

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

### **Faith Matters**

MARCH 2024

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

#### **WORSHIP TIMES**

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

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Lenten Thoughts by Pastor Lyman

I was watching an actor be interviewed and he had been very successful on his TV series, for 5 seasons. They had just stopped making the show and they asked him, "It was so good. Couldn't you have made one more season of it?" And he answered with wise words. He said, "If you go out for a great meal, you might get an appetizer and it is great! Then the salad comes and it is great! Then the entree comes and it is better than great! Finally, the dessert cart comes and you have a fabulous dessert! You are happy and full and content. Then someone tempts you to have another dessert. But if you have it, it will be too much. You run the risk of ruining all that came before. No. It is best to stop and say, "Enough," and be happy with it.

I remember these words in contrast to lines in a movie I had seen just before. The movie was a biography of Liberace, starring Michael Douglas. In it, Liberace says, "Too much of a good thing is...wonderful." Which is pretty much exactly the opposite of the previous actor's wise words.

I think temperament has a lot to do with it, and maybe life experience. I grew up sorta poor and so learned to "get while the getting is good" so I would be very tempted by the second dessert. But that Liberace lifestyle of glittery glitz has little attraction for me. When I see it, there is a phrase that comes to mind: "wretched excess."

They are not frequently used words. Wretched excess goes together as "too much" which makes you feel "wretched" awful. We even sing about "Amazing grace that saved a wretch like me." Wretched excess is the too much that makes us miserable. People claim that the wealthy of America are wallowing in an overabundance of wealth. That our excessive consumption is filling the Earth with pollution and garbage. That we are engaging in wretched excess. I suppose we are, and the wealthy all around the world are doing the same. But they do not invite me to their parties, nor do they read my newsletter, so let's leave that subject.

But when do we say "Enough," and be content? I think it is a very good question for Lent. When do we relax? When do we stop acquiring things and start giving things away? When is the struggle over?

God is a God who liberates his people. There is a lot of freedom in the word, "Enough." This is what was on my heart to say this month. God Bless You All.



# Spring Sunday School Information

Faith Lutheran will hold a Children's Palm Sunday Service on Sunday March 24th at 9am.

Please invite family and friends to service as our Sunday School students lead us in several songs as we wave palms, celebrate, and remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem and crowds praising him at the beginning of Holy Week. \*We have been blessed to be able to order a set of risers for our children to stand on during programs! To offset the cost of the new risers the children will be taking up a noisy offering on Palm Sunday and again when they sing on Mother's Day.

All who attend will have an easier time seeing their little loved one(s) faces!

Following service the children will have an Easter egg hunt in their classrooms followed up with Easter lessons and activities.

There will be a basket outside of the office to collect any donated candy for filling eggs. Thank you in advance for generosity!

**No Class;** March 17th -Valders Spring Break and March 31 -Easter Sunday



There is interest in starting a daytime Women's Bible Study at Faith. The meeting time is tentatively set for Thursday's at 9:00 AM at church. This day and time could be adjusted to meet the needs of those wanting to participate. All ages are welcome. There will be a small expense for materials. with the first study being "Becoming a Woman of Simplicity," by Cynthia Heald. Please contact Carol Ulness at 920-242-2931or Julie Endries at 920-973-9881 by March 22<sup>nd</sup> so that materials can be ordered.



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, March 19 at 9:00 am at The Lighthouse Inn. Fun was had by all as congregation members gathered for a Chili Cook-Off on February 4. Five teams competed for the title of Best Tasting Chili and Best Theme. "Together-ness" Chili was voted the best tasting chili and the "Soup-er Yoopers" had the crowd favored theme. Congratulations! The Board of Evangelism would like to thank all who competed and participated. Indeed, it was good to be together.



### Finances

Income - January		1	Budget	<b>Y7</b>	D Actual	YT	D Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$ 18,746.70						
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 341.24						
General Fund Income	\$ 19,087.94	\$	23,757.25	\$	19,087.94	\$	23,757.25
Dedicated Income	\$ 166.00			\$	166.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 19,253.94			\$	19,253.94		
Operating Expenses - January							
Benevolence	\$ 1,516.49						
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 16,299.54						
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 17,371.91						
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	\$ 35,187.94	\$	29,840.58	\$	35,187.94	\$	29,840.58
Dedicated Expense	\$				\$		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 35,187.94			\$	35,187.94		

### **Year to Date General Fund Net Income: \$(16,100.00)**

The Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Committee has options for support available to assist those in need. The pantry is open the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 10 am. The pantry is open to any household who could use some support obtaining groceries and/or general household needs. Additionally, the Endowment Committee has funds available for other short-term general needs such as moderate household expenses or financial assistance for travel related to medical treatment. We encourage you to contact the Endowment Committee to have a confidential discussion about opportunities for support. If you know of a person or family outside of our congregation that might need some support, you are welcome to refer anyone to contact the Endowment Committee to discuss options for support. Requests can be made by contacting the Faith Lutheran church office at faith21@tds.net or Earl Griffin at egriffin@new.rr.com. You may have a confidential discussion via phone by calling Earl Griffin at 920-298-8312.

