

# FAITH ON THE RISE

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"Rejoice! The Lord is near." *Philippians 4:5*

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The office will be closed Friday, April 7 at noon and Monday, April 10 in observance of Easter

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## Easter Worship—Christ is Risen!

**April 2—Palm Sunday**—Our Sunday School children will process in with palms and will sing at the **9:30am** worship service.

**April 6—Maundy Thursday**—WELCA will be serving a meal of Soup & Sandwiches (freewill offering) from **5:30-6:15pm** followed by worship service w/Holy Communion at **6:30pm**. We have 13 young people receiving their First Communion.

**April 7—Good Friday**—Faith's Tenebrae Service will be at **7:30pm**. Please enter and leave in silence.

**Community Good Friday Service** will be at Our Savior's Lutheran at **Noon**. This is hosted by the Barnes County Ministerial.

**April 9—Easter Sunday**—Worship service w/Holy Communion at **9:30am**.

**10:30am**—Youth going on the Mission Trip to Duluth this summer will be serving Egg Bake, Muffins, Fresh Fruit, Coffee/Juice as a freewill fundraiser for their trip.

**10:45am**—Easter Egg Hunt for Preschool-6th Grade children.

*Take time to worship with your Faith family  
 this Easter Season and throughout the year.*



## Holy Humor Sunday!

**April 16th**, the Second Sunday of Easter we will celebrate the joy we have in the risen Lord! Wear a silly hat or brightly colored shirt or both! We will tell some jokes and sing Christmas tunes with Easter words. This has become an annual tradition here at Faith.

Every Sunday there are smiles and laughter at Faith, but this Sunday is a special day to be intentional about having fun together and celebrating life.



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A fire in an immigrant shelter in El Paso, a school shooting in a Christian elementary school in Nashville, a homeless epidemic in San Diego, around every corner we find more despair and sorrow. It makes me anxious thinking about the world my boys will be navigating through for the decades to come.

So...where is God in this mess?

Our Easter service begins with *He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!* Words of hope amidst the darkness of our world. The Apostle Paul writes, *So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things from above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.* Colossians 3:1.

It does not take much to get discouraged with the sin and sorrow we see all around us. It's much more challenging to be a person of hope, encouraged by our savior who is risen from the dead and who will one day make all things new. Where is God? God has not left us alone; no, God dwells with us and he breaks into our sorrow and despair bringing new life to the world.

Every generation has its struggles and challenges to overcome, and we too will find solutions to the problems we face in the times we live in. Even though the days may appear dark, we continue to carry Christ's message to the world, that God is good, trust in him, and the love that surpasses all understanding will make things right.

As we await the coming of Spring after this long winter, so too let us look forward to the day when God will restore this world with his grace and favor.

Happy April and may God bless you this Easter season,

Pastor Jamie

# Youth News

## Confirmation Information for 7th-9th Graders

April-May we will now be at Trinity Lutheran Church.  
You must turn in your completed Lent Packet to Wendi by Wednesday, April 12th!

The schedule looks like this for the month of April:

- April 6—Maundy Thursday service
- April 12—Class at Trinity
- April 19—Class at Trinity
- April 26—Last traditional class at Trinity

Kids are welcome to church at around 6pm to enjoy a quick snack and drink before Confirmation officially starts at 6:30pm.



## Jr/Sr High Youth!



On Saturday, April 29th we will head to Fargo for a day of fun! We will be going to Tactical Action Gaming and Fargo Climbing! Please watch your emails for more information soon!



## Boundary Waters Trip

Scott Tichy and John Samuelson are leading a Boundary Waters trip for kids in 7th-12th grade! This year's adventure will be July 25-31. Cost for the trip will be \$160 person. Please contact Scott Tichy at 840-8561 or John Samuelson at 490-2888 if you are interested in participating!



