



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
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## FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

May 2020

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*Working to spread the Gospel here and throughout the world.*

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### NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN

Easter this year was unforgettable. Did we have a capacity crowd in attendance? No. Did we enjoy singing favorite Easter hymns with gusto? No. Did skilled musicians bless our sanctuaries? No. I could go on mentioning what we did not have due to state-wide closures to prevent community spread of Covid-19. What we do have disperses the clouds of disappointment. We have Jesus who has been raised from the dead. We have Jesus who is ever among us with his message of peace. We have Jesus who gives us all a living hope through his resurrection. I would like to share with you some memorable moments.

Because we cannot congregate on Sundays or the other important dates of Holy Week I have recorded sermons for our websites. I am completely ignorant of digital technology so such recordings would not have happened without people like Linda, Bill, Robin, Loma, Holly and others. Such video recordings will never replace an actual worship service with beloved parishioners present praising God and praying, but it is a way to proclaim the gospel. In this troubling time we are bearing together,

we need to hear the good news of our Savior who bears our burdens and gives us spiritual lift....as a gospel hymn sings his love 'lifted me'.

The Easter sermon was recorded on a beautiful day the Saturday before the holiday. It was recorded at Faith Lutheran Church complete with their beautiful Easter banners I had asked Marge to make ready. Once in a blue moon I do have a creative thought and the last part of the sermon was filmed outside. Faith Lutheran has beautiful grounds with wonderful large evergreens. So the final portion was recorded with a beautiful backdrop of a full-branched tree. I also asked my casting crew for a dog to be in the recording. The dog's name is Tootsie and she acted her role as a dog beautifully, certainly an academy award possibility. The outdoor setting and Tootsie were not just props. The point was made that all creation rejoices in the good news of Jesus bursting the bonds and bounds of death. I think of a reading from the apostle Paul, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to

be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God...for in hope we were saved.” All creation is hopeful and rejoices: trees clap their hands and dogs bark “Alleluia” for the good news of Jesus. The gospel of John declared Jesus would drive the ruler of this world (Satan) out with his death on the cross. The powers of Satan and sin no longer can chain us, accuse us, and force us to lose hope and despair the goodness of God. Jesus has taken away the sin (condemnation) of the world and gives resurrection and eternal life, which is the hope of a new creation of no more death as we live in Jesus, making our home now in his love.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are now available online! If you would like to receive a paper copy, please sign up on the sheet outside of the office. Newsletters can be found at <https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org/newsletters> or right on the front page of the website.

### FACEBOOK

It's true! Faith Lutheran Church now has a Facebook page. "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/faith3lakes/> and watch the page for updates about what's happening in the life of our faith community.



### PRAYER SHAWLS

To give comfort and peace. There is a tote of prayer shawls under the shelf when you walk in. If you know someone who is lonely and would use one, feel free to take one. Once wrapped around their shoulders it feels like a hug from Jesus and their friends.

### FELLOWSHIP

During Fellowship a basket is placed on the table to collect donations for the purchase of the Fair Trade decaf coffee. Individuals or groups who host Fellowship do not have to provide coffee. Occasional contributions to the fun are encouraged.

## QUILTERS

We appreciate all of the quilting supplies which have been donated. We could use some help putting the quilts together. Quilting experience is not required.

**The quilters meet every Wednesday from 12:30pm to 3:00 pm**

## LIVE-STREAMING

Did you know that when you're away, you can watch Pastor's sermon as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning? You can! Simply go to our church's website (<https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org/>) and click "Click here to watch live streaming during worship (Sundays at 9:00 am)" right on the front page. Just put in a name

and hit "Enter Live Service". Streaming will start at the reading of the Gospel, which usually happens between 9:10 and 9:15, give or take a few minutes, so if nothing is happening yet when you start watching, just wait a few minutes. You can also watch a recording of many of Pastor's sermons on our website. Simply go to our church website, and go to "Worship" --> "Pastor's Sermons" and click on any sermon in the Archive of Recorded Sermons. It's that easy!

**ORGANIST OR PIANIST NEEDED** to fill in occasionally for Sunday services. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Rhonda Buss at 715-223-5323 or [rhonda\\_buss@yahoo.com](mailto:rhonda_buss@yahoo.com)

## BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH



Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Easter is not all we have to celebrate. We also rejoice at the gift of Pentecost; the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The spirit is the gift which binds us as people of God. The Spirit calls us to faith, strengthens our faith, and renews our faith. Remembering our baptism is remembering the work of the Holy Spirit!

