

# Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



## PASTOR'S STUDY

*"I was a reproach among all mine enemies, But especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance."*  
*Psalm 31:11*

Dear friends of Faith, from Epiphany to Palm Sunday our themes shift from the revelation that Jesus is God incarnate at the Transfiguration, to the denial of this truth by man. These themes coalesce into a single day this Sunday.

Palm Sunday begins with crowds shouting "Hosannas" to the Lord. It ends with them crying, "Crucify!" Gone are the adoring thousands who are miraculously fed; now the Lord's own disciples flee, and He cries, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!" This shift in public opinion is not accidental, it is carefully orchestrated by the enemies of Christ.

Unable to trap Jesus in a sin, the leaders of the Jews orchestrate a campaign of lies and innuendo. "He has a demon." "He's a Samaritan." "He casts out demons by Beelzebub." They hire false witnesses. Truth tellers like the man born blind are cast from the synagogue as a warning to others who might speak out. And in spite of all this, they were still unable to convict Jesus. Instead, they deny reality and convict Him for stating the truth, He is God.

The Roman governor, Pilate, knew Jesus was innocent. He knew the high priest was a liar. Yet, in an act of political cowardice he rewarded the wicked and punished the righteous.

Here we behold the insidiousness of talebearing, lying, and betrayal. Every aspect of the Eighth Commandment is broken in order to condemn an innocent man. Not one of us could withstand such a campaign of defamation. This is why sins should have no place within the Church.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March

- 26<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Target Shooting Club - 10:30 a.m.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Matins - Monday of Holy Week - 10:15 a.m.
- 30<sup>th</sup> "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Matins - Tuesday of Holy Week - 10:15 a.m.

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matins - Wednesday of Holy Week - 10:15 a.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday - Divine Service - 7:00 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday - Chief Service - 7:00 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil - Reception - 9:00 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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Luther calls upon us to speak well of our neighbor, to excuse him, and to make the best of all he does. If he sins, confront him privately. If he repents the matter is closed and forgotten forever. If God chooses to forget forgiven sins, who am I to continue holding them against a brother or sister? This is the same grace each of us prays for ourselves, let us then show it unto others. Let us be speakers of the truth, encouraging, building up one another in love. Let God's glory fall from our lips even as He renews our heart through Word and Sacrament. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Pastor Sorenson*

<p><i>O Lord, have mercy.</i> <i>O Christ, have mercy.</i></p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Names will be kept on the prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested.</i></p>		
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, 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, Sue Laeder, Matthew Chrien, Amy Bellhorn and James Van Dellen	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.*

Every report, then, that cannot be adequately proved is false witness.

No one should publicly assert as truth what is not publicly substantiated. In short, what is secret should be allowed to remain secret, or at any rate be reproved in secret, as we shall hear.

Therefore, if you encounter somebody with a worthless tongue who gossips and slanders someone, rebuke him straight to his face and make him blush for shame. Then you will silence many a one who otherwise would bring some poor man into disgrace, from which he could scarcely clear himself. For honor and good name are easily taken away, but not easily restored.

So you see that we are absolutely forbidden to speak evil of our neighbor. Exception is made, however, of civil magistrates, preachers, and parents, for we must interpret this commandment in such a way that evil shall not go unpunished.

(The Large Catechism, Eighth Commandment, 271-274)

### BIRTHDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Engwall  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Laeder  
 5<sup>th</sup> Neal Engwall  
 18<sup>th</sup> Peggy Harting  
 26<sup>th</sup> Flo Bellhorn  
 28<sup>th</sup> Roger Larson

### ANNIVERSARY

18<sup>th</sup> Russel & Linda Goheen

### BAPTISM

4<sup>th</sup> Russel Goheen  
 9<sup>th</sup> Violet Vanhorenbeck  
 10<sup>th</sup> Dennis Kim  
 15<sup>th</sup> Emma Belknap  
 15<sup>th</sup> Jordan Belknap

*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.

