Up.

### ATTENTION!

No Sunday School  
March 22



### Snack Donations Needed for Sunday School

Single packaged snacks.  
No peanut butter or nuts please.

### Sunday School Sings

Sunday, March 8  
10:35am



**Parents** - please make sure your kiddos are here!  
Thank you!



**5th Grade Students**  
Friday, March 13 - 6:30pm thru  
Saturday, March 14 - 7:00pm  
Green Lake Bible Camp

Fee: \$85

Scholarships available upon request.

**Registration deadline is March 6.**

To register online, visit [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org) and click on "Register for A Programmed Retreat" - sign in and click the retreats registration button.  
A \$20 deposit is required.

**Explore communion and fun at GLBC!**

If you have youth related questions please contact our Children, Youth and Family Ministry Director - James Lucas at: [education@faithspicer.org](mailto:education@faithspicer.org)





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**Wednesdays**

**March 4 - April 1**

**Confirmation Students meet w/Lent mentors.**

***\*No Confirmation March 25\****

*Students will go to worship at 6pm with their mentor and have a guided discussion led by James or Pastor from 6:30-7:30pm in fellowship hall with mentors.*

*This continues through Lent.*



**Youth Group Schedule**

**Sunday, March 15**

4-6pm in the Youth Room

Topic: *How have you grown as a person?*

**SMALL  
GROUP  
LEADERS  
MEETING**

**&**

**Youth Ministry Team Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 18**

**7:30pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

Have some new ideas?

Want to make our Youth Ministry grow?

Come to our YMT meetings!

*Youth Ministry includes - 6th Grade - 12th Grade*



**Vacation Bible School**

**AKA Day Camp!**

**July 26 - July 31 at Shores of St. Andrew**

**Register online:**

<https://gllm.campbrainregistration.com/Home/Landing>

Pay only \$40 total when using code **ONSITE2020**.

Ages 3yr to 6th Grade

(Preschool and Kindergarten *may* require a parent or grandparent to attend)

Bus pick up: 8:30am at Faith

Bus drop off: 3:30pm at Faith

Before care starts at 7:30am at Faith

After care goes until 4:30pm at Faith

***Parent or family worship on Friday, July 31***

***2pm at Camp***

Volunteers are needed, eat for FREE and get to spend the day at CAMP! Please contact James if you would like to volunteer - ***We would love your help at camp!***

If you need help registering, contact James to get signed up at [education@faithspicer.org](mailto:education@faithspicer.org).



Take a brochure from our Welcome Center and check out all of Camp's great programs for all ages!

**Some popular programs include:**

Half Blast - Trailblazers - Stargazers - Staff-in-Training (S.I.T.) Want to know more? Come and talk to James or email ([education@faithspicer.org](mailto:education@faithspicer.org))



# Minnesota Food Share

## March Campaign

Did you know that March is Minnesota Food-Share month? On Sunday, March 1st, we will be passing out paper grocery bags to collect food shelf donations, in addition to special offering envelopes.

We encourage each household to take home a bag, fill it with staple food items, and return it by Sunday, March 29th. You can also donate through our special offering. All food shelf and monetary donations will be given to The Link Food Pantry.



### Baby Care Kit Assembly

#### Monday, March 16

#### 10:00am

Join us at Faith as we assemble baby care kits to be delivered around the world. We are always in need of these items:

- lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted with light-weight yarn to 52" square
- cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include baby cap
- pairs of socks
- hand towel, dark color, light weight
- bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- diaper pins or large safety pins

If you would like to donate, please drop items off at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

## Teals MARKET

**Do you shop at Teals Market?**  
**Save those receipts and turn them into us!**

Each month we add them up, turn them in and then receive 1% of the total! All the money we receive goes to help pay for our free community meal called Tuesday's Table. Thank you for your continued support!