During the weeks ahead, remember the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. At the same time, remember others who have a baptismal anniversary this month.

- 8<sup>th</sup> Jacque Deditz and Marshall Rawoens
- 9<sup>th</sup> Hunter St. Louis and Linda Fowles
- 10<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Jensen
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sue Sorg
- 19<sup>th</sup> Peyton Erikson
- 24<sup>th</sup> Hannah Peterson
- 26<sup>th</sup> Kathy Gilbertson and Kari Volk
- 29<sup>th</sup> Kallie Volk

Also remember: Tom Bredesen.

## OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Year: 2020

Month: February

Number of Sundays: 4, + Ash Wednesday

Average Attendance: 29

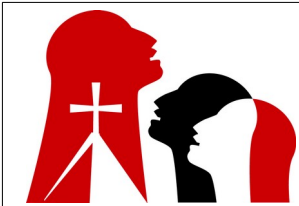
Month: March

Number of Sundays: 3, due to COVID-19

Average Attendance: --

<i>March 2020</i>	MONTH	YTD
Budget Income	\$5,425	\$47,617
Expenses	\$3,726	\$23,441
Net Income	\$1,699	\$24,175

\*\*\* This will be provided on a quarterly basis



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT:** Colleen and Duane Bonack, Gale and Martha Crow, Natalie Gerharz, Kristin Rolls, Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Monte James, Missy Wick, Wayne Schuelke, Sue Sorg, Kristine Gerhart, Rick Jacobson, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Barb Hanson, Bob Beyer, Kim Terlizzi, Ed Fowles, Hunter St. Louis. Charlotte Jensen, John and Connie Lyons, Tiffany and Greg Lyons, Peter Santogade, Ann Woelfel, Bill Mattson and Tom and Doe Muench.

**Our home-bound including:**  
Norm Frauenfelder

**Our armed forces including:**  
David Bredesen, Kaley Ebann, Tyler Kaltenberg, Nick, Brandy, Nathan Lamal, Jamie Madl, Jared Malda, Jon Priem, Brandon Paulick, Charlie and Will Starke, Nicole Young and Alex Brendemihl.

**ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS**

**Our Church Ministries:**

Congregational Care  
Congregation Council  
Board of Worship Life  
Board of Outreach  
Board of Trustees  
Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center

**Our partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ including:**

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church  
Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church  
Union Congregational Church  
Grace Lutheran Church

**Our synod, the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA, and its congregations.**

**Our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and its congregations.**

## Public Health



### Caring response in times of public health concerns

With the outbreaks of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the United States and around the world, congregations and houses of worship need to be well-informed and well-prepared. The following information offers guidance as we minister to and engage with each other, and within our communities, as the body of Christ.

**Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton** has issued a statement in response to concerns about the spread of COVID-19. Martin Luther, said the bishop, "emphasized the duty to care for the neighbor, the responsibility of government to protect and provide services to its citizens, a caution about recklessness, and the importance of science, medicine and common sense." [Read the full statement.](#)

### COVID-19/Coronavirus Resources

- Worship in Times of Public Health Concerns [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Prayers for Times of Public Health Concern: COVID-19/Coronavirus English | Spanish
- Intercessory Prayers in the midst of the spread of COVID-19 from the Lutheran World Federation English | Spanish
- [Congregational Planning Checklist for Public Health Concerns](#)
- [How to stream your worship service — A starter guide](#)

### Stewardship of gifts

Many members may be concerned about how to support the work of their congregations, synods and church-wide ministries if they are ill or choosing to stay home to reduce the risk of getting or spreading the virus. A majority of ELCA congregations currently offer online giving as an option for both one-time and recurring gifts; and all still accept checks. For congregations looking for online giving, the ELCA has negotiated with [preferred vendors](#) who can quickly respond with options.

## Changing landscape

Due to the nature of the virus, information is being updated on a daily basis. We encourage you to contact and listen to your local health experts and authorities concerning best practices and the status of the outbreaks in your local context. The following links may also serve as helpful resources.

