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MARCH 2024

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

9:00 AM
In Person

Online available

Join Us!

Loved by

God.

Living for

Others.



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[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. (Mark 8:34-35)

Dear Faith Lutheran Members & Friends,

As we journey through the Season of Lent this year, our Wednesday evening worship services are focusing on the theme, "Our Walk with Jesus: The Music of Our Lives." For our first Lenten worship service on February 21, Diane Herron shared about the song "Who I Am" by Ben Fuller. She talked about how she has come to realize that the most important part of her identity is that she is a child of God and she described how she is growing in her Christian faith.

What does it mean when Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him? It means that we live into the call that God has placed on us in our baptism. It means that like Diane, we realize that each of us is a unique child of God with a special mission. It means that we join in God's great adventure and proclaim the Good News of Jesus' love, grace and mercy in word and deed. It means that since we are marked with the cross of Christ forever, we carry that cross on our foreheads everywhere we go.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM during Lent for Holden Evening Prayer and hear more of our members share about how a hymn or song has touched their lives. Indeed, God is on a mission to love and bless the world and he invites each one of us to be a part of it.

In Christ,

Pastor Heather



**To Be
Remembered
in Our Prayers**

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Ava Stackman, Marian Oelhafen's son, Eric; Diane Herron's brother, Gary; Stan Panek; Brianne Thompson; Kenneth Post; and Tom Krake.

Faith LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating
70
Years!



**Anniversary
Service
April 7th, 2024
9:00 AM**

**Followed by
FLY Pancake
Extravaganza!**

Family Education & Youth

Education News and Events MARCH

Education & Family Ministry Highlights

- February highlights included our second Kids Night Out on Feb. 16. Thirteen youth enjoyed a spaghetti supper, games, and Easter/Lenten Crafts.
- This was followed by the Café of Faith Sunday,



Feb. 25, as GLOW youth, assisted by Confirmation students, served their parents and others a breakfast of waffles, pancakes, bagels, muffins, and fruit as a thank you for parental support over the years.

- The Education Team also hosted Soup Supper on the 28th this past week.
- First Communion classes were held this past month.
- The following GLOW students will be communing for the first time Sunday, March 3: Brayden Corcoran, Paisley Rasmussen, Alexis Rhodes, Emma Stackman, Ronald Post, Emerson Seevers, and Jaxon Seevers. Please congratulate them on this important step in their faith development.

As we head into March, Adult Education Sunday morning group continues to meet; anyone is welcome to join after service. GLOW students will be gearing up for the Easter education activities. Eighth grade Confirmation students will be spending an overnight retreat at the Marshfield School Forest to focus on their final Confirmation tasks, faith discussion, and some fun group activities.

The following students have March birthdays: Emma McCann (3/2), Emerson Seevers (3/6), and Luke Quarne (3/14).

Baptismal Birthdays will be celebrated by Jaxon Kilty (3/3) and Breeleigh Polzin (3/15).

FAITH Lutheran Youth FLY News and Events MARCH

Circle the Date – The Pancake Extravaganza

Be sure to mark Sunday, April 7 on your calendar for two very special events. It's the 70th Anniversary Celebration for Faith Lutheran Church and following our worship service that day, FLY will be hosting The Pancake Extravaganza. It will be very similar to last year's first ever Palms and Pancakes but without the palms and not on Palm Sunday. We will be offering a sit down breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausages and other goodies to help us raise funds for Mission Trip 2024 to Duluth. Yum!!



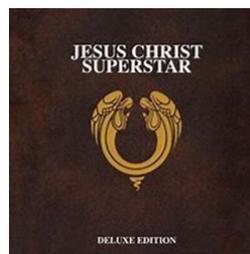
Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

We were blessed this year to be able to offer the first in person Ash Wednesday Soup Supper since the last one we hosted before the Pandemic. After a very nice Ash Wednesday service, folks were treated to Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and Turkey Wild Rice soup.



FLY on Sunday

We will be gathering on Sundays, Mar. 3 and 17 in the Youth Room in the lower level at church. We gather from 10 to 11 AM. In Feb., we started a three part Bible Study I created called Rocking the Faith with Jesus Christ Superstar. It's a look from the teenage perspective at this very popular (although none of the youth had heard of it) and somewhat controversial rock musical from the 1970s, composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Taking place during Holy Week and from the perspective largely of Judas, it is a great tool for discussing what is Gospel and what is not through review of the lyrics.