### Let's Celebrate Pastor Todd!

The end of March marks 25 years of ordained ministry for Pastor Todd! We invite everyone to celebrate this milestone during coffee hour with special treats in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 22nd**. Please make sure to congratulate Pastor Todd on surviving ministry for this long!



### 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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## Property Team Update



The first day of spring is nearly here. Only a few short weeks away and it means that here at Faith we are gearing up for spring cleaning, yardwork and beautiful flower beds. It won't be long until the spring perennials begin poking their heads out of the ground, ready to give a first look at the new life that starts each spring. The Property Team has spent its last meeting prioritizing and scheduling repairs and expenditures for the coming year. Each month we try to stay ahead of the ongoing maintenance and improvements that are necessary. There will be a number of items where help will be needed, from lawn mowing and garage clean up to painting and sheet rock repairing. Stay tuned for ways that you can step up and serve. Along with that is a reminder that when you have questions about what is happening with your church home don't be reluctant to ask. If you wish to be anonymous then put a note in the offering plate. Enjoy the rest of your winter, watch for sign up opportunities, and we will see you in church on Sunday. Thanks for listening.

Jeff Johnson - Interim Property Manager



We are excited to announce that the Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra Concert will be in the area on **Sunday, March 29 at 4:00pm** to present a concert that will benefit the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. The concert is free and a free will donation will be taken at intermission with 100% of amount collected going directly to the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. This concert will be held at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar.



This wonderful fundraiser is a great opportunity to hear some amazing music all while helping out the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. We are helping an average of 650 households a month (2300 individuals) and the 3 towns we are seeing the most people come from are Willmar, New London and Raymond.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. Thank you!

*Alana Ziehl* - Executive Director

Kandiyohi County Food Shelf - 624 Pacific Ave SW - Willmar MN 56201 - 320-235-2641

## Thank You

Thank you for again letting Keyboard Kids hold our piano festival at Faith and also my recital on Sunday. Everything went just great - the church was warm and the building is so neat and clean!!

God Bless, Sharon Willen

Thank you for your donation of \$123.36 that you made to go towards our Wildcat Backpack program. The Link is putting your gift to immediate use and your support makes it possible to provide help and hope to your neighbors in need.

Chasity Ommodt - Executive Director

Thank you to all of the blood donors who took time out of their day to donate. Our goal of 62 units was met! Thank you also to all of the volunteers who helped make the donors and Red Cross staff comfortable and able to complete their tasks.

Louise & Carter Stenberg



## March Update from The Link

We have been working hard here at The Link and have some exciting news to share! The Link is now offering a Senior Food Delivery Program for homebound seniors (65+) in the Northern Kandiyohi County area. Knowing that there are many seniors in our community who could benefit from food delivery, be it temporary or longer term, it was time to get something going. With this program, we will provide a list of common foods we typically have on hand to those interested and each month we will call them to see what they need. Once we have a compiled list, we will pack up and deliver the requested food. If you or someone you know could utilize this service or if you would like more information on what it entails, please reach out to us.



### NEW Senior Food Delivery Program

The Link has continued to see an increase in households coming through the Food Pantry and has helped numerous families who have come through in need of some financial assistance to help get them back on their feet. The assistance given helped pay everything from medical bills, transportation costs and utility bills to help with rent and house payments. Each of the families were extremely grateful and are able to move forward with less stress because of the help they received.

Please remember that Minnesota FoodShare Month begins March 1 and runs through April 12. Minnesota FoodShare began in 1982 with a campaign to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metro Area. The effort was so successful and the need was so evident, the March campaign became a statewide program. During the 2019 March Campaign, more than \$8 million dollars and over 5.1 million pounds of food shelf items were raised by Minnesota food shelves and Minnesota FoodShare.

Minnesota FoodShare envisions a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. The March campaign addresses these issues directly and we invite you to join our efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in our communities.

