



Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

April 2021

“Tests” 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Life can be seen as a series of tests. That’s what the Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10. Every difficulty, every hardship, and every dilemma can be seen as a test; a kind of challenge to our character.

Fred was a young man from the mountains of eastern Tennessee. When he was called up for duty in the U.S. Army during the war. Fred had high hopes that he would be turned down because of his double vision. The doctor said, “See that chart on the wall over there?” “Not very well, Doc. It’s all blurry,” said Fred. “You’ve passed,” said the doctor. Fred protested, “How can I pass when I told you it’s all blurry?” “That,” said the doctor, “was your hearing test.”

In an overall sense, life can be seen as a series of tests, some you are aware of and others come as a surprise? Every difficulty, every hardship, and every dilemma can be seen as a test; a kind of challenge to our character.

Paul the apostle writes in verse 13, “No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.”

The Bible promises us that there is no test in life so difficult so as to defeat us. No test and no difficulty is so tough that we just don’t have a chance of passing. God always intends that we come through each and every test with a passing grade. God never intends that these tests cause us to fail. It is by these tests that we grow! It is by these tests that we become stronger and wiser. Overcoming obstacles helps to build our character.

Together in Christ,
Pr. Ron Nichols

COUNCIL REPORT

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Sunday, March 14, 2021.

Pastor Ron reported that he has held Holy Communion class for the 6th graders and will hold a class soon for the 5th graders.

With the new relaxing of COVID restrictions, there is no capacity limit for worship services. However, social distancing is still in effect as is the requirement to wear masks. The church will be able to hold more people for its Easter Sunday 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, but every other pew will still remain empty. Fellowship Hall can be used for overflow if needed.

There have been many questions on when Faith Lutheran Church can begin coffee hour. Unfortunately, Countryside Public Health and other restrictions will not yet allow that to happen. When that is able to happen, it is hoped that there can be a meet and greet with Pastor Ron and his family.

Pastor Ron also discussed the issue of calling a pastor for Faith Lutheran. The paperwork is being updated, though there are not many changes that will need to be made. He will meet with the past call committee to see how many of them are interested in being on the call committee and suggests also bringing on new members for the call committee going forward. He will check with the Synod on this process and see if having the congregation vote on the call committee is recommended.

Because of COVID closing the church last fall, raise reviews were not done. The personnel committee completed performance reviews with Linda Anderson and Jessica Borstad and recommended 2% raises for each of them. Linda's will be retroactive to January 1st, with Jessica's taking effect March 1st as that is her one-year anniversary.

There was no further action on finalizing the church constitution. It is currently with the Synod after having been approved by the Council and is just waiting their final work.

There were questions last month regarding shoveling the sidewalks at church, particularly when Dave Amundson is not available. Dan Wahl is a backup and Todd Mortenson has been added as an additional backup person to ensure that those get done.

There are a couple of issues with both the men's and women's bathrooms that need to be addressed. Mark Siegert and Ryan Giles will follow up to ensure those get taken care of.

A couple of years ago the Lay Ministry Board was disbanded and folded into Global Missions. That Board has been resurrected, but will be called the Discipleship Board. The members are currently learning their roles and are hoping to hold a new members Sunday soon.

The church is still in need of an Education Director. It was suggested that two people might want to work together as co-directors.

Faith Lutheran Church had applied for COVID relief funds, but is ineligible. However, Little Blessings would be eligible and so that is currently being worked on.

Carlyle Larsen has resigned from the Cemetery Board. Paul Zahrbock has joined the board and will be its treasurer.

The full minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board across from the office and copies are available in the Church office.

Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

Pastor Ronald Nichols

Office Staff

Music Director: Linda Anderson

Office Manager/ Financial Secretary:
Jessica Borstad

Education Coordinator:

Little Blessings Teacher: Kelli Fernholz

Senior Choir Director: Gary Boraas

Executive Council

President: Ryan Giles

Vice-President: David Kriese

Secretary: Jeanene Munsterman

Treasurer: Becky Mortenson

Mark Siegert

Linda Anderson

Kelly Zahrbock

Melanie Miller

Taylor Shelstad

W-ELCA

Kathy Harwick

Karen Nesvold

Eileen Trelstad

Education Committee

Jodi Kallhoff

Deb Meyer

Jessica Borstad

Becky Mortenson

Darcy Daline

Property Committee

Dave Amundson

Ron Toenies

Mark Siegert

Worship Committee

Gail Smith

Linda Anderson

Mary Wodrich

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jerome Kallhoff

Discipleship Committee

Melanie Miller

Tamara Bissett

Kelly Zahrbock

Stewardship Board

Jerome Kallhoff

Darcy Daline

Global Missions

Kris Hanson

Jody Dahle

Stan Olson

Curtis Seefeld

Betty Tollefson

Char Heinzen

*The Executive Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. (except during Lent)

**All other committees are to meet once a month and report to the Executive Council.

Good News from Glob-

Faith Lutheran's annual OPERATION STARFISH kicked off on Ash Wednesday and runs through Easter Sunday, April 4. We will attempt to raise nearly \$4,000 to build a home for a family through Food for the Poor. The home will be built in Haiti, as the need is the greatest here. Please check out the wall across the hall from Pastor's office to see all of the beautiful faces of the families standing near their homes built through Food for the Poor with donations raised by Faith! All gifts must be in on Easter Sunday. Our total as of March 28 is \$3,241.18

Seeking applicants for Coordinator of Education and youth activities within the church. Salary Position. Deep love of children, computer skills, and leadership skills with children and adult volunteers preferred.

Please contact Faith Lutheran Church office for job description and to leave resume. 320-598-3630



Notes from Linda

THANK YOU to all the musicians who helped to lead our Holden Evening Prayer Services: Pastor Ron and Loretta Nichols, Gary Boraas, Kylee Asfeld, Angie Young, and Darcy Daline.

The annual breakfast for our Senior boys will be Wednesday morning, April 28.

Little Blessings Preschool's spring program will be Thursday, May 6.

Worship Committee News by Gail Smith

I can't believe Holy Week is upon us. We are busy preparing for Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 1st at 7pm., Good Friday Service, Friday, April 2nd at 7 pm. and Easter Sunday Services at 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM. We are so grateful we can attend all these services in person this year.

Thank you to everyone who shared musical talents and flowers with us on Easter. Reminder to those who ordered Easter Flowers and haven't paid for them yet, bring your money to the church office.

We will be Blessing Seeds on April 18th, during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. If you have any seeds you want blessed, bring them marked so you can get them home with you after the service.

Worship Committee Chairperson, Gail

April 13- Ruth-9:30

W-ELCA NEWS

April 14- Lydia/Hannah-9:30

Senior Girl Recognition will be 7:00 p.m. April 28th in the Faith fellowship Hall. This will be a chance to wish the girls well in their future endeavors.

Interesting reading from Chrys Daniel's Sampler column. Who can solve this riddle?

I am a little thing with big meaning.
I help everyone.
I unlock doors; open hearts; dispel prejudice.
I create friendships and good will.
I inspire respect and admiration.
Everybody loves me.
I bore nobody.
I violate no law.
I cost nothing.
Many have praised me; none have condemned me.
I am pleasing to those of high and low degree.
I am useful every moment of every day.

Eugenie Cushing wrote comments from:

Johnny Cash, "Happiness is being with loved ones; being comfortable and free of pain. But most of all, it's having those loved ones."

Sam Snead, "The only reason I ever played golf in the first place was so I could afford to hunt and fish."

A Florida weatherman asking for a transfer. "The weather here does not agree with me."

Looking forward to Spring! Courtesy is a wonderful thing!

