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MAY 2024



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ELCA

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ!

There is a pastor I know who always closes his letters in the following way: "Because of a cross, Pastor Ken." Whenever I read that, it always reminds me that everything we do as Christians is "because of a cross." All of our works of love, all of our giving, all of the ways that we reach out to others is because of one thing – the cross of Jesus Christ. And it's important for all of us to remember that.

On Sunday, April 7th we held our 70th Anniversary Celebration worship service and over 230 people attended. The worship service featured participation from former pastors and other special guests, fabulous musicians and an inspiring message from Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson. In addition, we were delighted to recognize charter members from the church's founding in 1954. A "Pancake Extravaganza" followed hosted by our Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY), which included a freewill offering for their summer mission trip to Duluth MN. There were 20 tables with 8 seats each in the Fellowship Hall and we more than filled them all! A big "thank you" to all who helped make Sunday, April 7th such a special day!

Why was it so important for Faith Lutheran Church to celebrate 70 years of ministry in Marshfield? It's because of a cross. Why did so many people join in planning and participating in our celebration on Sunday, April 7th? It's because of a cross. Why is it so important to creatively dream about the future of Faith Lutheran and what God is calling us to? It's because of a cross.

As we move forward from our 70th Anniversary year (1954-2024), may our voices continue to proclaim together the words of our Processional Hymn that we sang that morning, "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, 'til all the world adore his sacred name." (Evangelical Lutheran Worship #660)

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.

Stan Panek, Dave & Diane Herron's niece, Mia; Marian Oelhafen's son, Eric; Dan Akin's mother, Kenlynn; Kenneth Post & Tom Krake.

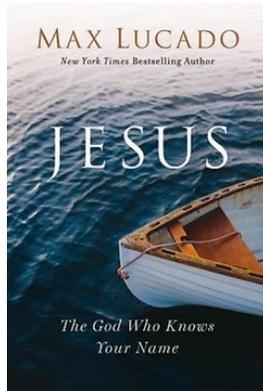


Family Education & Youth

Education News and Events MAY

Adult Education

Sunday morning Adult Education conclude this month with "Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name," by Max Lucado. Join us in the Upper Room following Sunday Service.



GLOW

GLOW ends the school year on May 12. Joyful Noise Choir will be singing during the service that day along with recognition for those students who completed memory work requirements and teacher recognition. Thank you to all the adults and teens who stepped up this year to teach our classes – this would not be possible without you.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes also conclude this month. Confirmands helped with the Earth Day service in April. The following 8th grade young men and women will be confirmed Sunday, May 5th: Marti Anderson, Brennan Polzin, Luke Quarne, Alivia Schiferl, and Nayla Seevers. They have been working hard on preparing the service. Please wish them well!

Mentors & Mentees

Mentors & Mentees recently met for a social outing at Melody Gardens Skateland April 26. A good time was had by the group eating, conversing, playing games, and even a little bit of skating.



Summer GLOW Program

Last, there will be a Summer GLOW program. The first one will be Wednesday, June 19, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, and promises to be a fun time! The other GLOW dates will be July 17 and August 21. Put the dates on your calendar & let Brianne know if you're coming.



SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School will be held at Good Shepherd, Monday thru Wednesday, June 24-26, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM, with supper included. This year we are joining forces with Good Shepherd Lutheran and Wesley United Methodist Church to offer VBS. We're in need of anyone wishing to volunteer in different capacities, or donating supplies. Sign-up sheets will be out in a few weeks, or talk to the Education Directors if you can help.

Celebrating April Birthdays:

Brennan Polzin – May 5th

Clair Mess—May 9th

Brooklyn Corcoran—May 16th

Cal Kilty—May 17th

April Baptismal Birthdays:

Marti Anderson—May 12th



FLY News and Events MAY

The Pancake Extravaganza

Faith Lutheran Youth would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for our Pancake Extravaganza fundraiser in support of our summer mission trip to Duluth.



It was great to see so many people come for a great brunch following a wonderful 70th Anniversary special worship service. Thanks again to our extraordinary decorating crew of Mary B., Kathy C. and Maxine M. for their help.

FLY Youth Continued...



Congratulations also to Elana Nelson, daughter of Andrea (Schmidt) Nelson who was the winner of the Quilt of Many Colors.