### Tuesday's Table

#### March Schedule

*Serving from 6:00-6:30pm*

**March 3:** Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

**March 10:** Evangelical Covenant Church

**March 17:** Faith Lutheran Church

**March 24:** Peace Lutheran Church

**March 31:** Faith Lutheran Church by NLS Lions

### Household Exchange & Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday: 9am-3pm

Wednesday: 2pm - 5pm

Thursday: 9am-3pm

### 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.

#### The Link

**P.O. Box 823**

**New London, MN 56273**

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#### Monthly Giving Opportunities:

The Link makes monthly giving a convenient option for our donors. You can set up online giving through The Link's website at [www.youarethelink.org](http://www.youarethelink.org) or directly through your bank. Please contact Chasity at 320-354-5465 or email her at [director@youarethelink.org](mailto:director@youarethelink.org) for more information.

## March 2020 Bible Study

**"We are Called!"**

**God calls us to serve the neighbor in their need.**

### Dates to remember:

#### **Quilting**

March 9 & 10 - 9:00am-3:00pm

#### **Esther Bible Study Circle**

March 18 @ 9:30am - at Faith by JoAnn Skaalrud

#### **Quilting**

March 23 & 24 - 9:00am-3:00pm

#### **Rachel Bible Study Circle**

March 26 @ 1:30pm at Nona Oie's.

#### **Lakeland Conference WELCA Spring Gathering**

March 28 - Grace Lutheran Church, Belgrade  
9:00am Registration

***The mission project for the SWMN WELCA Convention held in the Redwood Area Community Center on May 2 is "Personal Care Kits" - Can we make a few up by May 2?***

Everyone is invited to join in our Bible studies, mission projects such as quilting, layettes, school backpacks. For more information contact Nona Oie at 796-5554.

## "God, Girlfriends, and Chocolate"

Lakeland Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Grace Lutheran Church in Belgrade, MN.

This year's theme is "This is Livin'" and our speaker is Gaye Lindfors (who isn't afraid to laugh at her own mishaps) who will engage our hearts with the message "you are not alone". Cost is \$10.00 which includes lunch and door prizes. Registration is due by March 18, sign up sheet is by the office window. Hope to see you there!

For more info contact Nona Oie 796-5554.



# Happy Birthday

- 1) Leland Lundberg, Suzanne Schneider, Matthew Thompson, Gene Wenzel
- 2) Christina Collins, Melanie Downey, Chad Haugen, Keri McLain, Brenda Negen, Jennifer Rooney, Allen Ruter, Bev Tharaldson, Jamie Thompson, Pat Thompson
- 3) Emily Keck, Hollyn Olness, Robert Whitney
- 4) Arlys Gronli, Bonnie Haug, Deb Knudsen, Becca Reigstad, Lisa Stahl
- 5) Aaron Jensen, Carla Lagerstedt, Barb Olson
- 6) Kristin Dalton, Martin DeZeeuw, Leone Goebel, Val Roberts, Bjorn Sogge
- 7) James Buzzeo, Kelly Cappelen, Kris Gatzemeyer, Melanie Isdal, Ross Olness, Luke Solberg
- 8) Whitney Allen, Ty Bisek, Whitney Robinson, Steve Vanderwerf
- 9) Quintin Fredrick, Michael Klaers, Riley Larcom
- 10) Jerry Butler, Julie Honzay, Wesley Lere
- 11) Olivia Hillstrom, Paul Larson, Austin Quale, Nicholas Spillman
- 12) Nancy Hall, Josina Klebe, Tanner Olson
- 13) Dean Erickson, Caden Lien, Blanche Peterson, Ronalda Sebey
- 14) Ryan Debner, Karen Dresser, Charles Larson
- 15) Ryan Allen, Tyson Gislason
- 16) Joshua Erickson, Kraig Hanson, Kevin Rueckert
- 17) Ernest Erickson, Ben Hoffman, Deb Rohner, Ella Schammel
- 18) Leland Kallevig, Sonja Madsen, Ron Nelson, Lisa Quam, Evan Swenson
- 19) Jody Driggs, Bob Knutson, Elijah Lippert
- 20) Jaden Hunter, Emily Jensen, Jeff Johnson, Ashley Reiter
- 21) Guy Christianson, Jennifer Davenport, Amy Freidrichs, Steven Quam
- 22)
- 23) Parker Peterson, Sara Peterson
- 24) Charlie Hauer, Blair Johnson, Jake Poole
- 25) Jennifer Hanson, Roger Valentine
- 26) Barb Bloedel, Lisa Wig
- 27) Ryan Doty, Mike Holden, Jakson Martens, Lili Sampson
- 28) Susan Justi, David Korsmo, Grace Lange, Todd Nelsen
- 29) LaVay Borresen, Scott Guptill, Barb Loftness, James Lucas, Emma Rohman, Megan Rooney
- 30) Sheryl Johnson, Nona Oie, Eben Pederson, Jack Wig
- 31) Katie Kleidon, Kim Larsen, Tom Monson, Agapito Santibanez, Rochelle Scheevel

