

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S STUDY

"O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? How long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah."
Psalm 4:2

Dear friends of Faith, as we approach the mid-point in Lent the mirror of God's law shows us our sin and points us back to our Savior. Psalm 4 begins with a call for the Lord to hear us when we pray and to have mercy. By the end of his prayer, David is able to lay down in peace and to find peace. As someone who appreciates a good night's rest, it's worth examining what enables King David to achieve such peace.

In His quest for peace of mind, the king begins with a prayer for forgiveness, "Kyrie elison," "Lord, have mercy!" for he acknowledges that he, like all men, is a sinner. He desires to turn back from a love of vain things and "leasing" an old English word for a lie, falsehood, or deceptive thing.

"Vanity" is more than being conceited or proud. It is a love of the worthless or futile things of the world. Eve fell prey to such love, "When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate," (Gen. 3:6). This was a vain and leasing action. The wisdom Eve obtained was not that which would benefit her, for the evil one had deceived her into despising God's word. And sin entered the world.

Doubting God's word, a sin against the Second Commandment, leads to doubting God's provision for life, believing that He has not given all that they needed to support body and soul. Such doubt and sin leads us away from the Word of God, away from His Sacraments, away from forgiveness, and we

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 5th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 8th Mission Potluck - 11:45 a.m.
- 9th "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 10th Board of Elders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 11th Lenten Matins - 10:15 a.m.
- 11th Lenten Vespers - 7:00 p.m.
- 12th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 14th Maintenance Workday - 9:00 a.m.
- 15th Church Council Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
- 16th "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 16th Confirmaiton Class - 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to join our Bible Studies online please notify the pastor and specify which Bible Study you would like to attend.

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Divine Service - 10:15a
Christian Education - 9:15a
Wednesday Bible Study - 9:15a
Thursday Bible Study - 7:00p

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forfeit peace.

Do you wish to sleep well at night? Then trust the Lord. Trust that He has given all you need for this body and life, and that His death on Calvary conquered sin, death, and the evil one. Trust that faith brings forgiveness, life, and salvation. Turn from the vain and deceptive lies of the world that promise joy, but bring death. Let the light of His truth reign amid darkness, and give you hope and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

<i>O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy.</i>		
<h2 style="text-align: center;">PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL</h2>		
<i>Names will be kept on the prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested.</i>		
CATEGORY	THOSE IN NEED	PETITIONS
THE CHURCH	For unity of doctrine and practice; faithful pastors, teachers, administrators, and laity; and courage to preach and teach the whole counsel of God.	<i>Kyrie elison!</i> Lord, have mercy!
THE NATION	Elected officials; First Responders; Military; and Justices. For economic stability; for peace in our nation and around the world and especially for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, and Africa.	For just rule, a peaceful, orderly society, and relief from natural disasters.
HOSPITALIZED		For healing, safety, and strength.
IN CARE FACILITIES	Edna Opatka, George Klemaier and Tom Fowler.	For healing, strength, hope, and that they may know Christ's love.
UNDERGOING TREATMENT	Colton Hafner, Jim Watters, Neal Laeder, Ray Rothe, Doug Dyer, Fred Robbins, Dianne Shelby (Dorothy's niece) and Brent Dusenberg.	For healing, strength, patience, compassionate & wise care givers, and faith.
HOSPICE		For comfort, peace, and faith.
GRIEVING		For comfort, and the peace in the hope of the Resurrection.
NEW LIFE		For a healthy pregnancy for mother and child, safe delivery, and God's blessings on both family and home.
SPECIAL REQUESTS	Gail and her family (Connie, Maya & Jaxson), Carol (Linda R's niece), Jane Sternemann (Rachel's aunt), Lisa Kunder (Kathy Kreiman's sister), JoCarol Kautz (Sue Laeder's cousin), Johanna Punch, Becky Cox (Sue Laeder's niece), Karl Streitenfeld (Kathleen Kreiman's son), Flo Bellhorn and Sue Laeder.	That the Holy Spirit, knowing the needs of His children, would intercede on their behalf before heaven's throne.

A regular update of the financial health of our congregation.

The numbers to the right are the unrestricted offerings and current expenses of the Church. Note that a significant chunk of this month's Current Expense was the non-recurring cost of \$10,544.00 for floor repairs.

Also, we received additional donations of \$3,000 for Kneelers; \$1,125 for Musical Instruments; \$15 for Stained Glass Windows; and \$10 for Higher Things.

Major restricted fund balances include: Musical Instruments: \$16,254; Stained Glass Windows: \$6,080; and Chancel/Kneelers: \$8,581.