#### A Note to Thrivent Financial Members

Thank you for the Choice Dollars you directed to FLC in 2023. Those funds went to our Bible Camp fund. You can still direct any funds you have remaining from 2023 to FLC by March 31, 2024. After that date, any remaining funds will be directed by Thrivent to the charity of their choice. Any Choice Dollars donated to FLC in 2024 will be divided in three ways: 1/2 to the National Youth Gathering, 1/4 to FLC Pantry, and 1/4 to Sunday Fellowship. It is easy to do. By phone: Call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars and a representative will help you. Online: Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. In the 'Direct Choice Dollars' section on the right, click "Get started now" and follow the prompts. Everyone's Choice Dollars add up to help support the ministries of Faith Lutheran Church!

## Liturgical Roles - Worship Responsibilities

#### **Pastoral Acts**

Baptism	Ritta Rose Peterson
Funerals	Lorraine Stenzel and Joan Kanter

#### **Membership**

Baptized	808
Confirmed	585
Famillies	107

### **Worship Attendance**

	Sunday	Wednesday
1/21	81	35
1/28	112	57
2/4	88	46
2/11	116	1:00 = 48 6:15 = 81

#### **Altar Guild Servers**

#### Communion:

March	Marlene Evenson	, Chair	(Committee	#1)
April	Bev Torrison	, Chair	(Committee	#2)

#### Lectors

Cheryl Duchow	
Carol Ulness	
Bob Wigen	
Larry Burzynski	
Stacy Wilker	
Cambria Behnke	
Sheryle Lyman	
Judy Harris	
Don Domrath	
7:00 Jenniffer Zutz	9:00 Joyce Sorenson
	Carol Ulness Bob Wigen Larry Burzynski Stacy Wilker Cambria Behnke Sheryle Lyman Judy Harris Don Domrath

#### **Communion Servers**

3/3	Cheryl Duchow	
3/13	Arianna Herrick	
3/17	Stacy Wilker	
3/28	Judy Harris	
3/31	7:00 Jenniffer Zutz	9:00 Jovce Sorenson

#### **Head Usher - Scott Reinertson**

#### **Acolyte Schedule**

3/3	Audrey Sorenson	3/6	Logan Bratt		
3/10	Audrey Sorenson	3/13	Logan Bratt		
3/17	/17 Allison Goehring 3/20 Logan Bratt				
3/24	Liam Cline 3/28 Gage Spindler				
3/29	Zachary Lenzner				
3/31	7:00 Audrey Sorenson				
	9:00 Cambria Behnke				

3/3	Liam Cline	3/6	Cambria Behnke		
3/10	Brenda Freiberg	3/13	Keagan Hougen		
3/17	John Robley	3/20	Keagan Hougen		
3/24	Arianna Herrick	3/28	Arianna Herrick		
3/29	Guy and Judy Valleskey				
3/31	7:00 Erin Lenzner and Mark Zutz				
	9:00 Julie Hartman and Ava Ulness				

Usher	'S
3/3	Ron Jones, Tyler Madson, Lori Propson
3/10	Earl & Barb Griffin, John Robley
3/17	Jim Ahrens, Tom and Kathy Muench
3/24	Marcus Galien and Ethan Ulness
3/28	Steve Ahrens and Al Gilbertson
3/31	7:00 Don & Deb Schreiner, Ron Jandrey
	9:00 Brian Ulness, Loren Ulness, Dean Behnke

### **Sound Operator**

2/2	Lucas Chindles
3/3	Lucas Spindler
3/10	Loren Ulness
3/17	Bill Riesterer
3/24	Loren Ulness
3/28	Kayla Hildebrandt
3/29	Erin Lenzner
2/24	7.00 Cartar Lauren

### 3/31 7:00 Carter Lenzner 9:00 Mitchell Kaderabek

#### **Video Operator/Live Stream**

3/3	Michael Lenzner	3/10	Carter Lenzner
3/17	Bill Riesterer	3/24	Travis Schisel
3/28	Kayla Hildebrandt	3/29	Carter Lenzner
3/31	9:00 Jake Kaderabek		