## Easter Egg Hunt

Faith Kids Club filled the Easter Eggs with candy on Wednesday, March 29 for the Easter Egg Hunt. They had a fun time filling them. They filled **over 400 eggs!** There will plenty of eggs for the kids to find! The Easter Egg Hunt will be for the Preschool-6th graders at 10:45am on Easter Sunday,



Thank you to those who donated candy for the eggs.



## Sr High Lunch



Senior High Lunch is on Mondays at Our Savior's! Wendi will be helping the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. The freshmen lunch is served at 11:15am, and the 10th-12th graders will be served at 12:10pm.

## Early Dismissal Day

Wednesday, April 19th will be the last Early Dismissal Day for Valley City Public Schools for the 2022-2023 school year. We will be planning some fun activities for this day for Kindergarten-6th graders! Please watch your emails for more information soon!

### Sunday School!

After church, you can grab a treat with your family and then we start Sunday School at 10:45am and finish at 11:45am. We are SO excited to have a great year of Bible stories, music, games, and crafts. Each week is a blast together with Jesus. If you haven't signed up yet, that is ok! Please talk to Wendi Wilmes, Sunday School Coordinator, if you still need to register for Sunday School.

#### Some Important Dates for Sunday School:

- \*Sunday, April 2nd the kids will sing in church for Palm Sunday!
- \*No Sunday School on Sunday, April 9th due to Easter Sunday!
- \*There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all kids on Easter Sunday following church!



### Faith Kids Club

We welcome all kids going into 4th-6th grade to come to our Wednesday afterschool program! Kids Club meets Wednesdays from 3:15-5pm here at Faith or once a month we go do a service project around the community. The kids are picked up with the church van from Washington School and parents then pick them up from Faith. Please contact Wendi to sign up if you haven't done so yet!



The Kids Club went to play BINGO with the residents at Legacy Place in March.

- April 5—NO KIDS CLUB (Holy Week)**
  - April 12—at Faith—help pack personal health kits**
  - April 19—Early Dismissal Day!**
  - April 26—at Legacy Place**
- \*Last day of Kids Club for the 2022-2023 school year will be May 17th!

### Vacation Bible School - June 28-30!

Once again, we will be partnering with Our Savior's and Trinity to offer VBS through Red Willow! We will be having VBS **June 28-June 30** this summer! If your child will be going into 1st grade-6th grade this coming school year, VBS will run from 9am-3pm June 28 and 29. If your child will be going into Prek or Kindergarten, VBS will run from 9-11:30am on June 28 and 29. All groups will meet from 9am-11:30am—n June 30, with a program starting at noon. Please watch your emails for a form to fill out to sign your child up for VBS!



### A Message from Our Council President

You might be a Lutheran if .....  
You think hot dish is one of the major food groups!

Welcome to .....Spring? Another month has come and gone and winter is still hanging in there. This last month the council has been looking more at our monthly finances. Erin Metcalf has put together a game plan for a church wide rummage sale as a fundraiser and Mike May has rallied the Men's Group and WELCA for a French toast feed and bake sale. As a council we have discussed new ways to attract members of our community to Faith Lutheran so be on the lookout for some new events and happenings this year. I also encourage everyone not to be bashful and invite some friends or an acquaintance to church!

The council will be sending out a pledge card this month so we can better plan our budget for 2023 so please watch for those and return them as soon as possible.

God Bless!  
Justin Foell, Council President



### First Communion Kids Paint Their Chalices

This year we have 13 kids receiving First Communion on Maundy Thursday. To make their day a bit more special each child paints their own chalice. The kids and parents went to Pedersonpottery to paint them. After they are painted the chalices are fired and glazed. Each one is uniquely their own. We thank Dennis & Gail Pederson for having the kids out to paint the chalices and for finishing them so they are ready for Maundy Thursday.



## Faith Visits

What a joyful experience to visit some of our Faith Lutheran family in their homes. It's wonderful to hear their stories and bring them news from Faith Lutheran.

We are currently visiting eight individuals and are hopeful we'll be able to connect with more in the near future. Members of the Visitation Team are Elise Miller, Nancy Ost, Cheryl Foell and Val Moritz. If you would like a visit or know someone we should visit, please call Val at 840-1652 or Julie in the church office at 845-4390. If you would like to be part of the Visitation Team, call Val.