Little Free Pantry

The Little Free Pantries (LFP) project started in Arkansas in 2016 to help battle food insecurity in our country. All across the nation LFPs are popping up in communities just like ours, so neighbors can help neighbors. Food insecurity is a problem even in Marshfield and it is our hope that Little Free Pantries of Marshfield will help address basic food needs in our community.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Take What You Need

Give What You Can

God's Work, Our Hands



Four LFP's are in the process of being installed around Marshfield with the goal to add another in the southeast area. This initiative was begun by the members of Christ Lutheran Church, however it relies on neighborhood/community involvement. Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) is sponsoring a LFP at our location as it aligns with our youth mission to address food insecurity. LFP's are most successful through neighbors helping neighbors. We felt this was a great opportunity for our youth to have the opportunity to lead a project that has its focus outside of our church building and to those in need in the Marshfield community, including those who utilize our building. The LFP will be located on the newly lighted wall FLY sponsored to the north of our main entrance.

Little Free Pantries (LFP) are modeled after the familiar Little Free Library model. A LFP is a manageable and tangible way to help address food insecurity and creates community through neighborhood engagement. It is not meant to address an on-going need, but rather to offer direct and immediate relief. A LFP may be a lifeline for those who need help with food to stretch until their next paycheck, someone unable to get to the store, or an item forgotten to buy at the store.



**Give what you can by placing unexpired food, hygiene items, or paper items inside the LFP. Focus on items you would want to receive and buy duplicates of what your household uses. No gift is too small.*

**Take what you need. If you find an item inside that you need, take it and know that we care. Please remember that the LFP belongs to all of us and take only those items needed, trusting the pantry will be here for you again. The FLY Little Free Pantry was blessed and dedicated during worship on Sunday, April 21.*

Duluth 2024

On July 20, 13 youth and 5 Adult Leaders from FLC along with 6 youth and 1 Adult Leader from First Presbyterian Church will begin a 7 day journey together, this year serving in the Duluth, MN area. We will be staying at a camp on South Range about 30 minutes from Duluth. We are again partnering with Service Learning Camps who will coordinate our daily service learning experiences. Our theme this year is "See Ya on the Hillside" and our Biblical focus is the Sermon on the Mount. We are excited to be serving our brothers and sisters in Christ on the shores of the Big Lake.

April Showers Bring May Flowers

The Annual FLY Plant Sale is coming soon. Mark your calendars and get ready to make your yard look beautiful. Geraniums, hanging baskets and other gorgeous plants will be available on two weekends in May (May 11-12 and May 18-19). Hours are 10:00 to 11:30 AM on Saturdays and after worship on Sundays.

Mission Team Updates

Faith In Action Team Highlights

Faith in Action has been busy switching gears from our spring activities and looking forward to some fun summer events.

The next big event we have coming up is the DairyFest Parade. Faith in Action putting together a sub-committee for people who are interested in helping out and/or being involved in the parade this year. This interest could range from helping to come up with a float idea, to helping to decorate, and to being part of the big day by walking/handing out candy.

If you are interested in being part of this sub-committee, please reach out to any member of the Faith in Action team. We are also starting to think of some summer congregational activities that we could so keep an eye out during future newsletters on what those activities are.

Looking to form a Dairyfest Subcommittee:

Any interest in being part to help plan setup or participate please reach out to Justin Polzin - jpolzin84@gmail.com - 715-305-1181.



Facility Team Highlights

- Facility had a presentation from the Solar Research Team to use solar energy. The team decided it is not feasible at this time to move forward with solar panels.
- Custodian Dave Herron has resigned due to a new job opportunity. While the job is being posted and until a new custodian is hired, the facilities team is taking care of current cleaning responsibilities and would like to invite any additional volunteers that can vacuum, change out trash etc. Contact Pam Johnson.
- Painting of Fellowship Hall has been tabled and will be discussed at next meeting.
- Roof leaked in hallway by sanctuary. Quality Roofing was able to fix it.
- Plumbing bid has been approved and the valves will be replaced in the upcoming months.
- Asbestos was tested with the kitchen tile and came back negative.
- Garbage disposal was purchased by FLC Women and replaced by Dave Herron.
- Randy Lueth updated the Church Floorplan to place in each room for fire exits and fire extinguishers.

Any questions you have about our facility please contact Pam Johnson at majiella@gmail.com.

