



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Faith Matters

APRIL  
2023

### WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS— 9:00 A.M.  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAYS — 6:15 P.M.  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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I am writing this article on the day after the sledding day at the church. What fun. You are all welcome to keep coming and sledding. The hill is nicely packed and good for fast descents! However, when you receive this newsletter, the first day of Spring will have sprung, and Easter will be right around the corner. You never know when we will see that first crocus, and winter will be over.

Easter is our most sacred holiday. It is probably the most sacred possible holiday. Our Lord who was crucified for us, conquered sin and death for us and rose from death so that we might have new life.

What has been on my heart to remind you about today is that it would be easy to make Easter all about death. We all die. It comes for us all. We are afraid of death. But because of God's Love for us, we do not have to be afraid of death. Death is not the end, it is the gate to eternal life with our loving God. Death was mentioned in all those sentences above. It is all good news. But Easter is more about life than death. Let us not focus on death but upon life.

We have a God who sets slaves free. In Easter, God even sets us free from fear of death. The day of freedom is worthy of being celebrated forever. But the freed slave only begins to live freely on that day. There is a "happily ever after" to be lived out. As Christians, our whole life duty is to figure out the way we are to live our "happily ever after" now that death has been defeated. Now that we are free.

As we talked about in Lent, loving and serving our neighbors is a happy lifestyle. Feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and welcoming the stranger is especially good stuff. Turning to the Lord in prayer, reading scripture, learning God's ways, are highly recommended. Coming to the community of God and being a part of the Body of Christ, is "happily ever after" indeed.

Pastor Dan



# Holy Week Opportunities

No Worship Wednesday April 5

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Worship at 6:15 pm

Good Friday, April 7

Worship at 6:15 pm

Saturday, April 8

10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast set up

Easter Sunrise, April 9

Worship at 7:00 am

Breakfast at 8:00 am

Easter Celebration Service at 9:00 am

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, April 18 at 9:00 am at Two Rivers Family Restaurant.

## April Stewardship is Baptism Quilts

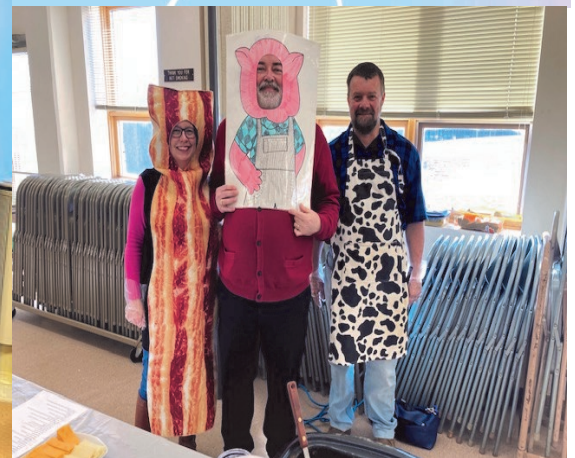
This project started in 2000 by a long time FLCW member at her own expense. She purchased materials and crafted these quilts to be given to each infant baptized.

Materials needed:

1½ yards of baby appropriate cotton material for top & bottom. Can also be a baby flannel.

1½ yards of batting (either cotton or low loft). Can also be a crib size 45x60 in a bag.

Any cash or gift cards can be given to Christine in the office. Place any items in the Stewardship Cabinet across from the office. Thank you.



Our confirmation students and participants recently visited Congregation Beth El, a Reformed Jewish Synagogue in Sheboygan. The group attended Shabbat Service and participated in a breaking of the traditional challah bread and shared beverages. We had a wonderful lunch of chili, a baked potato bar, salad and desert. After lunch the group had a question and answer period and a discussion on Anti-Semitism and questions the group had about Judaism. Our Hebrew instructor Debbie, presented us with a sacred Torah and explained its value to the congregation as well as how the pieces each have a sacred meaning!

Chili cook off fun! Jenniffer Zutz, Pastor Dan Lyman and Mark Zutz share a laugh while enjoying the event. The Soul Sisters walked away with all the recognition for best chili and best theme. Other entries were a Norwegian theme, Pardi Gras, Pork Chili and Pastor Dan Lyman. We collected \$227.00 in free will offerings that were donated to Manitowoc County organizations that help the homeless.