Mission Team Updates

Faith In Action Highlights

EGG HUNT – for ages 3-12

Sunday, March 17th 10:15 to 11:30
Downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Education & Family Ministry & Faith in Action Teams have planned:

- Pin the tail on the bunny
- Pick a duck
- Egg relay
- Bunny bag toss
- Coloring table
- Egg Hunt
- Snacks

We could use some donations of candy or small toys/trinkets that we can put into plastic eggs for the kids to find. Donations can be placed in or next to the Easter Basket located by the elevator. Thank you to those who have already donated! Anyone wanting to volunteer and help with this event can contact Justin Polzin or Michelle Rhodes. We appreciate the congregations support!

Coffee Outreach

Our next outreach will be to the Wood County Highway Department – Marshfield Division. Goodies will be needed to go along with the coffee and water that we serve, as well as individuals to help serve. For more information contact Treva Tisdell 715-387-4569 or Pastor Heather. More information on the date and time will be in future bulletins and emails.



February coffee Outreach went to Woodstock Construction.

Facility Highlights

- We are looking at getting bids for the shutoff valves of water fixtures in the building. There are quite a few that have them that don't work or none at all.
- Starting to look at the usage of the Parsonage/Better Way Club
- We are having the tiles in the downstairs kitchen checked for asbestos.
- Starting to make a list of priorities of different items in the building that will need to be replaced in the future.
- Making sure the landline in the hallway by the sanctuary is operational as it is highly recommended in case of an emergency it's available.
- A shovel used in the ground breaking of the church 70 years ago is being donated and where to display it was discussed

Any questions you have about our facility please contact Pam Johnson.

Help for the Homeless
HYGIENE DRIVE

FINAL SUNDAY MAR. 3RD TO DROP OFF DONATIONS FOR HYGIENE DRIVE.

Kitchen Restoration Funds Update

Beginning on Ash Wednesday 2/14, we entered the Lenten season. The Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) group hosted the first of our Soup-Supper events following the evening service (complete with Valentine's Day red, white and pink table decorations/beautiful desserts). Hopefully you will take this opportunity (three more remain) to share the fellowship of the Lenten season as we celebrate this year's themes "Here I Step" and "Our Walk with Jesus: The music of our lives". As groups work in the kitchen to prepare the various soups for these events, we are able to put the new vent hood fan into use! The kitchen restoration project remains on track as we completed another phase of painting combined with a little spring cleaning of the closets in the back kitchen storage and downstairs hallway (just outside the kitchen) areas. Our timeline remains as previously communicated with a final completion date in August. We will share any further developments after the spring thaw-watch for this as May 14 is our target date for resuming work on the next phase. Thank you to everyone that has donated to and volunteered with these projects.

Kitchen Committee-Judy Rhodes (Kitchen Co-Coordinator), Joyce Cesar (Kitchen Co-Coordinator), Mike Behling, Karen Bohm, Kristin Litwaitis, Nancy Sternweis & Jalaine Varsho

Romans 12:6 "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them..."



Mission and Council Updates

Meet Your New Council

Congratulations to our 2024-25 Faith Lutheran Church Council elected at the annual meeting Sunday February 18th.

Front Row: Pastor Heather, Jeff Tisdell, Diane Herron, Pam Johnson, Back Row: Justin Polzin, Rich Tarter, Nicole Quarne

Not Pictured: Michelle Rhodes, Renee Stafford, & Kent Mueller.



Thank you to council member that have served and ended their term: Brenda Fellenz, Jamy Yohn, Paula Hadlock, Maxine Morgan, & Nancy Young.

2024-2025 Council Representatives

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Easter Lilies

Every year you may choose to donate monies for Easter Lilies to beautify the Chancel area on Easter Sunday. These are in honor or memory of loved ones. Please fill out the Easter Lily insert or email the office manager with

your loved ones names then put your donation in the offering on a blue envelope labeled "Easter Lilies." The last date to receive funds and forms is March 17th. If you are bringing an Easter lily, please drop them off by, March 22nd. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

In January, we received \$462 from Forward Bank from their Charitable Money Market Account program. Go to their website and check out how to get involved.

February's general giving was \$29,081, compared to \$22,000 for the budget. Year-to-date general giving was \$45,824, compared to the budget of \$44,000 and \$39,354 year-to-date through February 2023.