APRIL

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

4 - (7am) Lyndsey
(10am) Kaden & Drew
11 - Eric & Nolan
18 - Blake & Matthew
25 - Kylee & Tygan

Lay Reader

2 - Dave Kriese, Bart Hill
4- (7am) Mary Wodrich
(10am) Sherry Deyo
11 - Contemporary
18 - Jerome Kallhoff
25 - Kelly Zahrbock

Ushers

1 - Team 5 (7pm Maundy Thurs)
2 - Team 4 (7pm Good Friday)
4 - Team 3 & 2 (7/10am Easter)
11 - Team 1
18 - Team 7
25 - Team 6

Screen

4- Lorrie
11 - Jeanene
18 - Lorrie
25 -

Videographer

4- Dave
11 - Maynard
18 - Dan W.

25 - Jeff

Communion

1 - Stan Olson, Kathy Harwick
4 - (7am) Tamara Bisset, Angie Arndt
(10am) Eileen Trelstad, Mike Deyo
11 - Gary & Jane Boraas
18 - Diane Gollnick, Jodi Kallhoff

1 Char Heinzen
1 Susie Nelson
1 Elijah Lowry
2 Jerry Heinrich
3 Taylor Loterbauer
4 MaClay Wollschlager
4 Ashtyn Shelstad
4 Ella Bornhorst
5 Derek Halvorson
6 John Maatz
7 Dale Johnson
8 Brendan Hansen
8 Anna Hacker
10 Kenna Mosenden
10 Lucas Ludvigson

11 Bob Hiepler
11 Jessica Jacobsen
12 Paul DuFrane
13 Dari Buer
13 Tygan Long
14 Laney Kallhoff
16 Alton Arneson
16 Kendyl Shelstad

17 Peyton Mortenson
18 Keith Powelson
18 Jody Dahle
19 Janice Kline
19 Aaron Bonn
19 Lucille Mortenson
23 Ethan Miller
24 Doug Anderson
24 Deb Meyer
24 Kelsey Loterbauer
24 Zoey Cruz
24 Millie Young
25 Iona Monson
27 Ryan Bjerke
30 Tom Daline



Statement of Activities

March 31, 2021

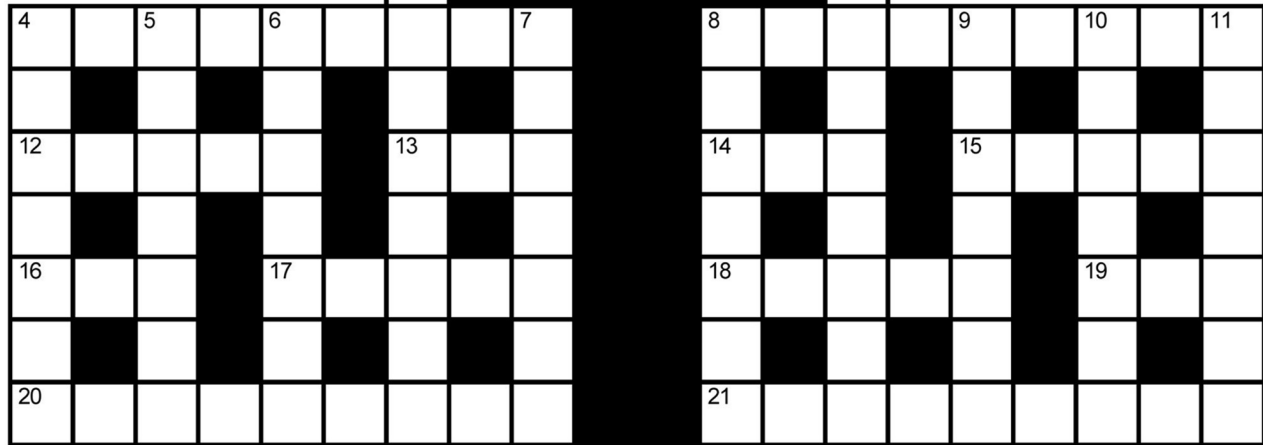
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Income				
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	16,574.32	25,271.71	53,839.77	75,815.11
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	2,599.01	1,250.00	5,093.87	3,750.00
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	60.00	233.34	110.00	699.94
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	120.00	0.00	589.88	0.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	300.00	0.00	720.00	0.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00
INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	19,653.33	26,755.05	60,364.18	80,265.05
Expense				
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	17,775.39	17,746.22	52,201.80	53,238.52
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	125.16	827.09	1,249.10	2,481.19
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	161.95	925.50	202.27	2,776.50
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	25.30	172.91	78.28	518.81
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	5,298.37	5,558.35	16,584.78	16,674.85
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	13.88	25.00	41.64	75.00
Expense Totals:	23,400.05	26,755.07	70,357.87	80,264.87
Income - Expense:	(3,746.72)	(0.02)	(9,993.69)	0.18

Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
 Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
 or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

Bible Crossword X

Across

- 1** Donkey (3)
2 Jesus' Father (3)
4 One of the twelve (9)



Down

- 1** One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)

- 8** Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
12 One of David's warriors (5)
13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
15 Wish harm upon (5)
16 Hole in the ground (3)
17 Adversary (5)
18 Savour (5)
19 First woman (3)
20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
21 Family of priests (9)
22 Third son of Jacob (4)
23 Hates (8)
26 Assurances (8)
30 Endured pain (8)
31 Return from the dead (4)
32 Intercessor (8)
35 Decorating (8)
39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
42 A wise insect (3)
44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
45 Make bigger (8)

- 4** Tread down (7)
5 Father of Jonah (7)
6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
7 Defensive structures (11)
8 Refuges (11)
9 Dirty (7)
10 Devout (7)
11 Pieces of money (7)
24 Used to listen (3)
25 Used to see (3)
26 Positions (5)
27 Made available (7)
28 Snake (7)
29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
33 Finish (3)
34 Possess (3)
35 King of the Amalekites (4)
36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
38 Present (4)
41 Unfasten (4)
43 Fish traps (4)

jessica's Hangry! (hungry + angry)

Sausage & Squash

2 tablespoon olive oil

1 Large onion diced

2 Tbsp garlic minced

1 Beef sausage cut in 1/4 inch pieces

1 Andouille sausage cut in 1/4 inch pieces

1 Polish sausage cut in 1/4 inch pieces

2 cups grape or cherry tomatoes sliced in half lengthwise

4 medium zucchini cut in 1/4 inch pieces

4 yellow squash cut in 1/4 inch pieces

1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

- Heat oil in a large pot with tall sides
- Sauté onions and add garlic
- Brown the sausage slices
- Add the tomatoes and work them to the bottom
- Add the zucchini & squash and cook until it is tender
- Mix in the parmesan cheese until melted
- Serve plain or over pasta or rice.
- Enjoy!

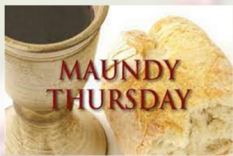






We are excited to have regular Sunday School Classes beginning April 11th and concluding for the year on May 16th. Students will meet in the sanctuary on April 11th at 10:10am for a brief opening before going to the classroom with their teacher.

Little Blessings

In March LBPS
celebrated
Dr. Seuss's birthday!



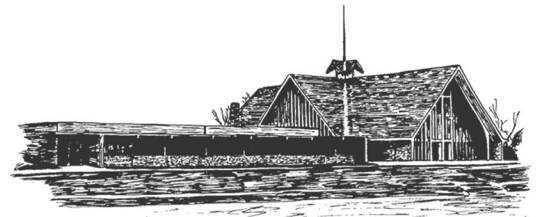
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm Worship 	2 7pm Worship 	3 6am-6pm Prayer Vigil
4 7am & 10am Worship 	5 	6	7 9am Hot Muffins 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation 6pm Bells	8 8:30am Do Day	9	10
11 9am Worship G	12	13 9:30am Ruth Circle	14 9am Hot Muffins 9:30 Lydia/Hannah Circle 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation 6pm Bells 7pm Council Mtg.	15	16	17
18 9am Worship	19 	20	21 9am Hot Muffins 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation 6pm Bells	22 8:30am Do Day	23	24
25 9am Worship	26	27	28 9am Hot Muffins 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation 6pm Bells	29	30	

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Broadcast on KLQP 92.1 FM: Sundays 11:30 a.m.

Cable Channel 8: Sundays 3:30 p.m.

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