# Nerf and Nachos



**NERF and NACHO Event**  
**9th and 10th grade Confirmands and Mentors**  
**Sunday, April 23**  
**11:00-2:00**

Mentors and Confirmands will work together to create a personalized stole to be worn on Confirmation Sunday and cross boxes will be available for those who wish to make a keepsake. A nacho bar with all the fixings will be served for lunch. After lunch, students and mentors team up to battle for the title of "Nerf Champs 2023." Please bring a regular soft dart nerf gun. Extra darts will be supplied. If you are willing to bring a dessert or an item for the nacho bar, please let Bridget know at 920-905-5273 or [valleskeyb@gmail.com](mailto:valleskeyb@gmail.com).



During the month of April, Sunday school students will be collecting a noisy offering for Faith's Pantry during worship. Bring your coins and make some noise for our pantry!



**Sunday school students sing Palm Sunday, April 2 at the 9:00 am service.**

**PLUS**

**Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday school.**



**Hey Kids...come join us for your very own night out! When: Friday April 21st from 5-8pm.** We will be doing an owl canvas painting with a local artist Lori Christel. Pizza will be included—followed by games and lots of fun with friends! Forms and details are available on the table outside of the Youth Coordinator's office and on page 7 in this Faith Matters. **Permission form and fee must be turned into the office or Sunday School teacher(s) by Sunday April 9th.** Cost is \$15.00/child.

# Finances

<i>Income - February 2023</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 25,090.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 495.50			
<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,585.50</b>	<b>\$ 25,883.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,751.60</b>	<b>\$ 51,766.02</b>
Dedicated Income	\$ 1,222.00		\$ 1,502.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 26,807.50</b>		<b>\$ 47,253.60</b>	
 <i>Operating Expenses - February</i>				
Benevolence	\$ 2,046.87			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 3,900.60			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 16,688.88			
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 22,636.35</b>	<b>\$ 27,954.66</b>	<b>\$ 57,615.16</b>	<b>\$ 55,686.28</b>
Dedicated Expense	\$ 775.00		\$ 775.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 23,411.35</b>		<b>\$ 58,390.16</b>	

**Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$ (11,863.56)**

### ***How Jesus says your name***

It's been said that when someone loves you, they say your name differently. Your name is "safe" coming from their mouth.

Mary Magdalene found this to be true. Walking alone in the dark to Jesus' tomb, she wanted nothing less than for a concerned loved one to interrupt her private grief, crooning her name in pity: "Oh, Mary, there, there." Or worse, someone from her old life who would spit her name like a curse, not knowing that Jesus had cast out her demons. But then Mary saw the tomb open and panicked, ran to get Simon, hurried back to the garden. Angels addressed her — not by name, just "Woman ..." — and then a gardener: "Woman ..."

Except then — "Mary" — this man knew her after all, speaking her name so knowingly, tenderly, lovingly that she recognized him. "Mary." Her name was safe in his mouth, her life safe in his care. He wasn't the gardener. He was her teacher, her friend, her Savior.

Friend, your name also is safe in Jesus' mouth, your life safe in his care, for he loves you deeply. —Heidi Hyland Mann

# Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

## Pastoral Acts

Baptism ..... Xander Ray Erskine  
 Funeral ..... Robert Klessig

## Membership

Baptized ..... 811  
 Confirmed..... 588  
 Families ..... 103

## Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
2/19	102	cancelled—snow
2/26	105	82
3/5	123	67
3/12	69	71

## Altar Guild Servers

### Communion:

April..... **Marlene Evenson, Chair (Committee #1)**  
 May ..... **Bev Torrison, Chair (Committee #2)**

## Lectors

4/2 Cheryl Duchow  
 4/6 Don Domrath  
 4/7 Ron Jones  
 4/9 7:00 Stacy Wilker 9:00 Erin Lenzner  
 4/12 Susan Christel  
 4/16 Garrett Ulness  
 4/19 Kelly Meyer  
 4/23 Ava Ulness  
 4/26 Deb Schreiner  
 4/30 Tiffany Jandrey

