



On March 2nd we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship. This is a wonderful time to remember that we were once all dust from the earth, created in the image of God, and one day we will return to the earth as dust, given eternal life with God. From this day begins the 40 days of Lent, a time to reflect on and remember just how very loved we are by our God – so much that in human form, our God experienced everything we have ever experienced: joy, sadness, anger, grief, love, betrayal, and even death, death on a cross.

Many people take this season as a time to “give something up.” The purpose of giving something up for Lent is supposed to serve as a reminder of what God gave up for us, but unfortunately, this is not always the case. Many choose this time to give something up that will benefit them personally. For instance, giving up soda or desserts in the hopes of losing a few pounds. And while it probably feels good to be benefiting from your sacrifice, the true purpose of Lent is not for self-gain, but for reflection and contemplation on what God has done for you. For me. For us.

As we begin this Lenten season, think of it as a journey to Easter, the change from death to resurrection, from old ways to new life. We can't have new life without death, just as we can't have spring without winter. So join us on Sundays and Wednesdays as we journey to the cross (and to Easter) together.

First, I would like to name and thank the assessment committee who has volunteered to serve. I look forward to serving with Marlene Vossen, Sherri Klaers, Phyllis Jacobson, Tim Renner, and Jill Rohman. Our first order of business will be to gather information from the congregation via a survey. We are presently personalizing a more generic survey so that it better fits our congregation in 2022. The gathering of that information is beneficial in preparing a Ministry Site Profile that we are called upon to prepare next. That Ministry Site Profile (MSP) becomes a tool for a call committee still to be named. Secondly, the 6 weeks of Lent allow us to be people who enter into a discipline of Prayer. One focus for your prayer life that I would like to suggest is this. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide and lead our process. Pray for the Spirit's guidance as people like you are led to evaluate their personal lives, their gifts for service, their longing to be where God desires them to be. For many years, Faith has been led by two pastors serving together with other team members. Should that same model continue into the future? What are other fruitful staffing options for leading the 1,344 Baptized Members of Faith? If annual reports can be trusted, that same number of Baptized Members at Faith in 2014 was higher, 1,659.

2022 finds congregational leadership at Faith reassessing lots of dynamics; like the opportunity of expanding child care for young families, visitation needs for an aging portion of the congregation, Faith's worship numbers, our financial giving patterns, our mission statement. I close reminding you of that statement:

God gathers us as a family of Faith
to nurture, inspire and share the love of Jesus with all people.

Get ready, family of Faith, to be the family of Faith. The Holy Spirit is stirring in our midst yet again.

Prayerfully, Interim Gary

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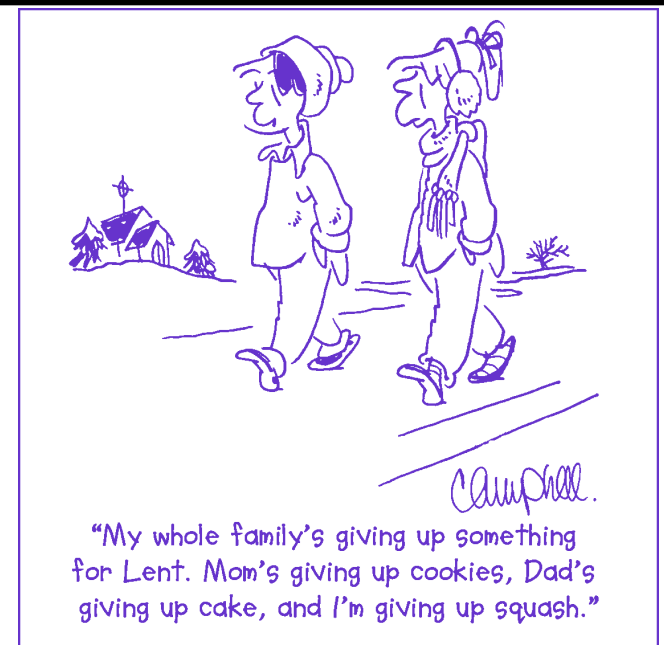
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Worship Schedule Sundays:

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. HS Youth Group at Peace Lutheran in New London

Find our worship services on our
YouTube channel, faithspicer.org,
or Facebook page

Please pray for...