Social Concerns/Green Team Highlights

This past month our focus has been on preparing for the Earth Sunday service on 21 April. We want to help the congregation understand how they can promote planet "greening." Our challenge to the congregation is to find ways that they can forego the use of plastics. We will be recording and publicizing these means of diminishing the use of plastics. Patrons can leave how they are doing so on a note by the welcome station.

On 28th of April, we hosted an event after service in the Upper Room. A representative of Equal Exchange coffee gave us information as to how the program works in addition to helping us give people the opportunity to taste the various kinds of chocolate being sold.

Our budget (\$500/\$450) is used to purchase "Giving Tree" gifts cards which have not been supported by members of the congregation. Our monies also come from our Craft and Bake Sale and sponsoring a Soup Supper. Usually these funds are used for a specific project such as helping to build a well on a reservation.

Two members of the Team, Lisa and Nancy, with Dale Bohm have been researching the possibility of installing solar panels and gave a presentation to the Facility Team.

In June, we will be with the groups supporting Pride Day.

Mission Team Updates

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Farewell to Dave Herron

Thank you to Dave Herron for your faithful and dutiful service as our church custodian. "The Church has never looked so consistently clean," said one patron when they heard the news that Dave took a job working for Walmart as an elite driver. "You will be missed."

Welcome Center

Something new for everyone to know, the clipboard that has always been sent around during the service time will now be sitting by the welcome station. Please sign up before or after service. All your time and talents are appreciated. The Welcome committee is growing... Yay! If you would like to be on our team, please feel free to contact Diane Herron 715-384-3096. Thank you!

Personnel Team Highlights

Come one, come all to the first annual Faith Lutheran Church Brat Sale at Festival Foods. This sale is sponsored by the Personnel Team. The money earned will be placed in the capitol improvements fund for our church. The sale is scheduled for Friday May 17th. Maybe you would like to help grill, sell or deliver pre ordered brats? Sign up on the poster in the church entry-way. How about pre ordering brats to take to work on May 17th? If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Fellenz. Fellenzb@gmail.com or 715-305-2035.



MAY 17th

At Festival Foods

Looking for volunteers to serve on May 17th!
Sign up in gathering area for a 2 Hour Shift.

Looking for donations:

paper towels, aluminum foil, disposable aluminum pans, roaster bags, napkins, plastic forks and spoons, chopped onions, Lysol wipes.

Job Posting—Custodian

This custodial position involves general cleaning and maintenance of a church's buildings and grounds. Responsibilities include coordinating tasks with church activities, cleaning various areas, managing supplies, setting up for events, performing routine equipment maintenance, and addressing safety concerns. The position requires physical capabilities such as lifting, bending, and standing, with occasional exposure to outdoor weather conditions and cleaning chemicals. The role is part-time, offering up to 20 hours per week with flexible scheduling. Preferred qualifications include 2 years of custodial experience and availability for day and night.

Job Posting—Choir Director

Seeking a passionate Choir Director to lead our adult choir during the school year. Responsibilities include directing rehearsals, selecting music, and leading performances aligned with Lutheran liturgy. Part-time position with flexible scheduling. Experience in choral directing preferred.

Farewell to Morgan Schmidlkofer

Thank you to Morgan for your faithful service this past year as our church Choir Director. Congratulations on your baby girl and the future of your family. Thank you for being a part of our community this past year.

Mission Team Updates

Treasurer's Report on 1st Quarter

General giving for the first quarter of the year was \$7,449 higher than the first quarter 2023, and \$196 lower than the budgeted general giving for the first quarter. The approved 2024 budget showed a deficit for the year. However, due to lower expenses in the first quarter, there is a surplus of \$11,891 of income over the expenses through March. Lower expenses resulted from lower heating costs, less snow removal costs, fewer hours worked by the staff, and lower program costs.

The Council designated Lutheran Social Services, Crossways Camp, and Homme Home as the recipients of the Lenten collections (Wednesday services excluding Ash Wednesday). As a result of your generosity, \$2,603 was collected, and each received \$867.

The Council receives monthly financial reports that shows the financial position of the church, and is monitoring the financial position of the church.