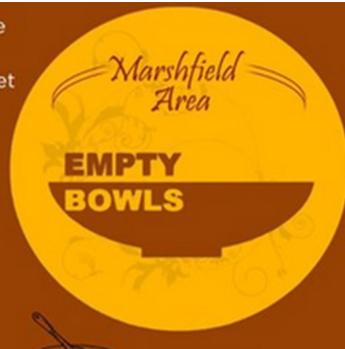
Introducing our new logo for Faith Lutheran Church. Thank you to everyone who participated! *More updates to come...*



A Fundraising Event for the
Soup or Socks
Food Pantry & Clothes Closet

March 9, 2024
11am - 2pm

HOTEL MARSHFIELD
2700 S. Central Ave.
Marshfield, WI



Lenten Services Wednesdays at 5:30 PM followed by



March 6th—Hosted by Social Concerns/ Green Team

March 13th—Hosted by Boy Scouts

March 20th—Hosted by W/ELCA

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Reminder to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars between now and March 31st to Faith Lutheran Church. This is Free Money that you are entitled to give away. Otherwise Thrivent directs those dollars to other organizations. Call 1-800-847-4836, then say "Thrivent Choice."



Final Sunday to submit your ThankOffering is March 31st. Write "ThankOffering" on Blue Envelope.

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 <i>New Member Day</i> 9:00 WORSHIP/ADULT CHOIR 10:00 GLOW/AD ED/FLY 5:00 New Council Mtg 6:00 Cub Scout Parent Meeting</p>	<p>4 Office Closed 6:00 Social Concerns Mtg 6:30 Ed & Fam Team Mtg 7:00 AA 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>5 5:30 Sign Language 6:00 Cub Scouts 384 7:00 Boy Scouts 382</p>	<p>6 12:00 Staff Mtg 5:30 LENTEN WORSHIP 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 6:15 Green Team/SC Soup Supper 6:45 Communications UR</p>	<p>7 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps 8:30 Finance Team Mtg 7:00 Choir 7:00 Scout Troop 345</p>	<p>1 Office & Building CLOSED</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 <i>Fair Trade Sale</i> 9:00 WORSHIP/ADULT CHOIR 10:00 GLOW Teacher Inservice 10:00 AD ED 4:00 Council Meeting</p>	<p>11 Office Closed 6:30 Facility Team Mtg 7:00 AA 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>12 5:30 Sign Language 6:00 Cub Scouts 384 7:00 Boy Scouts 382</p>	<p>13 5:30 LENTEN WORSHIP 5:30 Youth Advisory 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 6:15 Boy Scouts Soup Supper 6:30 Worship & Music Mtg</p>	<p>14 8:00 Finance Team Mtg 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>15 Office & Building CLOSED 3:00 W/ELCA Meeting 8th Grade Retreat at School Forest</p>	<p>16 <i>National Quilter's Day</i> 9am-12noon</p>
<p>17 <i>Egg Hunt</i> 9:00 WORSHIP/PRAISE BAND 10:00 AD ED/FLY GLOW Mentor St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18 Office Closed 7:00 AA 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>19 6:00 Cub Scouts 384 7:00 Boy Scouts 382</p>	<p>20 9:00 Elizabeth/Miriam Cir. 12:00 Staff Mtg 5:30 LENTEN WORSHIP 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 6:15 W/ELCA Soup Supper</p>	<p>21 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00 Faith In Action 7:00 Choir 7:00 Scout Troop 345</p>	<p>22 Office & Building CLOSED</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 WORSHIP/ADULT CHOIR CONCERT JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR 10:00 GLOW/AD ED</p>	<p>25 Office Closed 7:00 AA 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>26 6:00 NAMI Meeting</p>	<p>27 5:30 Scrapbooking Night in UR 6:00 NA Meeting in CR</p>	<p>28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps 5:30 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>29 <i>Good Friday</i> Office CLOSED 12:00 Good Friday Service 7:00 Good Friday Service at Good Shepherd</p>	<p>30</p>
HOLY WEEK						
SPRING BREAK FOR STUDENTS						
<p>31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8:00 WORSHIP 10:00 WORSHIP</p>						



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Office Hours

Tuesday -Thursday 8:30-2:30 PM

SUNDAY

WORSHIP

9:00 am
In Person

Join Us!

All Are

Welcome



Faith Connection Newsletter

March 2024



Ways to Access the Sunday Service

- 1) In-person worship at 9 AM every Sunday.
- 2) Live-streaming on YouTube at 9 AM on Sundays.
- 3) On the Cable Access Channel 989 on Sundays at 6:00 PM & Mondays 4:00 PM.
- 4) Watch anytime on our YouTube Channel.
- 5) Watch anytime on our App. *(Download from your phone App Store, search Faith-Marshfield, install and open, create login.)*



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