Here are a few of the smiling faces we are fortunate to visit. Keep them in your prayers as they remember all of their Faith Lutheran family in theirs.



Russ & Marlys Hilborn



Arlene Larson



Illa Glandt



Mavis Johnson



Marlys Freadhoff



## Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly

The Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly is Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4 in Fargo. We are looking for 1 more individual to volunteer to attend to represent Faith Lutheran Church. Delegates play an important role in speaking on behalf of their congregation and the whole church each year at this gathering and have an opportunity to connect with people from near and far. Your registration fee will be paid by FLC. If you are interested in attending you may talk to a council member or Julie in the office.



## French Toast Brunch Fundraiser—Sunday, April 16

The Men's Group will be serving French Toast, Sausage, Applesauce, Coffee/Juice from **9:30am-12:30pm**. This will be a Freewill Offering Fundraiser. To-go containers will be available. To the guys from Men's Group and others who would like to help, you will meet on **Saturday, April 15 at 8am** for the regular monthly Breakfast meeting to the prep work for the brunch. Help will also be needed on **Sunday, April 16** to help man the grill for the making of the French toast, to serve and help with the clean up.



WELCA will also have a **Bake Sale** during that time. We welcome donations of anything from baked good to canning goods for this. Please mark your items in advance. A suggested price list will be available to help you know how much to price your items at. Your baked/canned goods should be to the church by 9am on April 16th. We encourage your participation with this. Of course everyone looks forward to purchasing the baked/canned goods to enjoy!

**All proceeds from this Fundraiser will go to Faith Lutheran's General Fund.**

## Happy Birthday Bea!

**Bea Faust will be 90 on April 5th!!!** In lieu of a big party, the family would like to invite you to send her a card or call Bea at 701-760-5470 to wish her a Happy Birthday!

Dan & Bea have moved recently moved to be closer to 3 or their children.

This is their new address:

Bea Faust  
Apt 132 The Glenn  
5300 Woodhill Rd  
Minnetonka, MN 55345.



## APRIL TEAM MEETINGS

**Council**—Meets **Tue, April 18**  
at **5:30pm**

**FLC Staff**—Meets **Wed, April 12**  
& **Wed, April 26** at **1:30pm**



**Men's Group**—Meets **Sat, April 15** at **8:00am**

**Mission Team**—Meets **Tue, April 4** at **5:30pm**

**May Service & Care**— Meets **Sun, April 16**  
after worship and through emails/texts/ phone

**WELCA**—Meets **Wed, April 12** at **3:30pm**

**APRIL APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1. Nancy Bjerke, Lorianne Lima, Conner Mallette; 2. Hunter Briones, Tyler Kotta, Stacie Larson; 3. Jerry Moritz, Nancy Sorensen; 4. Sawyer Boock, Kathy Burke, Marlys Kunze; 5. Bea Faust, Alec Storhoff; 6. Randy McClafin, Willow Shape; 7. Matt Anderson, Blake Jewett, Nancy Knutson, Reneé Martin; 8. Gordon Reitan; 9. Adam Brandvold, Graysen Foell, Kylie Van Bruggen; 10. Bob Green, John Miller, Abbey Thornton; 11. Lara Mairs, Madison Trzruc; 12. Riley Smith; 13. Josh Gilbertson, Leah Radke, Chase Tompt, Wendi Wilmes; 15. Brooke Bopp, Andrew Nelson, Janel Richman, Kathy Schlotman; 16. Carter McKay; 17. Trevor Enstad, Karla Ranisate, Krew Thoreson; 19. Jason Beilke, Stephanie Bopp; 20. Odin Greenley; 21. Kashton Anderson, Kelsey Schulz; 23. Andy Carlson, Jan Johnson, Danny Newton; 24. Samantha Nelson, Sydney Nelson; 25. Orlando Anderson; 26. Jordan Lunn; 27. Dallas Gruebele, Hannah Johnson, Dean Klein, Jacksyn Thornton, Maya Van Bruggen, Elaine Walls; 28. Brianne Foell, Liam Greenley, Brady Larson; 29. Randy Schober; 30. Jodee Ukestad.