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)

## Guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, the CDC always recommends these everyday preventive actions to arrest the spread of respiratory diseases:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC recommendations for using a face mask.
  - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a face mask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
  - Face masks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19, to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of face masks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people caring for someone in a close setting](#) (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

## Quote of the Day

### Psalm 91:1-6

**You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust. "For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

“Is not this the fast that I choose: . . .  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say,  
Here I am.”  
~Isaiah 58: 6ff



Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, governors and health officials are releasing statements regarding how best to slow the advancement of COVID-19, the current pandemic. Included in these statements is encouragement to practice “social distancing.” Schools are canceling classes or going to online learning. Events have been postponed. Professional hockey and basketball games are canceled, and people are encouraged NOT to gather – for sporting events, workshops, conferences, classes, and . . . worship.

And worship, of course, includes practices that the health department warns against . . . physical contact, shaking hands, close proximity to other people, even breaking bread together, maybe even sharing a cup, or dipping bread (and maybe fingers?) into a common cup.

It may be that by the time you read this, many congregations will have suspended having worship and canceled all events where people gather.

We have been forced into a fast . . . a Lenten fast . . . of Christian fellowship, community worship and prayer, and the joy of being together with Christ in our midst.

Usually my Lenten fast has been more in the direction of giving up pizza, ice cream, or chocolate. It is a strange thing to give up community, gathering, and the joy of worship. It is not a fast that I would choose. And yet it is the fast that we have been given.

And yet, even in this, even in this loss, this fast, God will raise up something new.

Perhaps in the absence of what we have taken for granted and being bereft of community, we will value more deeply the gift that God gives us in each other.

Perhaps when worship is canceled, we will miss it more. In this season of uncertainty and our efforts to prevent virus spread, I hear an underlying irony, or at the very least, I observe an aspect of human nature; the minute we are told we cannot do something is when suddenly we want to.

There is blessing in the absence of God, for it is then that we seek God more fiercely. It is when darkness feels heavy that we pray with greater desperation. And it is when we are bereft and in the midst of loss or crisis that scripture speaks with greater meaning and resonates with the soul that is suffering.

So we will, independently but together, fast from community, and gatherings, and very possibly, worship and all that we receive at the Lord's table...for a time, a season, a moment of history.

It will be alright.

Grace abounds.

It is good that we miss, that is, that we notice the absence of, what is so important. But in the meantime, we will stay connected, through prayer and phone calls, through online devotions and our own personal meditations. And hopefully, at least for a time, we will still be able to gather for worship that may or may not celebrate the Eucharist or include sharing a hug or a handshake of Christ's peace.

Please hear again what the angels say throughout scripture, because they know us all too well...  
Do not be afraid.

And as people of faith, we will watch as the light of resurrection breaks forth with the Easter dawn, and all is made new. It will be alright. Whether we can gather in worship on Easter or not, Jesus still lives! And another day will come, when we will together celebrate God's answer to our cry for help, the answer that comes in the one who died and rose again, the answer that is Jesus the Christ.

*Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Katherine Finegan*



*From the president...*

At this point we have no news on the call of a pastor. We thank Pastor John for his Holy Week sermons and also Pastor Grant for Palm Sunday. It is amazing what technology offers us.

For those of you that have IRAs and/or pension accounts that require Required Minimum Distribution withdrawals, here is a little information for you. In light of the economic situation right now and the fact that the stock market was very high at the end of 2019, the RMD has been suspended for 2020.

As a congregation, we still have expenses to keep us going, and I hope that you will remember to contribute regularly. To date the contributions have been few and far between.

We pray that we will be able to gather together in our own sanctuary soon. In the meantime, you can find Sunday services online.

Stay home, stay safe, pray for victory!

**Marge**





## **Celebrating 90 Years!**

**Join us Saturday, August 8 for *One Wonderful Day*, an original musical written by FLLC alumni, performed by Musical Theatre Week campers.**

### **Join the Production**

Musical theatre enthusiasts of all ages are invited to fill the roles of cast members, ensemble singers, backstage crew and pit orchestra. If you would like to participate in the production directly, register as a camper for Musical Theatre Week (August 2-8). Discounts are available through April 1.

### **Join the Audience**

See the live performance of *One Wonderful Day* on Saturday, August 8 at 2 pm. CDT at the historic Crystal Theatre in Crystal Falls. A catered buffet dinner will follow at FLLC at 5 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Phone (906) 214-2267 or visit [fortunelake.org](http://fortunelake.org) to buy your tickets today. Seats are limited.