## Communion Servers

4/2 Cheryl Duchow  
 4/6 Nancy Christianson  
 4/9 7:00 Stacy Wilker 9:00 Earl Griffin  
 4/12 Susan Christel  
 4/16 Al Gilbertson

## Head Ushers

Delton Duchow and Glenn Otto  
 4/6 Paul Franz  
 4/7 Scott Reinertson  
 4/9 7:00 Matt Krogh 9:00 Delton Duchow

## Acolyte Schedule

4/2 Gage Spindler 4/6 Tristan Teuke  
 4/7 DJ Schisel  
 4/9 7:00 Phoebe Cigler 9:00 Landen Pinkerton  
 4/12 Kolten Schisel 4/16 Logan Bratt  
 4/19 Kolten Schisel 4/23 Audrey Sorenson  
 4/26 Kolten Schisel 4/30 Mollie Junk

## Greeters

4/2 Addison Spindler  
 4/6 Cheryl Domrath  
 4/7 Ron and Jo Jones  
 4/9 7:00 Ben & Chloe Cigler 9:00 Carter Valleskey  
 4/12 Kolten Schisel  
 4/16 Addison Spindler  
 4/19 Joyce Sorenson  
 4/23 Liam Cline  
 4/26 Don Schreiner  
 4/30 Ralph Christianson & Pat Christianson

## Ushers

4/2 Dean and Rose Behnke Family  
 4/6 Thomas and Kathy Muench and Bob Wigen  
 4/7 Al Gilbertson and John Robley  
 4/9 7:00 Wayne Huske, Jim Ahrens, Steve Ahrens  
 9:00 Guy and Judy Valleskey, Ron Jandrey  
 4/16 Earl and Barb Griffin, Marcus Galien  
 4/23 Brian and Mary Thomsen  
 4/30 Dennis and Bonnie Gordon

## Sound Operator

4/2 Loren Ulness  
 4/6 Erin Lenzner  
 4/7 Loren Ulness  
 4/9 7:00 Terry Huske 9:00 Lucas Spindler  
 4/12 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 4/16 Gage Spindler  
 4/19 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 4/23 Loren Ulness  
 4/26 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 4/30 Terry Huske

## Video Operator/Live Stream

4/2 Eric Thomsen  
 4/6 Mike Lenzner  
 4/7 Travis Schisel  
 4/9 7:00 Carter Lenzner 9:00 Bill Riesterer  
 4/12 Liam Cline and Kayla Hildebrandt  
 4/16 Jake Kaderabek  
 4/19 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 4/23 Eric Thomsen  
 4/26 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 4/30 Mike Lenzer

## Projection

4/2 Mollie Junk  
 4/6 Erin Lenzner  
 4/7 Whitney Ulness  
 4/9 7:00 Terry Huske 9:00  
 4/12 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 4/16 Libby Olson  
 4/19 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 4/23 Judy Harris  
 4/26 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 4/30 Liam Cline and Terry Huske

3/1/23

### Faith Lutheran Church

This Dorothy Divers painting is donated to Faith Lutheran Church from the Estate of Robert & Dolores Onkka.

My parents, Robert & Dolores Onkka, lived in Valders from 1960 to 1973 while my father served as the first pastor of Faith. Robert Onkka helped bring the 3 existing small parishes together to form Faith Lutheran Church. The design & construction of the stunning church building was done under his leadership. Faith, the members, the community of Valders & the surrounding area held a special place in the hearts of Bob & Dolores. It is both exciting & very satisfying to see a part of their lives return to Faith Lutheran Church.

While in Europe at the end of WWII & his service with the US Army my father bought a few pieces of original local art that he brought home. This was the beginning of a lifetime of buying & surrounding himself with art. Dolores shared this passion.

After marriage & the raising of 3 small children both of my parents picked up art pieces that spoke to them. Over the years they accumulated a collection of original art. They did not buy art from dealers, nor did they sell from their collection. Their walls & shelves were full of treasured pieces.

My mother passed away in 1989 & my father in 2020. As executor I & my remaining sister, Susan, have been distributing this art to family, friends, their colleagues & institutions. The Rahr Museum, for example was given a 1960's painting by Manitowoc artist Carol Bell. Which brings us to this Dorothy Divers painting.