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:**

1. Scott & Amy Johnson; 4. Randy & Sue Milender Toppen; 8. John & Jan Johnson, Virgil & Tami Kratz, David & Lara Mairs; 13. Jasen & Kathy McGough, Clint & Natalie Meyer; 14. Keith & Cindy Hovland; 15. Jerry & Carol Moritz; 18. Ryan & Jessica Johnson, Mark & Paula Thomsen; 22. Doug & Becky Kratz; 25. Shane & Tricia Germann; 28. Dennis Hoye & Linda Lane.

**March Transitions in Our Parish**

**BAPTISMS:** We celebrated God's promise in Holy Baptism for Asher Ray Foell, born March 26, 2022 and baptized on Sunday, March 12, 2023. His parents are Justin & Brianne Foell & big brothers are Graysen & Finley. God bless Asher and his family.



**April Service & Care**

\*\*John & Elise Miller  
\*\*Tim & Nancy Ost

Val Bolstad  
Greg & Karen Burchill  
Miranda Erickson  
Bob Green  
Rick & Robin Idland  
Jody Johnson  
Dave & Carol Smith  
Dan & Emily Thompson  
Elaine Walls  
Brian & Georgia Welken

\*Thank you for serving!

**March Attendance**

March 1 (Lent)	No Service - Storm
March 5	102 78+ online views
March 8 (Lent)	69 73+online views
March 12	51 68+ online views
March 15 (Lent)	57 48+online views
March 19	112 74+online views
March 22 (Lent)	64 55+ online views
March 26	121 72+ online views
March 29 (Lent)	67 36+online views

\*online views are households watching

**Offering**

January	\$18,442.00
February	\$15,343.00
March	\$22,205.00
(March 29 not included)	

Needed monthly to meet Mission Plan:  
\$21,265.25

I just can't thank all you wonderful people enough for all your thoughts, prayers and get well cards sent to me after I broke my shoulder. I appreciate it so much.

Thanks again.  
God bless you.  
Verna Anderson



**FLC Spring Rummage Sale Notice!**



In an effort to generate income for our church general fund the council has decided to host a spring rummage sale. We are excited to promote this church and community event. Below are a few ways you can help if you feel called to do so. More information to come later in April and May.

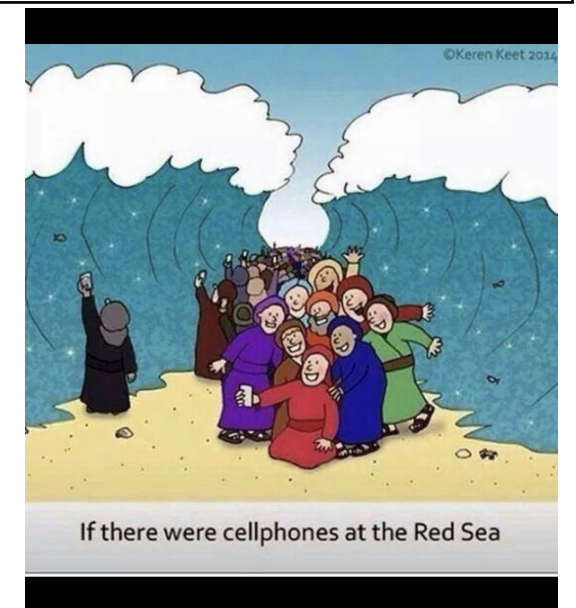
1. Mark the below dates and times on your calendar
  - **Thursday, May 18th**—deliveries accepted at the church 8am-5pm
  - **Friday, May 19th**—Rummage sale open 9am-5pm
  - **Saturday, May 20th**—Rummage sale open 9am-3pm
  - **Sunday, May 21st**—Rummage sale open 9am-Noon
2. Find items you'd like to donate
  - Please no televisions, microwaves or outdated infant carriers
  - All donations must be brought into the church, make arrangements for large/oversize items
  - PLEASE no early donations drop-offs, we don't have a dedicated storage space
3. Volunteer to help
  - Workers will re-arrange items, take money, greet customers and help this event run smoothly. Shifts will be outlined and published soon. We welcome all to participate!
4. Promotion & Marketing
  - Tell all your friends and family about the sale. Word of mouth, e-mail, social media, etc. the more people who walk through the door, the more successful the event will be.