### **Join as a Congregation**

Your congregation is invited to raise funds to purchase an ad in the musical's playbill, which will be seen by hundreds! See the website for details.

Visit [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org)  
for additional details about how YOU can participate in the  
90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

## STEWARDSHIP CALENDARS



### April

	4/5/20	4/9/20	4/12/20	4/19/20	4/26/20
Assisting Minister	<b>Ken Huebner</b>	<b>Melissa Wick</b>	<b>Phoebe Pettingell</b>	<b>Melissa Wick</b>	<b>Ken Huebner</b>
Lay Reader	<b>Rob Peterson</b>	<b>Marge Anderson</b>	<b>Jan Harris</b>	<b>Betty Roth</b>	<b>Lilly</b>
Altar Guild	<b>Diane Kliss</b>	<b>Sue Sorg</b>	<b>Jan Harris</b>	<b>Sue Sorg</b>	<b>Diane Kliss</b>
Greeters	<b>Jan and Lily Harris</b>	<b>Andersons</b>	<b>Wicks</b>	<b>Matthiaes</b>	<b>Confirmation Students</b>
Music	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>
Fellowship	<b>Roths</b>	<b>BOWL</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Confirmation Students</b>
Video Streaming	<b>Sela Wick</b>	<b>Sela Wick</b>	<b>Sela Wick</b>	<b>Sela Wick</b>	<b>Sela Wick</b>

### May

	5/3/20	5/10/20	5/17/20	5/24/20	5/31/20
Assisting Minister	<b>Chuck Radtke</b>	<b>Ken Huebner</b>	<b>Melissa Wick</b>	<b>Phoebe Pettingell</b>	<b>Ken Huebner</b>
Lay Reader	<b>Marge Anderson</b>	<b>Jan Harris</b>	<b>Betty Roth</b>	<b>Robin Peterson</b>	<b>Marge Anderson</b>
Altar Guild	<b>Debby Carlson</b>	<b>Linda Swanson</b>	<b>Sue Sorg</b>	<b>Jan Harris</b>	<b>Diane Kliss</b>
Greeters	<b>Wicks</b>	<b>Andersons</b>	<b>Jan and Lily Harris</b>	<b>Matthiaes</b>	<b>Sue Sorg and Jan Harris</b>
Music	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>
Fellowship	<b>Roths</b>	<b>Hauschilds</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>BOWL</b>	<b>Trustees</b>
Video Streaming	<b>Sela Wick</b>	<b>Sela Wick</b>	<b>Linda Swanson</b>	<b>Linda Swanson</b>	<b>Linda Swanson</b>

*If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement, then notify the church office.*

## MAY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Office Closed	2
3  <b>9:00 am</b> Holy Communion	4  Office Closed	5  <b>10:00 am – 12:00 pm</b> Pastor John’s Office Hours <b>12:30 pm</b> Theology Adventure Club (TAC)	6  <b>12:30 pm</b> Quilters	7	8  Office Closed	9
10  <b>9:00 am</b> Holy Communion	11  Office Closed	12  <b>10:00 am – 12:00 pm</b> Pastor John’s Office Hours <b>12:30 pm</b> Theology Adventure Club (TAC) <b>2:00 pm</b> Council Meeting	13  <b>12:30 pm</b> Quilters	14	15  Office Closed	16

17 <b>9:00 am</b> Holy Communion	18 Office Closed	19 <b>10:00 am – 12:00 pm</b> Pastor John’s Office Hours <b>12:30 pm</b> Theology Adventure Club (TAC)	20 <b>12:30 pm</b> Quilters	21	22 Office Closed	23
24 <b>9:00 am</b> Holy Communion	25 Office Closed	26 <b>10:00 am – 12:00 pm</b> Pastor John’s Office Hours <b>12:30 pm</b> Theology Adventure Club (TAC)	27 <b>12:30 pm</b> Quilters	28	29 Office Closed	30
31 <b>9:00 am</b> Holy Communion Day of Pentecost						

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## **WEEKLY WORSHIP**

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am  
Holy Communion

## **STAFF**

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*Custodian:* Debbie Hock

*Organist:* Rhonda Buss

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