This painting hung in dad's home office so it had a place of honor. On the back in my mother's handwriting she wrote:

Joseph Tells His Dreams

Dorothy Divers

301 Cherry

Northfield MN 55057

Art teacher at St Olaf College for 25 years





## Who's Ready for a Kid's Night Out!?!

**When:** Friday April 21, 2023 5pm-8pm

**Who:** Kiddos 3K- 8th grade

**What:** This will be a night just for kids to have fun with their Faith Lutheran Friends!

Kids will have the opportunity to do an owl canvas painting with local artist Lori Christel. Pizza Dinner will be included along with other fun & games. Permission form (below) and a \$15 payment needs to be turned into the deposit slot outside of Youth Coordinator's Office or handed in at Sunday School by April 9th (Easter Sunday) to ensure a canvas and pizza is available for your child!

\*Questions can be directed to Bridget Valleskey (920) 905-5273 or Anderia Frank (920) 973-4658.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child permission to attend Kid's Night Out on 4/21/23.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency I will be available at  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Health conditions we should be aware of  
\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Pizza topping \_\_\_\_\_  
*If your child does not like or cannot have pizza please feel free to pack them a bag lunch.*

## Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—February 20, 2023

**Pastor's Report:** In preparation for goal setting, we need to think about what our dreams are for Faith Lutheran. Holy Spirit works like a puzzle – we each have a piece of the puzzle & together we create the whole picture. What is in our heart for Faith – what tender feelings do we have for Faith? What is the next step? What Pastor Dan has heard that we want for Faith: stability; no conflict; youth continue past Confirmation; financial strength continues; VBS continues to be great; Sunday school & all children's ministries stay great; we all like each other better. What Pastor Dan did not hear that we want for Faith: I want to be more active, I want more adult activities, we need adult Bible study, I wish Faith had competitive elections FLC should conform to my expectations – provides an amazing spot for moving ahead with whatever it is we decide to do. At the recommendation of Pastor Dan, a Visionary Day was scheduled for Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30-2:00. The current Council and other leaders of the congregation & youth will be invited.

**Old Business:** Playground equipment—Metal equipment is out of our price range. Wooden equipment is likely what we will need to go with Pastor Dan recommended not limiting the project to the \$10,000 Onkka gift & raising additional funds needed from a congregation fundraiser to ensure the project is done well. He suggested getting pictures of potential playgrounds to show congregation when introducing the fund raising for the project.

**New Business:** Executive Council recommendation for hiring of Youth Coordinator. Bill Riesterer reported that an interview was held on February 1, 2023, by Executive Committee with applicant Bridget Valleskey. Currently provides daycare in her home. Very positive attitude. Unanimous decision to recommend hiring Bridget. Recommended starting salary is \$26,500 with an increase to \$28,000 after required training is completed. Pastor Dan recommended other training possibilities may be available. Pastor Dan would like the Youth Ministry Coordinator to be responsible for leading Sunday School to start with, or at least be responsible to recruit someone for the currently vacant position. The Personnel Committee should review the Youth Ministry Coordinator job description and consider including management of Sunday School as part of the job duties. Bill Riesterer will complete all personnel duties involved with taking on a new employee. A motion was made and carried to approve the hiring of Bridget Valleskey as FLC's Youth Ministry Coordinator with a beginning annual salary of \$26,500. This salary will increase to \$28,000 after required training is completed. Bill reported on a letter he received regarding an issue of being unable to hear service speakers. The letter shared information on a special speaker system that works directly with hearing aids. He also shared that several of the Praise Band cables are worn to the point of needing duct tape to keep them together.

**Stewardship** – *Stephanie Mitnacht*. Should a portion of our check book balance be put into a higher interest-bearing account? Interest rates have come up, which makes it more worthwhile. Bank First has a seven-month CD at a rate of 3.5%. A motion was made and carried to invest \$50,000 in a seven-month CD with Bank First.

**Lay Ministry** – *Joyce Sorenson*. \$655.00 was collected as a free-will donation for the Pine Haven Men's Choir. These funds will be used to provide raised garden bed for residents of Pine Haven. On the first Sunday of each month, Faith will return to kneeling communion at the altar.