### JOIN OUR GREETING TEAM!

Church greeters have a long history, going back to early Christian communities where welcoming visitors was considered a vital ministry. Greeters help make everyone feel at home, set a tone of warmth, and ensure that each person entering the church experiences God's love right from the door.

We're looking for friendly faces to continue this important tradition! Sign-ups are now open—please add your name to the sheet on the board in the hallway. Any questions? Contact Peggy Harting.

Your smile can make a difference—come be a greeter!

### DUNEDIN CARES

If you are interested in donating to the food pantry, summertime brings an increased need for breakfast and lunch items. Additional items always needed are peanut butter, jelly, rice, cereal, flour, sugar, oil, ramen, ravioli, toilet paper and paper towels.

### SANCTUARY LAMP TO RETURN

During our renovation work completed last year, the Sanctuary Lamp had been removed. Unfortunately, the old bracket that was used to hang it was lost. Given the changes to the Chancel area, a new mounting system was needed. A counter-balance hanging system has been purchased and will be installed. The lamp will return to about the same place as it was before, but this time hung from the ceiling.

### CELEBRATE EASTER WITH A LILY

Add a touch of beauty to our Easter celebration by ordering an Easter Lily! Each lily is \$10. Simply sign up on the sheet on the hallway bulletin board and place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies."

If you have any questions, feel free to call Sharon at 904-616-6027. Let's make our sanctuary bloom with joy this Easter!

## SERVING IN APRIL

<b>SUNDAY SERVANT</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>
GREETERS	Peggy Harting & Linda Burns	Peggy Harting & Linda Burns	Peggy Harting & Linda Burns	Peggy Harting & Linda Burns
USHERS	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips
SERVERS	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn
ALTAR CARE	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault
ACOLYTE	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen
COMMUNION ELDER	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault

## FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS

**New Piano on the Way**

Thank you to all of those who donated to the Musical Instrument fund, your donations were more than enough to cover the purchase of a Yamaha C3 baby grand piano. This piano was originally purchased and used by another church in Pinellas County and recently traded in for a new piano. It is in excellent condition and is being refurbished by the dealership prior to delivery. The Clavinova, which has served us well for so long, will be moved to Luther Hall again, where we hope to get many more years of use.



## EASTER VIGIL, EASTER BREAKFAST AND EASTER LILY INFORMATION

You are warmly invited to join us for the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 5, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Easter Vigil is one of the most meaningful and ancient traditions of the Christian Church.

Come and experience this beautiful and sacred time of worship as we prepare our hearts for Easter morning. A reception will follow in Luther Hall.

Continue the celebration with us on Sunday morning at our traditional Easter Breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m. as we rejoice in celebrating our risen Savior. Enjoy a welcoming spread of egg bites, sausage, potatoes, fresh fruit, and mimosas as we gather in fellowship and joy. Donations of baked goods are warmly appreciated to help make the breakfast even more special.

It is not too late to purchase an Easter Lily for the altar. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway if you wish to purchase one. The cost is \$10.00 and you can put your donation in an envelope and place it in the offering plate. Please mark the outside with your name and that it is for an Easter Lily.

If you have any questions, please call me at 904-616-6027 or see me on Sunday.

Be Blessed,

Sharon Murawski

## April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	<b>30</b> 10:15am Matins - Monday of Holy Week 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 10:15am Matins - Tuesday of Holy Week	<b>1</b> 10:15am Matins - Wednesday of Holy Week	<b>2</b> 7pm Maundy Thursday - Divine Service	<b>3</b> 7pm Good Friday - Chief Service	<b>4</b> 7pm Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 9pm Easter Vigil - Reception
<b>5</b> 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	<b>6</b> 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9am Maintenance Workday
<b>12</b> 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Celebration of Baptisms	<b>13</b> 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 9am IOWA Testing 7pm Board of Elders Meeting	<b>15</b> 9am IOWA Testing 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	<b>16</b> 7pm Bible Study (Online)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Church Council Meeting	<b>20</b> 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 10am LWML Meeting 5:30pm Dunedin Youth Guild	<b>22</b> 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	<b>23</b> 7pm Bible Study (Online)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30am Target Shooting Club
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