More details to come! Contact Erin Metcalf with questions. Thanks for your support and help!

**BATTERIES INCLUDED** A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



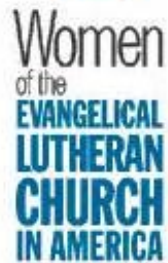
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. — EPHESIANS 2:8-9 NIV





## WELCA News

WELCA met Wednesday, March 8 at the church. We would like to invite everyone to Maundy Thursday supper and services. Cindy Knudson has graciously offered to make soup and we will also be serving ham sandwiches and bars.



We'd like to thank those who generously donated Thank Offerings and also items for the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We have once again received a Thrivent card and will be putting the kits together on Wednesday, April 12 with the Kids Club's help.



Faith WELCA will be hosting the tri-church Faith Lutheran, Our Savior's Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, **Spring Luncheon at 10:30am on Saturday, April 29**, at our church. Brenda Rohde will entertain us with her beautiful voice and Kylie Van Bruggen will be presenting a program on her trip to the Netherlands. WELCA will be serving a brunch so mark your calendars, it should be a fun morning!!

Another date to remember is Saturday, May 6. The Jamestown Cluster meeting will be held that day at English Lutheran Church in Medina. If anyone would like to attend please call Cheryl, 840-1368. We do need to RSVP.

All of us from WELCA wish you all a Happy Easter. Let's all pray our weather will start to look like spring by then.



Peace,  
Cheryl Foell, WELCA president

## Summer Bible Camps!

Summer is almost here (we hope) and it's time to register for Bible Camps! We encourage our kids and families to attend a Bible Camp. This is a fun time and a great way to connect with others and grow their faith. The Bible Camps are available to all ages! Red Willow Bible Camp is located near Binford, ND. You may go to their website: [www.redwillowministries.org](http://www.redwillowministries.org) for information and to register. When you register for Red Willow Bible Camp, use the code **FLVC23** for the \$75 campership we give to help pay for camp. Park River Bible Camp is located near Park River, ND. Their website is [www.parkriverbiblecamp.org](http://www.parkriverbiblecamp.org) if you would like more information and to register. Metigoshe Bible Camp is located near Bottineau, ND. Go to their website: [www.metigosheministries.com](http://www.metigosheministries.com) for more information and to register. We do have \$75 camperships available to help pay for any Bible Camp. WELCA gives money towards the camperships each year. Contact the office with any questions.



## Mission Team News

The Mission Team served the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 22nd, serving chili with all the fixin's, breads and dessert. We had a nice crowd for supper and everyone enjoyed it.

In May we will be collecting diapers and wipes, so start thinking about that in April and watch for sales. The port-a-crib will be up in May for the collection of diapers and wipes. All sizes of baby diapers are needed and will be donated locally at the end of May.



The Mission Team's next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 5** at 5:30pm. New members are always welcome!



Pictured (l-r) Sandy Brandvold, Kay Bostrom, Cindy Waagen, Deb Shape, Elise Miller

## Noisy Offering—VCPS School Lunch Program

We will be receiving a noisy offering on Sunday, April 16. The offering received will be going to Valley City Public School Lunch Program. The kids will come around during the Children's Message with their pails to collect your loose change and dollar bills.

In March we received \$204.79 for APOC (Abused Persons Outreach Center)! Your generosity makes a difference in people's lives. Thank you!



The kids blessing the noisy offering