**Family Promise Week**  
March 29 - April 5



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Blood Pressure Checks <b>10:35am Worship</b> Special Offering - Food Shelf	2 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 10:30am Staff	3 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool  6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic	4 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am Women's Bible Study 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal <b>6pm-6:30pm Worship</b> 6:35pm Education 7:35pm - Choir	5 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40 Preschool Chapel 3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix	6 Office Closed	7 9am Bible Study
8 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour <b>10:35am Worship - SS sings</b>  Opportunity to Serve Cards Daylight Savings Begins	9 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting 10:30am Staff	10 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 8am-9am Donuts for Dads w/Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting  6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Evangelical Covenant Church	11 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 8:30am-11:30am Prairie Community Services 9am Women's Bible Study 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal <b>6pm-6:30pm Worship</b> 6:35pm Education 7:35pm - Choir	12 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40 Preschool Chapel 3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix 6:30pm Faith on Tap at Goat Ridge Brewery	13 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool  6:30pm Hobby Night	14 9am Bible Study
15 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour <b>10:35am Worship</b>	16 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 10am Baby Care Kit Assembly 10:30am Staff 4pm Link Board Meeting	17 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool  6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Faith	18 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Esther Circle @ Faith 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal <b>6pm-6:30pm Worship</b> 6:35pm Education 7:35pm - Choir	19 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40 Preschool Chapel 3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix 6pm Council	20 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 8am-2pm Office Hours	21 9am Bible Study
22 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Coffee Hour NO Sunday School <b>10:35am Worship</b>	23 9am-3pm Quilting 10:30am Staff	24 9am-3pm Quilting  6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Peace Lutheran	25 9am Women's Bible Study  5:15pm-5:50pm Meal <b>6pm-6:30pm Worship</b> 6:35pm Education <b>No Confirmation</b> 7:35pm - Choir	26 9:30am Bible Study  3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix	27	28 9am Bible Study 10am Private Baby Shower
29 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour <b>10:35am Worship</b>  <b>Family Promise Week begins</b>	30 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 10:30am Staff 6pm Mission Resource Team Meeting	31 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool  6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Faith by NLS 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**

**Changes in our Summer Worship**

We are trying something new with our summer worship schedule this year, with the goal of being more available to our increasingly busier and busier members and families. Beginning Sunday, May 24th, our summer worship schedule will be as follows:



**Sundays at 8:30am - Stave Chapel at Green Lake Bible Camp**  
**Sundays at 10:00am - Faith Lutheran Church**  
**Wednesdays at 6:00pm - Faith Lutheran Church**

A few notes:

- ◆ Wednesday worship at 6pm will be outside in prayer garden - weather permitting.
- ◆ Wednesday worship in the summer will not include Feast activities, and the scripture and message will be the same as the preceding Sunday.
- ◆ This is just an experiment and not necessarily a permanent change.