	FEBRUARY	2026
INCOME	\$27,531	\$46,995
EXPENSE	\$28,583	\$57,909
TOTAL	(\$1,052)	(\$10,914)

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE...
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THIS WE CONFESS

The following excerpts come from the Lutheran Confessions. Unless otherwise note, they are from the Tappert edition of the Book of Concord, Mühlenberg Press, 1959.

Then comes the devil, who baits and badgers us on all sides, but especially exerts himself where the conscience and spiritual matters are at stake. His purpose is to make us scorn and despise both the Word and the works of God, to tear us away from faith, hope, and love, to draw us into unbelief, false security, and stubbornness, or, on the contrary, to drive us into despair, atheism, blasphemy, and countless other abominable sins. These are snares and nets; indeed, they are the real "flaming darts" which are venomously shot into our hearts, not by flesh and blood but by the devil.

These are the great, grievous perils and temptations which every Christian must bear, even if they come one by one. As long as we remain in this vile life in which we are attacked, hunted, and harried on all sides, we are constrained to cry out and pray every hour that God may not allow us to become faint and weary and to fall back into sin, shame, and unbelief. Otherwise it is impossible to overcome even the least temptation.

(The Large Catechism, Lord's Prayer, 104-105)

BIRTHDAY

- 4th Bob Scott
- 10th Marge Sieja
- 14th Joshua Nieminen
- 14th Violet Vanhorenbeck
- 20th David Hafner
- 26th Mark Sunday
- 26th Theodor King
- 27th Robert Hammerle
- 28th Jeff Phillips
- 28th Luke Belknap

ANNIVERSARY

BAPTISM

- 5th Brady D. Sunday
- 11th Jenny Kim
- 13th Flo Bellhorn
- 18th Kyle MacLean
- 20th Selah Sunday
- 25th Linda Burns
- 30th Joshua Nieminen
- 30th Morgan Sunday

*There is one body
and one Spirit*

Thank you!

For continuing to support the Word and Sacrament ministry at Faith Lutheran with both prayer and your donations.

DONATIONS

If you would like to donate flowers to beautify the Sanctuary during our services, please sign up using the Flower Calendar posted on the bulletin board in the Mail Room behind the Sanctuary. Please use the provided envelopes & request forms. Cost is \$25 per arrangement. Orders may be placed in Sharon Murawski's mailbox.

Thank you to everyone that brings in aluminum cans to be recycled. The monies generated are placed in the general church budget. Please keep bringing empty cans and placing them in the trash bin outside of Luther Hall.

SERVANT NOTES

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATED

The church photo directory has been updated for January 2026. Printed copies are available on the desk in the office. A link to download a digital copy has been emailed to all members.

LWML NOTES

DON'T FORGET: The MISSION POTLUCK MARCH 8, 2026. Did you choose a country, find a recipe? Several people have signed up; it looks like we are going to have a great meal. Deaconess May is anxious to share our meal and her story. She is also willing to stay and answer questions after her talk. FYI: Those of you who don't cook or bake, don't stay away, come anyway, there is always enough for everyone. If we need more food, we call Domino's!

Group Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is March 17, 2025, 10 a.m., in the CR at Faith Lutheran Church. All Faith women, plus snowbirds, too, are welcome.

LENTEN SUPPER REMINDER

Every Wednesday in Lent there is an informal time of fellowship as we gather to break bread together at 6 p.m. prior to evening Vespers.

EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY

Fellowship isn't just a Wednesday evening affair, we will also have a reception following the Easter Vigil and a breakfast preceding the Easter Sunday Service.

SERVING IN MARCH

SUNDAY SERVANT	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
GREETERS	Gail Odea				
USHERS	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips
SERVERS	Paul & Flo Bellhorn				
ALTAR CARE	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault
ACOLYTE	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen
COMMUNION ELDER	David Hafner				

FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



March Baptismal Celebration – Linda, Jenny, and Kyle!

Baptism is not something we do for God; it is God doing everything for us.

—C.F.W. Walther

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Celebration of Baptisms	2 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	3	4 10:15am Lenten Matins 7pm Lenten Vespers	5 7pm Bible Study (Online)	6	7
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22 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	23 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	24 5:30pm Dunedin Youth Guild	25 10:15am Lenten Matins 7pm Lenten Vespers	26 7pm Bible Study (Online)	27	28 10:30am Target Shooting Club
29 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	30 10:15am Matins - Monday of Holy Week 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	31 10:15am Matins - Tuesday of Holy Week	1 10:15am Matins - Wednesday of Holy Week	2 7pm Maundy Thursday - Divine Service	3 7am Good Friday - Chief Service	4 7pm Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 9pm Easter Vigil - Reception