#### **Projection**

3/3	Addison Spindler			
3/6	Tristan Teuke and Susan Christel			
3/10	Ethan Ulness			
3/13	Liam Cline and Kayla Hildebrandt			
3/17	Mollie Junk	3/20	Tristan Teuke	
3/24	Kolten Schisel	3/28	John Schnell	
3/29	Erin Lenzner			
3/31	7:00 Luke Evenson	9:00 N	Makenna Kaderabek	

# Faith Lutheran Scholarship Application

Name	Phone			
Local Address	City	State	Zip	
High School Attended		Year Graduated		
Church Activities and Involvement				
Community Service Activities				
Job Experiences				
Name (and address) of the college I plan to attend_				
Is this an ELCA sponsored college? YesNo	Are you a full-time student	? Yes No	-	
Program of studies you are pursuing				
I have received previous Faith Lutheran Chur	ch Scholarships in years			
An autobiography MUST accompany this application extracurricular activities, future educational plans incl scholarship, indicate how you plan to use the money. Conot limited to: 1. Quality of application and essay 2. Cu community service activities. Needless to say, the Chrimade these monies available, and any scholarship awar your education. You may reapply for this scholarship in Your autobiography should be presented as neatly as paper with double spacing (please do not exceed two paper with double space with double space with do	uding major and occupation Criteria used to determine solution and past involvement a stian Church was very imported is intended to show the future years as it is not auto ossible and preferably typed	al interests and go holarship recipien activities 3. Curren rtant to the peoplo churches support omatically renewa	als. If awarded a ts includes but at and past who have for you and ble.	
The decision of the Committee is final. Any questio writing and mailed to Faith Lutheran Church Endor 54245.				
	APPLICATION TO CHUI	RCH OFFICE		
Signed	Date			

Application deadline Sunday, April 14, 2024

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# Faith on Fire Event



Event: Wednesday, March 13
Time: 7:15-8:30pm.
Cost is \$10/participant. Registration is required.

Smash & Art Studio



115 N. 10th Street Manitowoc

CRusched Smash & Art Studio advocates for the reduction of stigma surrounding mental health. Our advocacy and education will come in a variety of ways as we grow. With that stated, it is important for us to share a disclaimer for our space and services: Our service is for entertainment & release outlet purposes only. We are not a mental health service or facility. We are not here to identify, treat, cure or prevent mental health illness or disorders, nor do we intend to promote unhealthy coping skills.

\*\* OUR SERVICES ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESSES WITH PSYCHOTIC FEATURES, OR FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK TO HARM THEMSELVES OR OTHERS.

If you feel you may need help with any mental health issue, we encourage you to see a licensed physician, mental health provider, or reach out to the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call/Text 988 or Chat at 988lifeline.org

\*Faith Lutheran does not want financial burdens to be a reason your child cannot participate in an outing or an event. Contact Bridget Valleskey, Youth Coordinator 920-905-5273 for assistance.

### Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—January 15, 2024

New Business: \$400 requested for bell maintenance – needs to be done every 5-7 years. Last maintenance done 5 years ago in Chicago area for a cost of \$1,070 with bells transported by Bill and Sue Riesterer. \$1,090 in bell memorial fund currently. Motion made and carried to transfer \$400 from the Undesignated Memorial fund to the Bell Choir Memorial Fund to be used for future maintenance of the bells. Bill Riesterer discussed the idea of fire sticks being made available to shut-ins who do not have access to You Tube. Need Wi-Fi, email account, internet access, and Amazon acct. Cost is \$39.95 with remote. Bill volunteered to contact the members involved to determine interest, install equipment, and teach them how to use it. A motion was made and carried to use funds (not to exceed \$400) in the Hands-on Mission account to purchase the fire sticks for our homebound members interested in using this device to access worship services from Faith. Bill Riesterer or another volunteer (perhaps confirmation students) will take care of purchasing and training.

<u>Stewardship</u> – Designated income line in the 2024 budget includes funds transferred from the Restricted Youth Coordinator Fund, which were from a prior year's surplus funds. There are 3 fund accounts within the Memorial Fund that have funds available for use as needed: Local Benevolence – to be used for member special needs at Pastor's discretion. Capital Expanded Ministry – to be used for special needs outside of Faith's membership as determined and voted on by Council. Memorial/Inheritance/Interest (Undesignated Funds) – may be used for any purpose, other than budgetary expenses, as determined and voted on by Council.

**Evangelism** – Plan to order more pens for the Welcome Desk since we are getting low. Reviewing the website for needed corrections or updates. Reviewed Advent by Candlelight – what was good & what could be done different. Pastor Dan to reach out to a library employee about starting Spanish Language classes. A postcard for Easter services will be mailed to inactive members the week before Palm Sunday. Chili cook off plans were discussed for February 4<sup>th</sup> – collection will be taken for a donation to the Warming Shelter in Manitowoc.