~ Lila Burmeister
~ Sharon Johnson
~ Darleen Manthey,
sister of Arlys Gronli



Children & Youth

SAVE THE DATES:



Serve Boldly Milwaukee

a combined Mission Trip for Faith and Peace Lutheran Churches

JUNE 18-25, 2022 GRADES 6-8



Serve Boldly Milwaukee (June 18-25) \$480: Students in grades 6-8 are invited on this joint Mission Trip between Peace and Faith Lutheran Churches. We will travel by van to Milwaukee, and then partner with Serve Boldly for a week-long Mission Trip. Serve Boldly is an organization that will lead us in serving our neighbors and spending evenings exploring the beautiful and historic city of Milwaukee!

Serve Boldly Nashville (July 15-24) \$520: Students in grades 8-12 are invited on this joint Mission Trip between Peace and Faith Lutheran Churches. We will travel by van to Nashville, with a pit stop in Kansas City for a day. Our fun day in Kansas City will include Worlds of Fun Amusement Park and authentic Kansas City BBQ supper. In Nashville, we will partner with Serve Boldly for a week-long Mission Trip. Serve Boldly is an organization that will lead us in serving our neighbors and spending evenings exploring the culture of Nashville. This includes a stroll and the world famous Broadway Street.

A TRIP TO REMEMBER!



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JULY 15-24, 2022 GRADES 8-12



Senior High Youth Gathering (April 1-2) \$125: For students in grades 9-12. This is a similar gathering as the Jr. High Gathering, but geared towards High School students. This is an overnight gathering at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN. This

gathering includes worship, free time, small group time with other students, and the LYO Board Elections. Forms and money are due Monday, March 14th. Due to the gathering schedule, students will be required to leave right after school on Friday April 1st and not attend practices and other evening activities. Registration Forms will be available at the Welcome Center or from Quentin at Youth Group on Wednesdays.

Opportunities



Faith Chancel Choir Resumes!

Cantata practice will begin Wednesday, March 2nd immediately following Ash Wednesday worship.



Do you have an idea for an adult bible study or other educational workshop? Please reach-out to Pastor Seyward with any ideas for more opportunities to offer on Wednesday evenings!



During Wednesdays in Lent, we will be hearing dramatic readings of various characters from the Bible who were present during Jesus' ministry. We are looking for individuals who are willing to read these monologues during worship - no costumes or memorizing

required! If you are interested please contact Pastor Seyward!

Got Shoes?

Faith has a shoe collection box. The Spicer Sunrise Lions are collecting shoes for distribution to people in need 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! **Thanks!**



Mission of the Month
MARCH:

Local Food Shelves



Looking Ahead...

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

3/2 Ash Wednesday	5:15 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:35 p.m.	Meal Worship Faith Chancel Choir Cantata Practice (no education hour)
3/6	10 a.m. 10 a.m. 1 p.m.	Faith 101: New Member Class in Fireside Rm Sunday Sweets with Quentin in Youth Rm Freezer Meal Club
3/8 & 3/9	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Quilting
3/13	9 a.m.	New Member Sunday
3/17	6 p.m.	Council Mtg.
3/18	6:30 p.m.	Hobby Night in the Fireside Rm
3/20	10 a.m.	Sunday Sweets with Quentin in Youth Rm
3/22 & 3/23	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Quilting
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 HS Youth Group
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study in the Fireside Rm
Saturdays	9 a.m.	Men's Bible Study

Council NEWS

Monthly Comparison	December	January
	Income	57,568.34
Expense	42,351.61	45,801.05
Net Income	15,216.73	789.02
Other Income/Exp	4,464.66	4,407.27
Inner Fund Transfer		
Net Profit (Loss)	\$19,681.39	\$5,196.29

- * Council welcomes our newly elected members: Tracy Tebben, Jennifer Hanson, and Marti Carlson
- * We give thanks to our outgoing members for their years of service: Ben Hoffman, Louise Stenberg, and Travis Aufderheide
- * We elected new leadership for this year: Dean Lindquist was elected Council President; Ross Olness was elected Vice President; and Carla Miller was elected Secretary