A total of \$1,914 was raised by the various groups that hosted the Lenten soup suppers:

- ⇒ 2/14/24 (Ash Wednesday) – Youth – \$453 – deposited into Youth checking account
- ⇒ 2/21/24 – Facilities - \$337 – added to Capital Improvements in February
- ⇒ 2/28/24 – Education/Family Life/Faith in Action - \$235 – deposited to the Sunday School account
- ⇒ 3/6/24 – Social Concerns/Green Team \$274.06 – credited to account 578.1 (Social Concerns/Green Team)
- ⇒ 3/13/24 – Boy Scouts - \$279 – check given to Boy Scouts
- ⇒ 3/20/24 – Church Women - \$336 – deposited into the Church Women checking account

Other Fundraisers & Donation Information.

- Faith Lutheran Youth raised \$1,793 at the Pancake Extravaganza.
- The Women of the ELCA raised \$570 with their Thankoffering.
- The quilt silent auction raised \$607 to be used for painting the fellowship hall and hallway.
- A generous donation was received and included \$10,195 to be used towards the flat roof replacement on the church.

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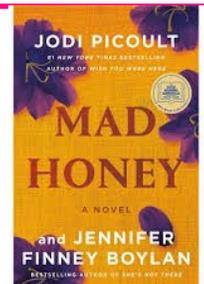
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Book Club

Our May book is Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult on May 21 at 11:00 AM in the Upper Room. Pat is our moderator.



Dear Members of Faith Lutheran Church-Marshfield,

God's richest blessings to all of you on your 70th anniversary! Wish I had been able to attend this special event with you, but family obligations kept me from doing so.

Pastor Bob and I truly enjoyed our time with you. Once we moved back to Illinois we spoke quite often about all the wonderful friendships and positive experiences we had at Faith.

If Pastor Bob was still here I'm sure he would have "waxed eloquent" on this occasion, or he would have come up with a pun! Alas, I am not so gifted in this arena. But I will say that being with you was a joy that will remain in my heart for as long as I live.

Keep up God's good work!
Sue Leshner

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>5 <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 9:00 WORSHIP/ 10:00 GLOW/AD ED</p>			<p>1 12:00 Staff Mtg 6:00 Communications UR 6:00 NA Meeting in CR</p>	<p>2 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps 7:00 Scout Troop 345</p>	<p>3 Office & Building CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p>	
<p>6 11:30-4:00 MHS AP Testing 6:30 Social Concerns Mtg 6:30 Ed & Fam Team Mtg 7:00 AA 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>7 6:00 Cub Scouts 384 7:00 Boy Scouts 382</p>	Treasurer Kent Mueller OFF		<p>8 5:30 FLY Adult Leader Mtg UR 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>9 8:30 Finance Team Mtg 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps 5:30 W&M Meeting</p>	<p>10 7:15-12:00 MHS AP Testing Office & Building CLOSED</p>	<p>11 <i>FLY Flower</i> <i>Fundraiser</i> 10-11:30 AM</p>
<p>12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 WORSHIP/ ADULT CHOIR JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR 10:00 GLOW / AD ED / FLY 10:00 Flower Fundraiser 4:00 Council Meeting</p>	<p>13 Office Closed Facility Team Mtg 7:00 AA 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>14 <i>Pastor at Faithful</i> <i>Innovation Seminar</i> 6:30 WELCA Planning Mtg in UR</p>	<p>15 9:00 Circles 12:00 Staff Mtg 12:00-3:45 MHS AP Testing 6:00 NA Meeting in CR</p>	<p>16 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps 6:00 Faith In Action 7:00 Scout Troop 345</p>	<p>17 Office & Building CLOSED </p>	<p>18 9:00 Praise Band Practice <i>FLY Flower</i> <i>Fundraiser</i> 10-11:30 AM</p>	
<p>19 <i>Baccalaureate</i> 9:00 WORSHIP/ PRAISE BAND <i>Youth Sending Service</i> 10:00 Flower Fundraiser 10:15 Council Meeting</p>	<p>20 Office Closed 7:00 AA 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>21 11:00 Book Club</p>	<p>22 5:30 FLY Adult Leader Mtg UR 6:00 NA Meeting in CR</p>	<p>23 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>24 Office & Building CLOSED</p>	<p>25</p>	
<p>26 9:00 WORSHIP</p>	<p>27 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed 7:00 AA 7:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>28 6:00 NAMI Meeting</p>	<p>29 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 7:00 FLY Mission Trip Orientation in UR 7:00 Ruth Circle at MM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Office & Building CLOSED</p>		



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In Person

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All Are

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- 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.
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