<u>Lay Ministry</u> - Christmas Eve Service attendance – 9AM – 98, 3pm – 254, 5pm – 101, 10pm – 48. Baptism of Our Lord – babies baptized in last year were invited back and given a book and small cross. Wednesday Lenten services will be at 6:15pm, including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. People are needed to veil the cross and someone to iron the black cloth hung in front of cross.

<u>Property</u> – Fellowship Hall & stage carpeting quote from Bartow Builders (\$57 per square if we rip out the old flooring - \$65 if we do not take out the old flooring). Parking lot resurfacing. Window quote not available but Don Johnson is working on it with a contractor he recommends

<u>Christian Education</u> – VBS curriculum was ordered "Camp Firelight". 18 students are attending Confirmation Camp in July.

<u>Youth and Family Ministry</u> – 12/27 - Kids Night Out event, 6 younger youth attended along with 4 older youth helpers - went well. 2/4 - Ice Skating at Manitowoc County Ice Center.

<u>Faith on Fire</u> - 2/4 - Faith on Fire to participate in chili cook-off and have a table. 2/7 - Speaker - Kelly Meyer - the Power of I AM - Unleashing your Superhero. 2/23 - Outing to Urban Air Trampoline Park. No students plan to attend the Synod Youth Gathering for grades 6-12 in February.

Having completed all business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2024. Devotions – Larry Burzynski.

Recorded by Joan Pritzl

## Celebrating Your Birthday!

March April

- Ava Petska
   William Griffin
   Peter Steinberg
   Andrea Christel
   Wendy Kuenstler
- 3. Roger Reichardt
- 6. Gerald Petska
- 7. Angie Ulness Gregg Valleskey Roger Larson
- 8. Stephen Kalies
  Katherine Bubolz
  Gretchen Spindler
  Jeremy Peterson
- 10. Jake Kaderabek
- 11. Linda Gilbertson
- 12. Ava Hammel
  Waylynn Christianson
  Lois Reinertson
- 13. Steven Schwoerer Cameron Tuschel
- 14. Otis Berge

- 18. Kim Junk Mike Siewert
- 20. Valerie Valleskey Cheyenne Propson
- 21. James Goehring
- 22. Terry Evenson
- 23. Sherrie Pinkerton Eliza Wilker Allison Goehring
- 24. Lydia Kuenstler Ryan Valleskey
- 25. Kolten Schisel
- 26. Dennis Hougen
- 27. Bailey Goehring Colt Zutz
- 28. Robert Argall
- 29. Trevor Pinkerton
- 30. Debbra Schreiner Carter Schwoerer
- 31. Aric Olson Marlene Thomsen Jason Robley

- 1. Kami Christianson
- 2. John Schiesl
- 3. Jean Madson Caynen Klessig Shane Rusch Brady Glaeser
- 4. Ethan Fahley
- 5. Dennis Karstaedt Jayden Khail Aislinn Galien
- 6. Carol A. Zutz Paul Schmidt Tyler Wetenkamp
- 7. Keith Schultz
- 8 Colt Christianson
- 9. Dennis Luckow Kelly Krogh
- 10. Chase Reinertson Lucas Reinertson







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					1	2	
3	4	5	6 9:00 Jazzercise	7	8	9	
8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 10:15 Sunday School, Inspiration Choir	5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	3:00 and 6:30 Bible Study	5:00 Soup and Sandwich Supper 6:15 Worship with Praise Band 6:30 Board of Education 7:15 Confirmation	8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise		9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study	
10 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 10:15 Sunday School, 9th grade confirmation	11 5:30 Jazzercise	3:00 and 6:30 Bible Study	9:00 Jazzercise 5:00 Soup and Sandwich Supper 6:00 Card Making in Youth Room 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation/ Faith on Fire at CRushed	14 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 5:30 Jazzercise	15	9:00 Open Pantry	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	5:30 Board of Stewardship 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	9:00 Senior Christians at Lighthouse Inn 3:00 and 6:30 Bible Study	9:00 Jazzercise 5:00 Soup and Sandwich Supper 6:15 Worship with Praise Band	8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise			
24 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship ~	25	26	27	28	29 Office open until	30	
S.S. kids sing 10:00 Fellowship Hour 10:15 Sunday School, Inspiration Choir		3:00 and 6:30 Bible Study	9:00 Jazzercise  NO Worship or Confirmation	6:15 Worship  MAUNDY  Lugday	6:15 Worship	9:00 Easter Breakfast setup	
31 7:00 Worship 8:00 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Worship He is Risen	Happy					Submitted to LPI 2/22	

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Al Anon Meets at 7:00 p.m. Mondays 404 S. 29th Street, Manitowoc and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. 443 Manhattan Street, Chilton