**Evangelism** – *Julie Hartman*. \$227.00 was raised from the Chili Cook-off, which will be donated to area nonprofit organizations assisting homeless people. Sending out a postcard to make members aware of Holy Week services.

**Fellowship** – *Marilyn Robley / Sue Riesterer*. Marilyn inquired whether Fellowship would need to serve dinner for the Visionary Sunday. It was determined to order pizza from Luigi's.

**Property** – *Mark Zutz*. Lawn fertilizer was ordered for the entire year, which saved 10%.

**Christian Education** – Larry shared information about a March 11th Confirmation student fieldtrip to Congregation Beth El in Sheboygan. This is a reformed Jewish Synagogue, which provides service in English and allows intermingling of men & women attending services.

**Youth and Family Ministry** – *Gretchen Spindler* (Reported by Erin). Easter Breakfast will be held again this year. About 15 youth attended an ice-skating event held recently.

**Endowment Committee** – Pastor Dan. Looking into alternative investments that would provide higher interest rates.

Having completed all business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2023. Devotions by Erin Lenzner

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Pritzl



# Celebrating Your Birthday!

## APRIL

1. Kami Christianson
2. John Schiesl
3. Jean Madson  
Shane Rusch  
Caynen Klessig
4. Ethan Fahley
5. Dennis Karstaedt  
Jayden Khail  
Aislinn Galien
6. Carol A. Zutz  
Paul Schmidt  
Tyler Wetenkamp
7. Keith Schultz
8. Megan Simon  
Colt Christianson
9. Dennis Luckow  
Kelly Krogh
10. Chase Reinertson  
Lucas Reinertson
12. Brandon Platten  
Beverly Griffin
13. Beverly Torrison  
Judy Harris  
Braxton Wenzel
14. Cheryl Duchow  
Vicki Petska
16. Jenniffer Zutz

20. Terry Christianson
21. Janice Streckert
22. Dennis Schuh  
Brenda Goehring
24. Michelle Robley  
Ben Cigler  
Danielle Konz  
Emily Reinertson  
James Reinertson
25. Robin Gordon
26. Lee Ann Jeske  
David Haupt  
Lauren O'Leary
27. Cassidy Tuschel
28. Cambria Behnke  
James Cain  
Keagan Hougen  
Marion Orde
29. Rhys Wilker
30. Beverly Schnell  
Addison Spindler

## MAY

1. Joan Pritzl  
Emma Karstaedt
2. Terra Peterson  
Austin McCulley  
Donald Schisel  
Nicole Spindler
3. Kim Tan  
Stacy Olm  
Eric Haupt  
Walker Ulness  
Dominic Hernandez
4. Lorraine Stenzel  
Lori Bruckner  
Rachel Robley
5. Brenda Johnson  
Jared Petska  
Benjamin Kalies  
Ella Hammel
6. Lexie Evenson  
Peter Scharenbroch
8. Richard Schaeuble
9. Timothy Brick  
Daniel Esser
10. Mardell Huske  
Marilyn Robley  
Robert Voss

Happy  
BIRTHDAY  
To YOU



**Holy Communion**  
 April 2      April 16  
 April 6  
 April 9  
 April 12

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Mixed Choir Sunday school kids sing 	3 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Board of Lay Ministry	4 6:00 Board of Evangelism	5 <b>NO Worship</b> 7:00 Boards of Christian Education and Youth	6 8:00 Quilting 6:15 Worship 	7 <i>Office open until noon</i> 6:15 Worship 	8 9:00 2nd Sat. Bible Study 10:00 Easter breakfast set up in fellowship hall
9 7:00 Worship 8:00 Breakfast 9:00 Worship 	10 <i>Office closed</i> 5:30 Jazzercise	11	12 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship	13 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 5:30 Jazzercise	14 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry Newsletter info due	15
16 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Mixed Choir	17 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	18 9:00 Senior Christians at Two Rivers Family Restaurant	19 6:00 Card Making 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	20 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	21 5:00-8:00 Kids Night Out	
23 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Mixed Choir, 9th grade confirmation	24 5:30 Jazzercise	25	26 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	27 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	28	29
30 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Mixed Choir						<b>Tuesday, May 2</b> <b>2:00-6:00</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b>

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